

PLANNING REF : 252498
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SUBMITTED BY : Ms Aneesha Sunner
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COMMENTS:

Here's the revised version:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed update 20 Gypsy and Traveller pitches at the corner of Mole Road and Betty Grove Lane.

Previous planning applications have been declined such as 100059 due to physical constraints of Betty grove lane and impact on the countryside - both of these are still relevant concerns.

Lack of Consultation

This site was not shown in the original masterplan for Loddon Garden Village and was not clearly presented during public consultations. Many residents only became aware of it after consultation opportunities had effectively passed. This lack of transparency has prevented proper community engagement.

Unsafe Access

Betty Grove Lane is a narrow single-track country lane with no pavements, no street lighting, tight bends and poor visibility. It was never designed to handle regular traffic from caravans, large vehicles or emergency services.

Mole Road is already busy with commuter and school traffic. Adding 20 pitches worth of additional vehicle movements to these roads raises serious safety concerns that do not appear to have been properly assessed.

Flood Risk

This area has known flooding problems. Mill Lane was closed by floodwater just last November. During heavy rain, the roads serving this site can become impassable, which would leave residents cut off and prevent emergency services from reaching them.

Traveller sites are classified as "highly vulnerable" in planning terms, which means they should not be placed where flood risk could affect safe access.

Too Many Pitches in One Area

There are already 16 pitches at Belvedere Park and 4 more on Mole Road nearby. Adding another 20 here would mean around 40 pitches concentrated in one small area. This goes against the council's own

approach of spreading provision across the borough rather than clustering it in one location.

Poor Integration

The proposed site is far from the main housing development and right next to existing homes at Wheatsheaf Close. Rather than integrating Traveller families into the new community, this location isolates them on the edge. There are better locations within the main development that would provide proper access and allow residents to be part of the wider community.

Infrastructure Not Ready

There is no guarantee that road improvements, drainage and other essential services will be completed before people move in. Local schools and doctors' surgeries are already stretched, and it is unclear how additional families would be accommodated.

Conclusion

I urge the Council to refuse this element of the application. If Traveller pitches are to be included in the development, they should be located somewhere with safe access, proper infrastructure and genuine integration with the new community.

Thank you for considering my objection.