

Dear Sirs,

I would like to strongly object to Planning Application 20/01073/F use of site for Recreational Caravan Park.

There reasons for this objection include:

- Design and impact on the character of the area
- Traffic burden on a rural road
- Landscape impact
- Offers very minor economic value to the local community

Design, and impact on the character of the immediate area

The only suggested permanent feature of this development is the timber-clad single storey reception and ablutions block which appears too small for 73 caravans. The proposal includes hard standing internal roads and proposed perimeter tree-planting which will (with 73 caravans) damage the character of the open countryside on the outskirts of Adderbury.

There few, if any, open spaces within the site for recreation and a there is a minimum of on-site facilities. The plan as drawn in the application shows 73 pitches with little space for other recreational activities which further confirms that it is designed for overnight stops or submitted for the sole purpose of gaining a further change of use which will then be sold on for residential (static trailers) and traveler use.

The Neighbourhood Plan defines the following Local Gaps, as shown on the Policies Map, for the purpose of preventing the coalescence of the following settlements:

- Twyford and Bodicote/Banbury*
- West Adderbury and Milton*

Development proposals within a Local Gap will only be supported if they do not harm, individually or cumulatively, its open character

Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan Para 5.24 states the second covers an area of land between the western end of Adderbury and the Parish boundary with Milton Parish. Although not as immediately at threat from development, the gap is still sufficiently small in visual terms that development that may otherwise be acceptable in the countryside may be inappropriate here, if its height or massing begins to coalesce the two villages. Again, the land shown is considered to be the minimum necessary for the policy to have effect.

The massing of 72 caravans does not enhance the open nature of this countryside site: it will also add to the existing acute problems of road safety.

Traffic burden on a rural road

The speed and traffic volumes of the Milton Rd are acutely experienced in the village of West Adderbury where excessive speeds are encountered every day and the noise and pollution from increasing vehicle volumes due to developments within the area presents safety issues for the residents. This has been starkly drawn to everyone's attention by the recent absence of normal traffic due to the covid 19 pandemic. The introduction of 73 caravan on to this site is a significant

increase in traffic volume to this rural road and they will be at danger from speeding traffic on this straight road.

Landscape Impacts

The proposal for a site of 73 caravans in what is presently open attractive countryside does not enhance and fails to be discreet in nature. The application asks if the site can be seen from the road:

“Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? NO”

This is clearly not true. There are no mitigation aspects that provide sufficient grounds to support this development.

Offers very minor economic value to the local community

This proposal is suggesting that it will provide one full time and three part time employment positions. If it attracts any visitors it will only be for night stop-off basis because the tourist attractions are some distance away and any economic benefit will be with those avocations.

There are already very serious concerns regarding the levels of noise, light pollution and increased traffic volumes should the application for a sports development on the land north of Milton Road with its entry and exit just a short distance from the proposed caravan site be approved. The approval of the establishment of a caravan site in very close proximity should be of major concern to planners, the police and the Adderbury Parish Council. It will be opposed vigorously by the residents of West Adderbury.

I trust that you will reject this most unsuitable development.