

Comment for planning application 20/02060/F

Application Number	20/02060/F
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.
Case Officer	Bob Neville
Organisation Name	
Name	Bobbie Brown
Address	The Den,Chapel Lane, Little Bourton, Banbury, OX17 1RD
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Mr. Neville, I would like to express my objection to the planning application 20/02060/F for 4 main reasons: 1- Serious Safeguarding/ Child Protection concerns around road traffic and children. 2- The public footpath which runs directly through the proposed site. 3- The proposed site is prone to flooding. 4- The proposed site is an area of natural beauty. I frequently walk along the road between Main Street, Great Bourton and Station Road, Cropredy. Traffic is already heavy on that road, and vehicles are often travelling at a fast pace. As the Council is aware, there is a Primary School near the entrance into Cropredy. During drop off and collection times for the school, there are many people, including very young children, walking up and down the path alongside the road opposite the proposed site. This is a precarious situation for parents and guardians, especially those with more than one child to manage. In addition to this, it is necessary for some parents to drop off and collect children from school using their cars, which results in a much higher traffic volume. Many children need to cross the hectic road to enter the school. It is already a situation that causes traffic jams and unsafe conditions for children. ANY added vehicular movement and/or people would make the situation a serious SAFEGUARDING CONCERN! A residential caravan site for gypsy families along that road, and in close proximity to the problem area, obviously means more people and traffic along an already overstretched section of the road. There would be more vehicles, including vehicles towing caravans, turning into, and exiting, the proposed site. My husband and I moved from the town of Banbury into our village 6 years ago to retire in an area where we could keep fit and healthy by walking. We are regular users of footpath 138/8, which runs directly through the proposed site. Our walk from Little Bourton to Cropredy would be completely destroyed if the area was changed from agricultural land to a residential caravan site. We would not feel AT ALL comfortable to continue walking the footpath. Little Bourton is a village with many retired people. It is advantageous for the economy, the NHS and for society, as a whole, to maintain areas where people can walk to keep healthy. Indeed, throughout the COVID 19 pandemic footpaths have been more regularly used, which I am sure, has had positive effects on the health and wellbeing a many people in the area. The proposed site and the area around the site are prone to flooding. Other residents, who have lived in this area for a very long time and have witnessed the problems throughout the years, have already objected on the grounds of flooding and have given photographic evidence of this problem. It is often reported through the social media networks for the surrounding villages, that Station Road is flooded. I have witnessed flooding on the exact location of the proposed site and the surrounding fields. These are not 'one off' occurrences. Flooding happens on a regular basis. It is my understanding that, when dealing with previous proposals, the Cherwell District Council referred to the area of the proposed site to be land that is of "high landscape value". This small but distinct piece of land, which separates Great Bourton and Cropredy, is indeed beautiful. The proposed application for a caravan site (or any other type of building) would destroy the natural beauty of the area, which can be clearly and plainly seen from Great Bourton. There are many other very good reasons for objecting to this planning application, including light pollution, sewerage and drainage concerns. Others, who have lived in the area for many years, are deeply knowledgeable on the various issues and have stated these objections very clearly and precisely. I understand the need to find sites for gypsy families to take up residence; however, on the basis of safeguarding children, maintaining public footpaths and right of ways, safeguarding people from flooding and maintaining the natural beauty of the area, along with issues raised by other residence, I sincerely hope the Council listens to the voice of the public and uses common sense to reject this planning application. Surely there are more suitable sites to consider, for example, brownfield sites, and/or</p>

disused industrial areas with pre-existing hardstanding and utilities, such as sewerage, drainage, and the supply of water, gas, and electricity! Yours faithfully, B Brown

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