

PLANNING REF : 242011
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Fernwood
: Warren Lane, Finchampstead, Berks
: RG404HS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Brian William Gates
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application for the following reasons. Firstly this application is very similar to application 161886 of Oct 2017 , which was for a travellers site in the field opposite the Warren Lodge Care Home. The objections raised are very much relevant to the current application. Have a look at it and take note. This application went to appeal and was rejected. Now for the current application - I don't know how this planning got listed - it's not in keeping with what is outlined in the FNDP for gypsy/traveller settlements. We have always been led to believe that Finchampstead has already the highest percentage of gypsy/traveller sites within WBC wards, with recent additions at 166 Nin Mile Ride and more likely to be approved at Tintagel Farm. It is not realistic that Finchampstead can keep providing additional sites. I understand we have 13 sites with an average of 2 pitches per site.

This application has pitches for caravans as well as for vans, cars and other vehicles, and it wouldn't take too long for this site to become over developed, and again contrary to the FNDP.

The request to have an entry/access point is unbelievable, just go and take a look and you will understand why. The sharp bend in the road creates enough problems exiting to/from Warren Lane and is considered to be a safety problem for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders (Warren Lane is a Bridleway)

The site certainly would not be hidden with most vehicles and mobile homes clearly visible from Warren Lane and environs, and is not in keeping with the local countryside environment

Now, let's consider Warren Lodge care Home - preparation of the site, removal of trees, shrubs , excessive noise affecting the wild life as well as the Home residents , who will lose their countryside views and tranquility. Additionally a site entrance is planned very close to the home, which will again create noise.

The parcel of land is considered green belt and this development will destroy woodland, trees, wildlife and their habitat, hedges - this must not happen

Other points to consider - the Finchampstead surgery is already extremely busy with long appointment waiting lists. Plus parking problems.

The Nine Mile Ride schools are at full capacity and again parking problems

The closeness of the site to Warren Woods - people use Warren Lane where the proposed site entrance will be to park, whilst making their way to the Woods. There are also heritage and conservation issues nearby, as well as the impact on ecological and wildlife to consider

From Brian & Doreen Gates