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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0506
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/06/2026 11:30 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Grid Reference 510699 117812 To The South of Dukes Copse Community Bramble Lane Thakeham West Sussex
Proposal:	Change of Use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 2 pitches with the siting of a mobile home and dayroom per pitch.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	The Street Thakeham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking
Comments:	The access provided with this application (document '01 A Site Location Plan') is not in line with the plot deeds, nor does the applicant have access on this route. Local residents, at great expense, were forced to install a concrete block to stop other Gypsies from trespassing on private land. This was caused by HDC's incompetence and inability to stop a prior Gypsy application, where the same access route as this application was provided, yet it was not verified against the

applicant's deeds (had they done so, permission could not have been granted).

Since the concrete block was installed, existing Gypsies have tarmacked a road through a local resident's crop field (for which they have the right to cross only), to improve access to their plot from Thakeham village via Bramble Lane (and consequently all other plots). HDC again have shown incompetence by doing nothing about it, claiming zero accountability for their actions, enforcing nothing, and failing to apply a stop order prior to the installation of this road (despite being provided fair warning). This occurred at roughly the same time the nation watched Oxford District Council refuse and reverse a track being installed on Clarksons Farm, whereby the owner couldn't install a track on his own farm land - proof of inconsistent enforcement at council level that's no doubt influenced by the groups involved.

But this tarmac route running through a Thakeham-resident's crop field (which is not provided in this application but runs adjacent to a section of what is provided) does not constitute "suitable access", given it doesn't have planning permission to exist - it must be assumed impassable in winter as the owner has the right dug up the road at any time.

HDC now have the responsibility to limit the damage they've already caused Thakeham and its residents, allowing no further Gypsy & Traveller development sites.

Residents of Thakeham urge HDC to fully understand the nuanced details of plot access in this location and the devastating impact the traffic is having on Bramble Lane (a privately owned farm track that's quickly being destroyed by the 10x volume in traffic in just a few years, impossible to enforce damage accountability, very difficult for on-coming vehicles to pass each other, zero funding for repairs, and harming all the innocent existing residents that have lived on Bramble Lane for decades). This application is already looking to mislead decision-makers, just like similar application before it, providing inaccurate access details and claims.

But the facts have been established, local residents are aware, and HDC now has the knowledge to make the correct decisions around development in this location.

Kind regards

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