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Hello Aiden,

I apologise for the delay in getting back to you. Thank you for your consultation request.

The District Council will offer no comments in respect waste capacity and considers your Authority better placed to assess the justification advanced for the proposed operations in this regard. The District Council, similarly, will not offer its own comments in respect of the likely effects of development upon landscape character and appearance, the significance of heritage assets, the health/integrity of trees and woodland, highway safety and operation noting that the views of a range of relevant consultees have already been sought in respect of these considerations.

It is noted that the application is outside of the built up area boundary and that within the Horsham District council, there is an under provision of Traveller sites. The District council have their own policies in respect of the principle of development for gypsy pitches and policy 23 of the adopted HDPF for allocated sites would need to demonstrate that the proposal is in proximity to an existing settlement. The proposal is closer to Horsham built up area boundary than Crawley, although this is still approximately 1.2 miles (as the crow flies). The application site does not appear to be allocated for gypsy pitches within the emerging local plan. Nevertheless, the under provision of gypsy traveller sites is such that this would be given significant weight in the planning balance. Overall, subject to all other planning matters, there is no objection to the proposal in principle.

Other Matters:

You are likely aware that the site falls within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone, as subject of the Natural England 'Position Statement' of September 2021. Prior to a prospective grant of planning permission, you will either need to screen out the possibility of significant effect upon the Arun Valley SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites in respect of demand for mains-water resources, or otherwise, first, undertake an appropriate assessment pursuant to Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Similarly the application site appears to be in close proximity to Woodlands to the north side and south side of Capel Road and as such, the District Council would request that that the neighbouring authority consult their Ecological consultant to assess the likelihood of impact on protected species.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss the application further.

Thank you and kind regards,

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