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Subject: Planning application 20/01747/F

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Planning Application 20/01747/F Change of Use of land to a 6no pitch Gypsy and Traveller site.

Dear sirs,

I would like to express my views on this planning application. I believe that, if approved, Piddington would be in danger of being dominated by Gypsies /Travellers.

The House of Commons briefing paper 08083 dated 9th May 2019, (<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8083/>) was based on data collected in the March 2011 census. It states that in 2011 there were 58,000 people in England and Wales who said they were Gypsies or Travellers.

The largest region was the South East which had 17 Gypsies and Travellers for every 10,000 of population.

Piddington had a population of 370 adults and 60 children in this census.

As you are aware, permission has been granted for 6 pitches of 2 caravans in Piddington. Assuming each family comprises 2 adults and 2 children there will be 24 Gypsies or Travellers living within in the village boundaries, albeit some distance from the centre.

That equates to approx. 18 village residents to each Gypsy or Traveller for each adult and child living in the village. A rate of approx. 560 Gypsies and Travellers for every 10,000 of population. 33 times more than the regional average.

Piddington will shortly have more than its fair share of Gypsies and Travellers and I can see no possible justification to grant permission for more.

If this application is approved 1 in 9 people living in the village will be housed in Caravans. If Planning application 20/01122/F is also approved this figure becomes 1 in 6.

I therefore believe the settled community could become dominated by Gypsies and Travellers.

I urge the district council to reject this application.

Yours Faithfully,

R B Dixon