

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
Case Officer	Jeanette Davey
Organisation Name	William Jackson
Address	Westbrook Barn,5 Lower End,Piddington,Bicester,OX25 1QD
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to object to the proposed application 24/0097/F on the following individual grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I do not believe that there is any need for a Travellers' site in the area. There is already sufficient provision in the area and it is clear that nothing has been done with this site for the past 4 1/2 years. Even the original planning officer noted the unsuitability of the site and I doubt their opinion will have changed.2. The history of the various applications shows that this is more of a commercial venture rather than based on actual need (an increased number of pitches provides more revenue). In addition, the developer completely ignored the terms of the final approval for 6 pitches granted previously on appeal and I do not doubt that any perceived restrictions imposed will be similarly ignored. I am therefore also objecting to this being allowed as a retrospective application as it sends the message that any planning decisions can be ignored if they are inconvenient. The terms of the prior approval (including the pre-commencement conditions) were not breached accidentally but deliberately.3. The location is completely unsuitable. Piddington is a small village of 160 or so dwellings and a church and village hall as its sole amenities. The location is on a minor country lane where the national speed limit applies. There is no pavement, street lighting or road markings. In addition, there is no electricity, water supply or sewage connection. It is also located close to an MOD site where live firing takes place and a cement works that operates 24hr/day.4. Piddington and the surrounding area is prone to flooding. Additional hard standing will exacerbate this situation.5. This application will (and has had) a significant environmental impact. It is not acceptable that this retrospective application effectively approved the illegal destruction of the habitat of a protected species (Great Crested Newt). If anything the Committee should be directing the relevant parts of the council to enforce re-instatement of the ponds and habitat.
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