

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/02/2025 10:40 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Change of Use of Land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 Mobile Home, 1 Touring Caravan, and 1 Dayroom.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Gravesham Planning 20241164

Dear Sirs, I wish to object to this planning application.

In summary of the following, the current occupier is having a huge impact on the area, existing work is not in keeping with the local character, the access road is not suitable for the kind of use suggested, is contrary to the Local Plan and is seriously contrary use of Green Belt agricultural land.

The evidence in the last few years and especially in the last few weeks is this application is contrary to the openness of this Green Belt area of land. In the last few days alone we have witnessed the extensive cutting down and removal of trees and bushes and erection of a tall fence unsuitable for this area of Agricultural land and the extensive ground works.

Access for vehicles, caravans and Trucks commonly associated with a Traveller site is unsuitable both in the approaching lane and the entrance shown on the plans. This is evidenced by recent activity I am sure has been well documented to the council and police.

Despite the obvious opinions of much of the Neighbours and law-abiding (Planning) local area, there is a great deal of evidence of a cavalier attitude to living with their local Neighbours shown by the destruction of trees and bushes along the whole of White Post Lane and the area in question. To make access possible additional access points have been constructed that still require larger vehicles to drive the length of White Post lane to turn and approach in the direction from Sallows Shaw. How will the entrance shown be possibly used for anything but a car without impinging on more land the opposite side of the road?

I submit this will not be the entrance in the future, I also submit the detail plans are considerably incorrect also the statement regarding bushes and trees on the site and the positioning and size of the items. This entrance (Stud Farm) was

only added a few months ago, is this allowed on a 'De-restricted' road just after 2 quite dangerous corners along with the additional entrance on the corner.

There have been numerous attempts in the Sole Street/Cobham area to purchase agricultural land and apply for building or siting caravans, if this application were to progress it would be setting a precedence for any future planning in the whole area. Surely the vast majority of the inhabitants of the area have moved here because of the Green Belt surroundings and the facilities offered and for their Wellbeing. (Many from outside the area use the many footpaths and White Post Lane for their runs, walks and exercise or relaxation, now not possible). Additionally what message is being sent regarding planning rules in the future for everyone.

Despite the awareness of the owner regarding the need of planning permissions, during December, January and February work is continuing regardless especially when some of the work has been turned down before, and the apparent existence of an injunction on the land.

The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and can surely only be approved in very special circumstances. Government policy I believe requires that planning authorities should ensure that the quality and character of the wider countryside is protected and, where possible, enhanced.

Regards

Kind regards