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Dear Hannah Darley

DC/25/1195
Two pitch settled gypsy accommodation site. Retention of reduced hardstanding and proposed biodiversity enhancements.| Woodlands Farm Broadwater Lane Copsale West Sussex RH13 6QW

Thank you for re-consulting the Woodland Trust on the above application.

With respect to ancient woodland, we note minor amendments to the proposals, including a revised red line boundary and removal of the trailer and log shed.

However, the key concerns raised in our objection letter of 3rd September 2025 have not been addressed, as summarised below: -

- The distance from the edge of the ancient woodland to the red line boundary is not shown on the plans, however it appears to be less than 15 metres.
- The plans do not delineate the boundary of the 15 metre buffer zone or provide details of buffer design and planting.
- The plans do not show how access into the buffer zone will be prevented or how the buffer zone will be managed into the future.
- Lack of clarity as to the location of vehicle charging points, cycle area, and refuse/recycling area.

We therefore **maintain our objection** to this application.

Our original letter dated 3rd September 2025 contains further detail. Please contact us at planningcasework@woodlandtrust.org.uk if it would be helpful to discuss any of the points raised.

Kind regards

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