

PLANNING REF : 242011
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Goodwyn
: Goodwyn Warren Lane, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 4HR
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Sally Hetherington
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application on the following grounds:

- The planning application goes against the content of the FNDP (Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan) voted by Finchampstead residents, which has already accommodated the highest percentage of gypsy & traveller sites in any of the WBC wards. This would sit outside that plan, which was recently reviewed and excludes this planning application
Finchampstead has 17% of the total borough provision, the highest in all WBC boroughs, according to latest available data.
- The application requests two permanent pitches and two further touring caravan pitches which will require space for associated cars and visiting vehicles, which is over development for a site of this size.
- The site adjoins Finchampstead Road and Warren Lane. The proposed entrance from Finchampstead Road is on a fast moving curve in the road so would cause further risk with entrance and exit. The proposed entrance on Warren Lane is next door to Warren Lodge Care Home which requires access for ambulances, doctors, services, staff and visitors at all times. The lane is narrow and burdening that location with additional access requirements will risk blocking the essential services of the care home.
- This entrance to Warren Lane is used by essential services for all lane residents also, including refuse and emergency services and by adding another entrance (for use by multiple vehicles serving 4 pitches on one small plot of land) risks creating excessive traffic in that vicinity which could impact those services for all others
- Because the application includes reference to removing natural trees and shrubs, the site would not be adequately shielded from view, as the application states. And due to the planned overdevelopment, the site will be clearly evident, which is not in keeping with the natural habitat in which it is located - amongst countryside and woodland, very close to an English Heritage site of protected woodland. The reduced woodland protection will lead to higher noise levels faced by the care home and other neighbours/countryside users in the vicinity
- The proposed application would impact the nature of the location, which is part of the nature corridor to these other important areas within 5km of several sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) and falls within the Impact Risk Zone Longmoor Bog SSSI. All planning applications that fall within this impact risk zone are required to consult Natural England to determine the impact of the SSSI. This does not feature in the application.

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