

# Comment for planning application 24/00097/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00097/F
<b>Location</b>	Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington
<b>Proposal</b>	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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Jeanette Davey
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
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<b>Address</b>	69 Thame Road,Piddington,Bicester,OX25 1PY
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>The applicant has started work at the site and has destroyed the landscape without first gaining planning consent. This must invalidate the existing planning consent so how can they now make a retrospective application?</p> <p>Is there a need for this type of development in the area when Station Caravan Park in Banbury was never a designated traveler site and its closure does not represent a loss of pitches to the traveler community. The closure of Smiths site in Bloxham is irrelevant to this application because those families have ties to work, health and education in the Bloxham area which is 22 miles away.</p> <p>The area is already prone to significant flooding which makes roads in and out of the village unpassable. This development would increase surface water run off attributing to further flash flooding because it will remove pastureland that allows water to soak away and will put additional strain on the already stretched drainage provisions.</p> <p>Loss of natural pastureland important to species present on the site, including the protected Great Crested Newts. This was acknowledged in the planning inspectors grounds for refusal of the previous application.</p> <p>The lane leading to the site is too narrow and not suitable to accommodate the large machinery and vehicles that will need access during the building process. The lane is too small to take the traffic from 12 additional dwellings in the village. The line of sight from the site exit is interrupted by a bend and the road has no footpath or streetlights. These factors make it dangerous for pedestrians from the village and people riding bikes and horses along the road.</p> <p>Would dominate the community of Piddington, consisting of fewer than 150 dwellings in the actual village, contrary to government guidance for such sites.</p> <p>There are insufficient amenities locally to support an additional 12 families.</p>
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