

PLANNING REF : 242011
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 443 Finchampstead Road
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3RH
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Isabel Cashmore-Thorley
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COMMENTS:

The proposed development of a new gypsy traveller site on land adjacent to Warren lodge is unnecessary and unsustainable.

Existing Provision: Wokingham Borough currently has a 9.09-year land supply for gypsy and traveller pitches, indicating that there is already a sufficient provision for such sites within the borough. This suggests that additional pitches may not be immediately necessary.

Population and Housing: The borough's population is projected to increase, but this growth is not specifically tied to an increased need for traveller sites. The number of households has been increasing at a rate of about 1% per year, which does not correlate with a demand for more traveller pitches.

Environmental and Infrastructure Concerns: The proposed site is designated as Countryside and is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), highlighting environmental constraints. Additionally, increased traffic from the site could strain local infrastructure, impacting road safety and residential amenity.

These statistics underscore the argument that the proposed development may not align with current needs and could lead to unsustainable impacts on the local environment and infrastructure.