

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 | Colette Steckel |
| Address | Olicana,Thame Road,Piddington,Bicester,OX25 1PY |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>I wish to object to the proposed change of use of land. Piddington is a small rural village that has few public facilities. There is no village green, so the community relies on the lovely green spaces particularly those along Widnell Lane, which serve as communal grounds where adults and children are able to enjoy activities outside. Jubilee Reserve, Widnell Park, the playing fields and the surrounding areas along Widnell Lane are positioned away from the centre of the village but are currently easily and safely accessible. It is vital to keep it that way and preserve this green asset. Piddington is a beautiful, rural village with a history and as such it attracts ramblers from other communities who delight in what Piddington has to offer, as do its villagers. The increased traffic flow in the village, which will undoubtedly arise as a result of the proposed plan, raises significant issues with regard to the wellbeing and safety of the villagers. Dog walkers, cyclists and ramblers regularly use Widnell Lane in order to reach Jubilee Reserve. There are no pavements along this stretch of road - in fact, Piddington has very few paved areas - and in a village where roads are particularly narrow, any additional traffic flowing through Widnell Lane and the village poses a significant risk to the safety of the villagers, children and dogs. The villagers take great care of the area with regular volunteering in the upkeep of Jubilee Reserve, Widnell Park, the playing fields and the green spaces along Widnell Lane in order to maintain the appearance of the grounds and to encourage villagers to make the most of these facilities. This has been in place for some years as the village has an active community that regularly holds events and gatherings. The proposed change of use of the site on Widnell Lane would have a detrimental effect on the appearance and character of Piddington and poses significant safety issues through heavy vehicles regularly using an area of road frequented by pedestrians.</p> |
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