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Application: 242011



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Dear WBC Drainage,

Full Planning Approval Consultation

Application Number: 242011

Applicant: Mr Karl Richards

Site Address: Land east of Warren Lodge, Warren Lane, Finchampstead, RG40 4HR

Parish: Finchampstead

Grid Reference: Easting - 479478, Northing - 164374

Type of Development: Minor Gypsy and traveller pitches (1-9)

Proposal: Full application for the proposed change of use of land for the siting of 2 no. Gypsy and Traveller pitches with creation of a second access off Finchampstead Road and associated installation of soft and hard landscaping.

Case Officer: Kieran Neumann

Development Management has received the above application and we require your comments on the proposal using the recommended memorandum below. The documents associated with this are available to view in NEC DM using the application number 242011. Alternatively, public documents are available to view on the Council's planning application search page: [Wokingham Borough Council Online Planning](#).

Please index your response into NEC DM against the application. If you are recommending conditions, you should give a reason with reference to relevant policies. A list of standard conditions can be found on the Z Drive at: [Z:\Standard Planning Conditions](#).

Your observations are required in respect of this application within **10 working days** of the above date or **15 working days** if the development type is classed as a major development.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

M E M O R A N D U M

From:	Boniface Ngu Flood Risk & Drainage		
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Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
☐ No objection
☒ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The site is within flood zone 1, with the northern part of the site experiencing low risk surface water flooding.

The **proposed site plan drawing dated April 2024** indicates that one of the pitches is located along the surface water flow path.

We would have no objection to the principle of the development, **if the northern pitch is relocated to an area within flood zone 1.**

As drainage details have not been provided, we would **recommend the condition below:**

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

No development shall take place until full details of the drainage system for the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The details shall include:

1. Calculations indicating the Greenfield runoff rate from the site.
2. BRE 365 test results demonstrating whether infiltration is achievable or not.
3. Use of SuDS following the SuDS hierarchy, preferably infiltration.
4. Full calculations demonstrating the performance of soakaways or capacity of attenuation features to cater for 1 in 100 year flood event with a 40% allowance for climate change and runoff controlled at

Greenfield rates, or preferably better.

5. If connection to an existing surface water sewer is proposed, we need to understand why other methods of the SuDS hierarchy cannot be implemented and see confirmation from the utilities supplier that their system has got capacity and the connection is acceptable.
6. A description of how the proposed development will deal with surface water overland flows.
7. Groundwater monitoring confirming seasonal high groundwater levels in the area.
8. A drainage strategy plan indicating the location and sizing of SuDS features, with the base of any SuDS features located at least 1m above the seasonal high water table level.
9. Details demonstrating how any SuDS for this development would be managed throughout the lifespan of the development and who will be responsible for maintenance.

The approved scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development and shall be maintained in the approved form for as long as the development remains on the site.

This is to prevent increased flood risk from surface water run-off. Relevant policy: NPPF (2023) Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), Core Strategy policy CP1 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC09 and CC10.

Date:	09/09/2024	Signed:	Boniface Ngu
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