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Application Reference: DC/25/0519
Address: The Slips West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
Proposal: Change of use of land to the stationing of caravans for 5 gypsy and traveller pitches with 5 associated dayrooms, hard and soft landscaping and parking (revised description) Case Officer: Kate Turner

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Commenter Type: *
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Design
Highway Access and Parking
Loss of General Amenity
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Henfield Parish covers just ~3% of Horsham District's land area (1,700 out of ~53,000 hectares) Yet in the past 4 years alone, Henfield has absorbed 9 traveller pitches, accounting for 10% of the total 93 required pitches under the emerging Horsham Local Plan:

2 pitches: Shoreham Road (DC/21/0753).

5 pitches: Furners Lane (DC/21/1796).

2 pitches: Stonepit Lane (DC/24/0367).

This raises concerns that Henfield is:

Exceeding its share of Horsham District's planned provision.

Hosting a disproportionate number of pitches relative to its size and population.

Likely exceeding the local need for traveller accommodation.

Unduly burdened compared to other parts of the District.

Approving yet another site exceeds a reasonable capacity for this area, with a cumulative urbanising effect.

⚖️ Government guidance encourages a broad geographic distribution to support the traditional and nomadic way of life, rather than concentrating in one small parish.

🏛️ The proposal also appears contrary to several Horsham District Planning Framework policies, including:

Policy 1, 2, 3 & 4: Not a strategic site or allocated in the Local or Neighbourhood Plans; not within a built-up area

Policy 23 & 39: Lack of safe access, essential services, or infrastructure capacity

Policy 25 & 31: Harm to the landscape and environment, including the setting of the South Downs National Park

Policy 33, 33.2, 33.4, 34: Loss of amenity, poor integration with surroundings, and unsympathetic design

Policy 40: No sustainable transport options; promotes car dependency

This site is significantly different from the other travellers' sites within the parish, as it is more visible and has a greater impact on the landscape. Each case must be judged on its merits, demonstrably show it is needed, and be appropriate for the parish.