PLANNING REF : 261171
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 15 Portway
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SUBMITTED BY : Miss K Vincent
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/06/2026

COMMENTS:
Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to object to planning application 261171 for the proposed development of five gypsy and traveller pitches at the junction of Trowes Lane and Charlton Lane.

My objections are based on the suitability and sustainability of the proposed location rather than the personal circumstances or identity of any future occupants.

1. Inappropriate development within the Green Belt
The proposed development would result in a significant change to the character of this rural area and conflicts with the fundamental purposes of the Green Belt, including safeguarding the countryside from inappropriate development and preserving the openness of the area.

2. Unsustainable location and limited access to services
The site is poorly connected to essential facilities. There is limited public transport and no convenient access to schools, healthcare, shops, or other key services, which would result in a heavy reliance on private vehicles and increase traffic movements.

3. Highway safety concerns
Trowes Lane and Charlton Lane are narrow rural roads with limited capacity. Additional vehicle movements, including larger vehicles associated with the proposed use, could create increased risks for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and other road users.

4. Pressure on local infrastructure and services
Local facilities, particularly healthcare services and other community infrastructure, are already under considerable pressure. Additional residential development should only proceed where adequate
structure can support it.

5. Drainage, flooding, and environmental concerns
Given the rural nature of the site, careful consideration must be given to surface water management, flood risk, and the potential impact on local watercourses. Any development should demonstrate that it will not increase flood risk elsewhere.

6. Lack of suitable utilities and servicing arrangements
Concerns remain regarding the absence of mains water and sewerage connections and the practicality of regular servicing and waste emoval, particularly where this may involve increased movements by larger vehicles on unsuitable roads.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the Council refuses this application unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the development complies with local planning

policies, does not harm the Green Belt, and can be supported by appropriate infrastructure and safe access arrangements.

Yours faithfully