

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	margaret hutchings
Address	Kings Cottage, Lower End, Piddington, Bicester, OX25 1QE
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Planning Application 24/00097/F/ Residential Caravan Site for gypsy/traveller families</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am writing to object to the planning application reference 24/00097/F: Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 12 gypsy/traveller families, including improvement of access and laying of hard standing.</p> <p>The site under consideration in Widnell Lane is far from suitable for such a development. This lane is narrow with several blind bends leading into the village of Piddington. The lane is unlit and has no pedestrian footpath. The proposed development could include approximately 50+ residents and substantially increase the volume of traffic using the lane resulting in safety concerns. The lane, along with other areas of Piddington, is prone to flooding and the proposal for hardstandings on this site would increase this problem. The water table is high due to high clay content and these fields are often boggy.</p> <p>Piddington is a Category C village in an agricultural setting. There are limited transport facilities, no shops, schools or medical centre, but the greatest asset to Piddington is its peaceful setting, being surrounded by farmland. The proposed development on agricultural land is entirely out of keeping with a village such as this. A high influx of residents would be disproportionate to the existing community of approximately 300 adults. Nearby villages all lack amenities and are stretched with the facilities they currently offer.</p> <p>The site is extremely close to MOD training facilities where exercises include gun-firing and loud explosions on a regular basis throughout the day and night. This makes it quite unsuitable for residential use.</p> <p>The application appears motivated by financial gain and does not consider the local community or the travellers themselves who would be far more comfortable placed nearer to amenities.</p> <p>I would strongly urge, that if there is necessity for such sites, the council considers sites closer to the amenities that would be required.</p> <p>I strongly urge the council to oppose this application for all of the above reasons.</p>
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