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

Objection

Organisation

Type of Comment

Name Christopher Weavers

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Type neighbour

Comments I wish to lodge an objection to this application. I understand that application 17/01962/F for 6 sites was granted after appeal but the conditions of planning were not carried out and the application became invalid. Nothing has changed regarding the unsuitability of the site since

the application process started several years ago.

THE SITE - it is low lying and prone to flooding, the installation of concrete hard standing is likely to exacerbate this situation as may the provision of septic tanks which could be prone to leakage, especially when there is a high water table. The site is in close proximity to the MOD training ground with intermittent explosions and other noise and lights. The site is also very close to overhead mains pylons and a noisy, dusty concrete batching plant. There are protected Great Crested Newts present although I understand that the two ponds that are their habitat were filled in contrary to planning conditions 17/01962/F. I understand that the

site is Grade 3 agricultural land which could not be developed in current planning regulations.

LOCATION - The site is very close to the busy B4011 road and located off a narrow country lane with limited access for large vehicles, especially those turning into the site. There are no footpaths. The nearest large town with amenities is Bicester some 7km away, there are no amenities in the nearest village, Piddington. A large development on what I understand

to be a greenfield site would dominate the local community of Piddington that has fewer that

150 dwellings which is contrary to government guidance for such sites.

SUMMARY - Whilst recognising the need for such sites I would suggest that this one is unsuitable both as a location and for access to amenities. Health and safety issues on such

an unsuitable site also need to be taken into consideration.

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