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Subject: New comments for application 24/00097/F

New comments have been received for application 24/00097/F at site address: Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington

from Roderick Keith Grant Delve [REDACTED]

Address:
18 Thame Road, Piddington, Bicester, OX25 1PX

Comment type:
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Comments:

Dear Sir/Madam/et al.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the retrospective planning application (24/00097/F) for the proposed establishment of a gypsy traveller site comprising 12 caravans on Widnell Lane.

Having thoroughly examined the potential grounds for objection provided, I feel compelled to voice my concerns regarding the suitability of this development for our community and the surrounding environment.

The legal aspect of this application raises significant questions about the applicant's adherence to planning regulations. The potential invalidation of existing planning consent for six pitches due to the commencement of work before fulfilling pre-commencement conditions is deeply troubling and warrants thorough investigation. Furthermore, the proposed location of the site presents numerous challenges that render it unsuitable for residential development.

Its isolation and distance from essential services, coupled with poor access and the likelihood of generating excessive vehicle journeys, are significant cause for concern. Additionally, the ecological importance of the site as a habitat for the endangered Great Crested Newts, acknowledged in previous planning refusals, underscores the need to protect this fragile ecosystem from further disruption.

The immediate surroundings of the proposed site further compound its unsuitability for residential use. Proximity to noisy, dusty industries such as a concrete batching plant operating round the clock, a MOD training ground with intermittent explosions and artillery noise, and pylons, poses serious health and environmental risks to potential residents. Moreover, the speculative nature of the development, coupled with the lack of local amenities and the site's recognized landscape value, further undermines its suitability for housing.

Issues of access and infrastructure also loom large in this objection. The narrow, unclassified country lane with a national speed limit poses significant safety risks for both pedestrians and motorists, exacerbated by poor visibility and the absence of footpaths and streetlights. The potential damage to infrastructure from large vehicles passing each other further underscores the inadequacy of the site's access provisions.

Design and amenity considerations also weigh heavily against this proposed development. The failure to integrate with local architectural tradition, coupled with inadequate provisions for parking, manoeuvring vehicles, and communal facilities, detracts from the quality of life for potential residents and compromises the character of the surrounding area.

In conclusion, the cumulative impact of these concerns raises serious doubts about the suitability of the proposed development on Widnell Lane. I urge the Cherwell District Council to carefully consider the objections raised herein

and prioritize the well-being of our community and the preservation of our environment in reaching a decision on this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Case Officer:
Jeanne Davey