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To: Planning
Subject: Objection to DC/26/0010 - Land North of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath RH20 2HW

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Dear Planning Team,

Reference: DC/26/0010 - Land North of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath RH20 2HW

I am writing as a long-time resident of the North Heath area to strongly object to the planning application DC/26/0010 for the stationing of 6 static caravans on the land north of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, RH20 2HW.

I regularly walk and drive along Gay Street Lane, so I know the road and surroundings well. In my view, this proposal would cause serious problems for highway safety, local amenity, and the rural character of the area. Here are my main reasons for objecting:

1. Serious highway safety risks - The only entrance/exit to the site is right on a blind bend, where traffic often speeds up heading towards the A29. Adding more vehicles from 6 caravans — including larger towing units, visitors, and deliveries — would significantly increase the danger of collisions. The narrow access track is already a public footpath, frequently rutted and waterlogged, which would make it even more hazardous for all users, including emergency vehicles.
2. Poor access and maneuverability - The track simply isn't wide or strong enough to safely handle caravans and the long vehicles needed to deliver and position them. It doesn't meet basic Horsham District Council standards for safe access in these kinds of developments.
3. Flooding problems - This site and the access track flood regularly, especially in wetter months. I've seen the footpath become impassable with standing water, which would create real difficulties for residents and prevent emergency access when it's needed most.
4. Over-concentration of similar sites - Approving this would mean three traveller sites crammed within a 200m radius. That would increase the number of pitches/dwellings in this small, quiet part of North Heath by almost a third, which feels disproportionate.
5. Noise disturbance from the railway - The site is right next to the active railway line, where train horns blast multiple times per hour, starting as early as 6am and continuing until late evening. This level of noise is way above what the World Health Organisation considers acceptable for residential areas.
6. Dangerous site - With the railway so close and no proper footpaths along the lane to the main road, the site doesn't feel safe at all for children — whether playing outside or walking to catch a school bus.
7. Extra traffic and general nuisance - Even conservative estimates suggest 6 caravans could generate well over 4,800 vehicle movements a year on this narrow rural lane.

Overall, I believe this development is in the wrong place and at the wrong scale. It would harm road safety, damage the peaceful character of our area, and not properly respect the council's own guidelines for traveller sites. I respectfully urge you to refuse this application.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Best regards,



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