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Dear Ms Cue

Re Change of use of the land for the stationing of 2 static homes, 2 touring caravans and shared day room for Gypsy/Traveller Occupation. Associated hard and soft landscaping. Land south of Pear Tree Lane, Pear Tree Lane, Shorne. Planning Application GR/2025/0110

Thank you for your letter of 7th May 2025 concerning the above. The Society has written to the authority objecting to this application: the Society's letter of 1 March 2025 refers. The Society restates its objection and is disappointed that the issues raised in its letter do not appear to have been addressed.

The site, the subject of the application, was previously referred to as the Land Adjoining the See-Ho PH Pear Tree Lane Shorne and was the subject of five planning applications for residential development between 1975 and 2020, all of which were refused. The site is indicated on the development plan as being in an area where Green Belt policies apply on the border between the village envelope and the Green Belt. The border was reviewed in the current plan and relocated from the centre of Bowesden Lane to the edge of the curtilage of the public house.

The appropriateness of the Green Belt designation and the appropriateness of the boundary of the village envelope have been tested at two public enquiries, one of which included a hearing.

Pear Tree Lane has been the subject of sporadic ribbon development generally pre-dating planning control and generally consists of large detached properties. The density is higher inside the village envelope which includes Ridgeway Bungalows. Against this background, the Society considers the proposed development is out of character with the area.

Against this background the Society considers this application should be refused. It appears to the Society that little account has been taken of these issues in determining the application to date.

Yours sincerely


Mrs P Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary