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Subject: 24/00097/F Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington 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 a...

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Good evening

I write further to earlier correspondence, to draw your attention to comments contained in the Officer's report of 16th February 2024 on the following application:

23/02886/F

Land North Of A4421 Bicester Road Fringford

Change of Use of land to a 4 pitch travellers caravan site and erection of stable building - re-submission of 23/01368/F

The existing level of local provision and need for sites

8.6. Annex 1 of the PPTS updated the definition of gypsies and travellers in December 2023 to re-introduce those who are permanently settled as well as those who live a nomadic habit of life. 8.7. The Council's Annual Monitoring Report 2023 (December 2023) (AMR) states in Paragraph 4.52 Taking into account the pitches delivered during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, there is a surplus of 8 pitches from recent completions, leading to a base requirement of -3 over the next five years, which is treated as 0 for the purposes of calculating the five-year supply needs for the period 2023-28. Therefore, there is no need for additional pitches to be delivered over the next five years. 8.8. Based on the levels of provision recorded in the 2023 AMR, if our need were doubled as a result of the change in the legal definition of gypsies and travellers, then the Council would still achieve its objectively assessed need to date based on schemes permitted and assumed to be implemented. 8.9. It is therefore concluded that this criterion has already been addressed, due to the existing level of provision within the District.

and in its section Planning balance and conclusion 9.3 states

The Council can currently demonstrate a five year supply of traveller sites within the District which also carries substantial weight against the scheme.

Piddington Parish Council would wholeheartedly support these statements.

Anne Davies
Parish Clerk

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Regards,

Piddington Parish Clerk