



7 February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Change of land use application White Post Lane, Sole St/Meopham

I am writing to register my strong objection to the application for the change of use of the land, from farmland to Traveller site, along White Post Lane, Sole St/Meopham.

I recently wrote to Gravesham Council strenuously complaining about the installation of a mobile home/portacabin on this land, which I believe to be illegal. Also I raised my great indignation at the horrendous environmental damage that was done to the trees along the lovely wooded White Post Lane. It was simple desecration.

Therefore I object to the application to the change of land use along White Post Lane (WPL) for the following reasons:

In installing the recent mobile home the owner showed absolutely no respect for the environment or for the land and the owners of the land along either side of WPL. If planning permission is given who knows what subsequent damage might be visited on the surrounding environment.

In desecrating the land along WPL the owner has shown no respect or consideration for the inhabitants of Sole St who, in a variety of ways, use WPL. Again who knows what further negative outcomes would be visited on the village.

If more accommodation is allowed on this site it will mean increased traffic flows on an already very narrow road. Vehicles if related to horses or further mobile homes or buildings could be wide and cause more damage. The verges of the road would get worn away and the road widened by default, thus having more impact on the vegetation along the road. Any banking would get eroded by default.

I believe that once permission is given then we will return to the situation that occurred a number of years ago where there were up to 15-20 mobile home units illegally on this land. Water and electricity was illegally accessed and there were social issues within the village as a result of this traveller site. In the end Gravesham Council forcibly ejected them, but this took time. Allowing permission now would be giving more encouragement to start this process all over again. Refuse permission as a signal this land is not going to be converted into a Travellers' site.

Over the number of years I have been going up and down WPL there has been a gradual increase in the number of units on the site, the increase in their number and the more

permanence of the type of building material. I believe this has been done deliberately in order to try and establish the travellers' site now being sought.

I believe the current inhabitants to be there illegally anyway and should not be given any encouragement either to stay or to expand the settlement.

