

Comment for planning application 20/01747/F

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| Application Number | 20/01747/F |
| Location | Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington |
| Proposal | Change of Use of land to a 6no pitch Gypsy and Traveller site to include 6no mobiles, 6no tourers and associated operational development including hardstanding and fencing |
| Case Officer | Matthew Chadwick |
| Organisation Name | |
| Name | Caroline Beel |
| Address | The Old School,Thame Road,Piddington,Bicester,OX25 1PT |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>This application must be dealt with in conjunction with 20/01122. If allowed, the two applications would result in 18 pitches on this site. It should be remembered that an application for 16 pitches was refused (17/00145 19-May-2017). The grounds for refusal were... "The proposed development, BY REASON OF ITS SIZE (comprising 16 pitches), siting in relation to existing services, relationship to existing noise generating uses and potential harm to the natural environment, is not considered to be a suitable or sustainable development when assessed against Policy BSC6 of the Cherwell Local Plan. The harm resulting from the proposed development is significant and is not considered to be outweighed by the identified unmet need for gypsy and traveller pitches within Cherwell. The proposed development is therefore considered to be contrary to Government guidance contained within NPPF, Policy H of Government guidance in the Planning Policy for Travellers Sites (PPTS) and Policies PSD1, BSC6, ESD10 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1." An application for 6 pitches was granted at appeal on 28-Oct-2019. Since then that applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is a demand for these pitches nor whether they are able to comply with the rigorous conditions agreed at the appeal. This should be determined before a potential 12 additional pitches be considered. Fundamentally though, the small rural village of Piddington, which has limited public services and amenities, would be dominated by such a large site. I am also concerned over the increase in traffic the development would bring to a small country lane (with poor sight lines and no pavements) and the danger to pedestrians. Furthermore, the site is unsuitable for this purpose. It is a green-field pasture site in an agricultural setting which is prone to flooding. There are no mains services (no water, sewage, electricity) and no amenities (no schools, health services just a small shop over 3km away). The Government Planning Policy for Travellers states that sites "must relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density." Piddington is a small, rural village. It is not suitable for any travellers site.</p> |
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