

PLANNING REF : 242011
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Church Lane
: Finchampstead
: RG40 4LT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr S C
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this application for the following reasons. Contrary to Policy TB10 the site is not within and not adjacent to existing settlements. The site would impact on the separate identities of the settlements in North Finchampstead and the village in the South of Finchampstead by forming ribbon development along the B3016 Finchampstead Road. The site would therefore have an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding landscape. Contrary to Policies CP1 and CP3 any development would not maintain or enhance the high quality of the environment, as the land is sited in the Countryside. The land comprises several mature indigenous trees, which should be protected. It is difficult to see how any development would not have an unacceptable impact on the landscape. The removal of existing trees is not sensitive to the design of the scheme. The site would be in clear view from Warren Lane and Finchampstead Road in addition to Warren Lodge Care Home and the from the footpath which runs between Warren Crest Farm and Finchampstead Road on the opposite side of the road. The movement of vehicles from and to the site onto Warren Lane and the B3016 would be hazardous to both residents and visitors to Warren Lodge Care Home and to traffic using the B3016. Policy AHD3 is relevant as the FNDP currently allows for x8 Gypsy and Traveller sites in Finchampstead. The WBC Local Plan Update includes proposed allocations for Gypsy and Traveller pitches at two sites within Finchampstead. One at 'Land to the rear of 166 Nine Mile Ride' and the other at Tintagel Farm, Sandhurst Road. This application is approximately 200m from the Gypsy and Traveller site at 166 Nine Mile Ride.