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Subject: West Adderbury - Planning

Hello Bob / Team,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I am writing to voice my serious concern over a planning application I have been made aware of here in West Adderbury.

As a local resident, I am alarmed and slightly baffled by the proposed plan for a camping site in this location and strongly object and completely agree with the below arguments against this planning application.

- * The location of the site in question is totally inappropriate for a recreational caravan park.

It is a quiet, rural area surrounded by fields and this caravan park would impose an unwelcome development which would not only spoil the rural tranquility of the area, but compromise local wildlife habitats also, as deer and other wildlife are regularly spotted there.

- * The effect such a proposal would have on the amenity gap between the villages of Adderbury and Milton, which the Adderbury local plan is vehement should be protected from development, would be severely detrimental. Indeed, if this went ahead, how long would it be before a housing or similarly invasive development was proposed as a change of use?

- * Pedestrian access is limited to a sole rural public footpath running east-west to the south of the site. There is no pavement joining this area to the main village and so users of the park would have to drive anywhere to use local shops and facilities, increasing traffic on what is already an extremely heavily used road, whose speed limits are regularly violated by people using it as a rat-run.

- * The size of the caravan park proposed is disproportionate to both the tenuous need for such a site and the amenities to serve it. The area in question is absolutely vast- roughly the same footprint as the Wallin Road development. What demand is there for a caravan site here? The recent closure of nearby Bo Peep Campsite to caravans and its conversion to an events venue rather suggests there isn't much demand, and that site has much more space, plenty of facilities and recreational amenities. What would there be for holiday-makers to do here, given there are no recreational facilities in the vicinity? There are far too many pitches for the meager size of the facilities block, refuse facilities would be inadequate and fly-tipping would surely be the result.

- * The character of the Milton Road vicinity has changed dramatically in recent years. Residents all agree that the local infrastructure and amenities are at capacity.

- * Nobody living in the area wants any further large-scale development which will contribute to the loss of further countryside and the creeping urbanisation of our village.

PLEASE do not let this application go through - this is a lovely village that seems to constantly be under attack of development.

There is no real valid reason, need or even demand for a camping site in this area/village - especially at this current time and financial climate.

It is a waste of time and money even considering it - and the negative impacts to the environment and local wildlife / scenery would greatly outweigh any financial gain to the new owner/developer.

Which I fear for them would not succeed regardless - which in turn would then open it up to abuse of use and subsequently a greater cost burden on the local Authorities / Council / Police to deal with and resolve.

All in all nobody will gain or benefit from this, except from possibly the developer, who will not be around to have to live with what they have done.

My family will - alongside all of the other local residents young and old - so I urge you to reject this planning application.

Thank you for your time and I would really appreciate if you would take these valid considerations and my voice of genuine concern into account when making any decision.

Take care.

Kind Regards,

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