

Comment for planning application 24/00097/F

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
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>my objections to this planning application are as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I walk regularly along Widnell Lane and was dismayed to see that the work on the site had started without any of the conditions for the approved 6 caravan site being adhered to and as such I would question why anyone should trust that future conditions would be adhered to. The field was just covered with hard core and there weren't any indication of drainage or sewage pipes being laid.2. I draw your attention to the Governments planning policy for traveller sites updated 19th December 2023, Policy C, 14. "When assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings, local planning authorities should ensure that the scale of such sites does not dominate the nearest settled community." and Policy H. 25. "Local planning authorities should ensure that sites in rural areas respect the scale of, and do not dominate the nearest settled community, and avoid placing an undue pressure on the local infrastructure." The site if increased to 12 pitches would be 24 families, average of 4 individuals, equating to 96 additional people. Piddington is small village consisting of 150 properties and as such the travellers site would dominate the village. The local infrastructure does not support this increase. There aren't any schools in Piddington and the nearest shop to the site is 1.5 miles away in Arncott.3. Whilst the village has a 20mile an hour speed limit within its boundaries Widnell Lane is designated as national speed limit. The increased flow of traffic on this narrow rural road used primarily by people leaving and entering the village, cyclists and walkers like myself would make this road extremely hazardous. The road itself is bendy and line of sight is poor. There is also very poor line of sight at the junction with the busy B4011. It is also worth noting that in poor weather, snow and heavy rain the other access roads to the village become impassable and Widnell Lane is the safest route out of the village.4. Since the hardcore has been laid on this site the surface water on Widnell Lane has increased and I this will put additional strain on drainage ditches which due to financial restrictions are now not being maintained. There is also likely to be leakage from septic tanks when the water table is high.5. I would also question the site layout plans which show no "opportunities for healthy lifestyles, such as adequate landscaping and play areas for children", also stated in the Planning policy for travellers sites. The site is adjacent to a field with a pylon, next to a noisy, dusty concrete batching plant operating around the clock, and very close to a MOD training ground with intermittent explosions, artillery noise and pyrotechnics. None of which could in anyway promote a healthy lifestyle.
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