Consultee Comment for planning application 20/02060/F

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Location

The Stables Main Street Great Bourton Cropredy OX17 1QU

Proposal

Change of use of land to a mixed use for the keeping of horses (existing) and as a residential caravan site for 4no gypsy families. Each with two caravans (including no more than 4no static caravans / mobile homes) together with the laying of hardcore.

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Comments

We are fully supportive of the need for additional sites and pitches for permanent residence and transit provision for gypsy and traveller families in appropriate locations. However, criteria stipulated at point q) in BSC6: Travelling Communities of the Cherwell Local Plan is 'the ability to provide a satisfactory living environment', and we do not feel that this site offers this for a number of reasons. Although the proposed site is close to some facilities, such as a Primary School, in a Category A village (Cropredy), there is no pedestrian footway or street lighting from the site to the village, which is unsafe, especially for children. The application states that there will be a package sewage treatment plant which is not shown on the plans. Although this may be largely underground, it will need vehicular access so the sludge can be emptied. It is unclear how this will be achieved. The application also states at Point 7 that there are no plans to incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste; even if this was an over-sight, the siting of the pitches, behind the existing stables, will make refuse collection difficult. Generally, the location of the pitches on the site appears incompatible with the existing use; the application is for a change of use to a mixed use for the keeping of horses (existing) and as a residential caravan site, but neither use appears to have sufficient space to function satisfactorily. As an example, it is unclear if the play space is a dedicated area for play as it is the grassed area within the stable area, and there is no other existing grazing for horses (as the proposed caravan site is built on the existing paddocks). We are not supportive of this application as it stands and would need further information to evidence this as a suitable location with adequate on-site provision for families.

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