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Application 261394 - Highfield Park Eversley Road Arborfield Wokingham RG2 9PP

Full application for the proposed change of use of agricultural land to a residential caravan site for Gypsies and Travellers consisting of 3no. pitches each comprising 1no. static caravan, 1no. touring caravan, 1no. single-storey day room, 1no. cycle and bin storage, boundary fencing and associated landscaping.

Barkham Parish Council (BPC) wishes to object to this application.

BPC fully supports the comments submitted by Arborfield and Newlands Parish Council (ANPC), including those made by ANPC on behalf of a number of local residents.

This application should not be considered in isolation. Alongside applications 260735, 260736, 260737 and 260746, it forms part of a series of related applications affecting the same location. Taken together, these proposals would result in a total of eight pitches. BPC considers it inappropriate and potentially misleading for these applications to be assessed individually rather than collectively, given their cumulative impact on the area.

The Local Plan Update (LPU) indicates that developments of this nature should be distributed across the Borough. In its response to the LPU consultation, BPC highlighted concerns that this objective was not being achieved, with such developments becoming concentrated within South Wokingham and, in particular, within Barkham and the surrounding parishes.

The cumulative effect of this concentration runs contrary to the principle of a balanced distribution of sites across the Borough and places a disproportionate burden on a limited geographical area. BPC therefore considers that the Council should give significant weight to the cumulative impact of these related applications when determining this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Ellen Tims, Clerk
Barkham Parish Council