

**20240600**

Ms Amanda Cue  
Planning Officer  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Civic Centre  
Windmill Street  
Gravesend  
Kent DA12 3JX

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024



Dear Madam,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

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**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, Gravesend.**

We object to the application on grounds including but not limited to the following,

that if granted it would:

- 1 exacerbate an already concerning road safety issue. Pear Tree Lane is a rat run between the A2 and Rochester Road, Higham and Cliffe. When there are problems on the A2 it becomes completely blocked. Chestnut Corner already has 4 traffic accesses within 100 yards or so. A four dwelling addition, with presumably common use of trailers etc., is highly undesirable.

- 2 create an unwanted precedent allowing all properties on the rural site of Pear Tree Lane to convert to do the same thing hugely increasing the population density and changing the nature of the area;
- 3 be an inappropriate development within the Green Belt, there is no exceptional circumstance in this application;
- 4 greatly diminish the business of the pub next door, which provides a service to the community, employment; and has historic precedent. Too many pubs are going out of business;
- 5 a previous application, to which we did not object, to build a house on the site was refused. We would not object to one dwelling in keeping with others in the Lane.
- 6 There is no provision on the proposed site for water, electricity, and most importantly, disposal of human waste.

The area is at present rural. If such applications are granted, we shall lose it forever. The process is irreversible.

It was expressly to prevent such development that The Green Belt was introduced.

This application should be firmly rejected.

Can you please include us in further correspondence and notices in respect of the Application and any appeals etc.

Please note, the writer is himself part gypsy.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the writer.