

PLANNING REF : 261171
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Serenade The Street
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to raise my concerns about the proposal of the erection of 5 gypsy and traveller pitches at the site in Swallowfield off

Trowes Lane. As a recent home purchaser to the village, i have been able to enjoy the country side and the local amenities. However, in just 4 years, there have been a number of requests for further planning permission which will destroy the make up of the village. Already a site, almost opposite this application plot at the end of Trowes Lane/ Charlton Lane junction, there are houses currently in construction with another proposal in the pipeline for the plot adjacent to this! With all of this in mind my first concern would be access. Currently Trowes Lane is a single track road, which is prone to flooding hence there are man dug ditches either side of the road to allow for this. With more houses being added to the current picture, this can only cause concern for very likely flooding, over population and insufficient infrastructure for the potential new comers to be able to access. Already there are not enough schools in the area, the swallowfield medical practice is over subscribed and already there are long wait times for appointments etc.

Futhermore, as a resident on The Street, close to the junction of owest Lane, this is a danger spot as far as traffic accidents are concerned. There are often cars parked on The Street, which limits visiblity when residents are pulling out of their driveways, to be met by speeding cars and vehicles using The Street as a short cut route to their final destinations. With more cars and potential residents in the area, i do not believe that this road will cope and there will be far more accidents etc. The population of this village caters for an older resident and i would believe that the majority of home owners here are over 60 years. The Street currently has a narrow pathway and it is not possible to walk two abreast. There are many dog

walkers accessing this road, so when people are walking along the street and are met with people in the opposite direction, then the walker is forced to walk onto The Street so that people can pass. if the road gets busier, with faster and more and more cars, then these accidents are likely to happen. The older generation are typically slower and have a slower sense of awareness and as mentioned, there are blind spots with parked cars, so big red flag to more accidents to people who live here and may be walking to catch a bus or visit the GP or village shop for example. This is not fair on the neighbouthood to impose such dangers when people are trying to lead their day to day lives. As a proud resident of the village, i have been party to many volunteer litter picks. So many passing vehicles choose to dump their food rubbish and many service contractors dump their waste products into the small village lanes and ditches. It is likely that with more potential residents added to the area, this will allow for more and more dumping waste to be added to what is already a problem . here are many schemes which support sustainability and encouragement of natural ecosystems within the country side environment. With more building proposed, then drainage systems, as mentioned, will be overloaded, there will be far fewer spaces of natural habitat for

woodland creatures and meadow insects, birds and wild life. I am shocked that this has been proposed to what is already a struggling village in terms of its population and their well being.