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Subject: APP/Z3825/W/24/3345055 Horsham District Council ref. DC/24/0367
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To the Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/C Eagle, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol. BS1 6PN
Dear Sir/Madam,
I oppose the plan for the erection of 3 caravans and additional related buildings. Please can you take the following comments into consideration for your final judgement. Many thanks.

I am the immediate neighbour to this site and I have lived here for 43 years, at 80 years old I have knowledge of the land and lane and surroundings.
I have already made points in the initial planning applications. Please can you take the following additional comments into account.
1.WILD LIFE In the stonepit which I share with the above parcel of land. I see owls, [redacted], foxes and a good variety of birds during the year. This would change with multiple people and buildings in this location.

2. Approximately 1979 the site was an official storage of ammunition/explosives. After the cage was removed it became a dump for fridges, car batteries and other waste. A past owner bulldozed them into the ground.
Since then myself and a farming neighbour believed the land to be contaminated.

FIRE, I note in the documents put forward to you, it states that there is no fire hydrant within the recommended safe distance of the planned caravan site. If there was a fire in the Stonepit by the caravans it would immediately block the access of any fire engine and would cut off the rest of the lane and as I am immediately next door, I believe that my property and animals would be at great risk.

PASSING PLACE There is one recognised passing space in Stonepit Lane which is opposite the gate to the planned development, I noticed when the land had been used to illegally store multiple cars that they often used the passing space to park other vehicles. This is our only access into and out of our lane I am anxious that 3 caravans and all the other equipment and buildings plus their cars will spill over across the lane to the passing space. .

SAFETY ON THE LANE In the last 3 years the activity from part of the lane has increased significantly. , which means that there is a great deal of passing traffic. There are currently approximately 3 or 4 retrospective planning applications with HDC for industrial type use at Great Betley Farm, which you will note is past the proposed site. . The number of work trucks, flat bedded lorries and lorries with skips passing cannot be ignored, often I pass 3 or 4 while I am leaving the lane or entering. The lane as noted before remains a well used public footpath..

FLOODING. As I own the other half of the stonepit which forms the base of the proposed caravan site, I can confirm that I have a natural pond which I have never added water to in 43 years. My half of the stonepit is much higher. However as was stated before the lane was closed due to flooding for about 5 weeks. After which the lane was lifted some inches so the water soaked away into the land around.Now that land has been altered by recent activities, we have experienced further flooding which has damaged the lane causing a problem, especially for small cars and walkers. Future development of this land will only add to the flooding. A recent professional survey carried out inspection on the same type of clay within a 1/4 mile of the proposed site. It strongly suggested that this clay is poor drainage and could contribute to flooding.

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