

Comment for planning application 24/00097/F

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| Application Number | 24/00097/F |
| Location | Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington |
| Proposal | RETROSPECTIVE - Material Change of Use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 12 gypsy/traveller families, each with two caravans, including improvement of access, laying of hardstanding and installation of package sewage treatment plant |
| Case Officer | Jeanette Davey |
| Organisation Name | Sheila Hall Delve |
| Address | 18 Thame Road,Piddington,Bicester,OX25 1PX |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>Objection to Application 24/00097/F - Gypsy Traveller Site</p> <p>I am writing to firmly oppose the retrospective planning application (24/00097/F) for the proposed establishment of a gypsy traveller site comprising 12 caravans on Widnell Lane.</p> <p>Upon thorough examination of the concerns highlighted regarding this application, I feel compelled to express my deep reservations regarding its suitability for our community and the surrounding environment.</p> <p>Aspects of this application raise serious doubts about the applicant's history and likely compliance with planning regulations.</p> <p>The potential invalidation of existing planning consent for six pitches due to premature commencement of work before fulfilling pre-commencement conditions is a matter of grave concern that demands thorough scrutiny.</p> <p>The proposed location of the site presents numerous challenges that render it fundamentally unsuitable for residential development. Its remoteness and distance from essential services, combined with inadequate access and the potential for increased vehicular traffic, pose significant logistical and safety concerns.</p> <p>The ecological significance of the site as a habitat for the endangered Great Crested Newts, as highlighted in previous planning refusals, underscores the critical need to protect this delicate ecosystem from further disturbance.</p> <p>The immediate vicinity of the proposed site also presents significant obstacles to its viability as a residential area. The proximity to noisy, industrial activities such as a round-the-clock concrete batching plant and a MOD training ground with intermittent explosions and artillery noise, along with the presence of pylons, poses serious health and environmental risks to prospective residents.</p> <p>The speculative nature of the development, combined with the lack of local amenities and the recognized landscape value of the site, further diminishes its suitability for housing caravans.</p> <p>Concerns regarding access and infrastructure further compound the unsuitability of this proposed development.</p> <p>The narrow, unclassified country lane with a national speed limit poses significant safety hazards for both pedestrians and motorists, made worse by poor visibility and the absence of adequate walk and cycle ways.</p> <p>The potential damage to infrastructure from large vehicles passing each other further underscores the inadequacy of the site's access provisions.</p> <p>Design and amenity considerations also raise significant issues regarding this proposed development. The failure to harmonize with local architectural traditions, coupled with insufficient provisions for parking, manoeuvring vehicles, and communal facilities, detracts from the overall quality of life for potential residents and compromises the character of the surrounding area.</p> |

In conclusion, the collective weight of these concerns casts serious doubts on the suitability of the proposed development on Widnell Lane. I urge the Cherwell District Council to carefully consider the objections raised and prioritize the concerns of our community and the preservation of our environment in reaching a decision on this application.

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