

# Comment for planning application 20/02060/F

<b>Application Number</b>	20/02060/F
<b>Location</b>	The Stables Main Street Great Bourton Cropredy OX17 1QU
<b>Proposal</b>	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.
<b>Case Officer</b>	Bob Neville
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I would like to object to the planning application mainly on environmental grounds and for similar reasons to others: 1. It makes no provision for the protection / preservation of the right of way that runs through the proposed development. Indeed, the existence of this right of way is not acknowledged in the application. The right of way forms part of a network of paths between local villages and it should not be lost, especially as access to green spaces is now recognised as good for physical and mental health. It may not have been much used recently - like others I expect, I have been put off using it by the dog that is often there. 2. Increased demand on the doctors' surgery. 3.The increase in traffic in the area, close to a primary school, would likely lead to increases in air pollution and risk of road traffic accidents - Main street is quite a narrow road. It is difficult to see how access to the site for cars and caravans could be kept as discreet as it is now and lines of sight up and down the road be sufficient to allow safe entrance and exit. 4. The site would be visible from nearby footpaths and from places in Great Bourton. I do not see how it can be as discreet as suggested. It would not blend into the landscape. 5. The application mentions easy access to Banbury using local buses but there is only a limited bus service from both Cropredy and Great Bourton. Residents would almost certainly need to use cars. 6. The change in use would impact on the amount of grazing and exercise space available to horses kept on site. Would the stables become redundant and the site become totally residential? 7. It is proposed that sewerage would be dealt with through a package sewage system, and use of a soakaway is mentioned. However, from reading about various systems, their advantages and disadvantages, it would seem that such systems have only a limited capacity and that soakaways are not a suitable solution on clay soils - I think the site is on clay. Some systems are expensive to run which would put an unnecessary financial burden on residents. 8. The area downhill from the site is prone to flooding, a situation which may have been exacerbated by dumping of hardcore on the pre existing ridge and furrow in the past. Further development is only likely to add to such problems. 9. At a time when we are becoming acutely aware of the role of human activities in the decline of nature, I think this proposed development in this area is inappropriate. The increase in noise, light and air pollution, and possible effects on quality of local watercourses, would be detrimental to local wildlife. I am also concerned that it would lead to further development in the green space that separates Cropredy and Great Bourton causing unnecessary fragmentation of natural habitats. The area has been identified as having high landscape value so should not be considered for residential use until other possibilities have been explored. There must be other more suitable sites around where there is better access to jobs, shops, secondary schools, where good sustainable drainage systems can easily be put in place and where the impact of such a development on the natural environment would be much less. In short, this does not look like sustainable development to me, as described in the local plan for Cherwell.</p>
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