

PLANNING REF : 260314
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Arborfield Green Community Centre
: Arborfield, Reading
: RG2 9ND
SUBMITTED BY : Barkham Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 12/03/2026

COMMENTS:

Barkham Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- It represents a significant development with an additional 7 pitches comprising space for a static van, touring van, individual day rooms and parking.
- The draft LPU for the period 2023-2040 for which Part 1 Hearings have been completed and Part 2 Hearings are scheduled specified 4 additional sites at this location, not 7.
- BPC commented on the above LPU that whereas Policy H9 states that such pitches should be spread across the Borough, it is noted that 39 or 51% are within Barkham and 46 or 60% are within Barkham or its immediate surroundings if this development on the parish boundary is included. This is not an even spread.
- BPC notes that the Topic Paper on Gypsy and Traveller accommodation dated September 2024 included in the evidence base of the LPU and Policy H9 recognises the importance of creating inclusive mixed communities across the Borough.

BPC considers that this proposal is at odds with the policy, by making provision for the majority of the supply in Barkham or its immediate surrounding areas.