

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/12/2024 10:49 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of Pear Tree Lane Pear Tree Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	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.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Pear Tree Lane Shorne, Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I want to start by saying that my family and I have no issue with the gypsy community and that how they choose to live their lives is none of our business. That being said, I completely object the application as I do not wish to have a site on my doorstep along with the issues that will likely come with it. There are particular issues of concern such as whether they will have a horse and trap and would be using it within the village. Over the 30 years that I have lived here, I have witnessed cars speeding past horses and the horses becoming spooked. Some drivers just do not care and the roads are full of blind corners. Where will they park their trap or guests vehicles? If they do have horses, where will they be kept? Apparently they are looking in Bowesden Lane for somewhere to keep their horses? Pear Tree Lane is an extremely busy and loud main road. Are we expecting their traps or guest vehicles to be parked on our drives or blocking them? I already have to go into The See Ho several times a week to ask their customers to move a car that has blocked my drive. Would I be expected to go onto their site to ask them if it is their vehicle that is blocking my drive? We already have issues with cars parking on the road and blocking the drive leaving me unable to get my daughter who is not fully mobile into our home. We no longer have a wall on our drive as people kept reversing into it and knocked it down. We frequently require ambulances due to my daughters epileptic seizures and the roads are not always clear enough for an ambulance to park up outside as it is or even for them to get onto my drive. I'm completely bewildered as to how KCC Highways say there is no issue with
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parking or traffic here. There are only [REDACTED] Bungalows here and [REDACTED] with a drive.

We also have issues with noise from the pub, inconsiderate customer parking, littering from the general public where rubbish and bottles are thrown onto my drive, increased antisocial behaviour and crime including motorbikes and quads speeding and cars of people playing music outside. I think this planning application will just make things so much worse.

The majority of the Bungalows house vulnerable families, including myself. I am a [REDACTED] woman caring for my severely disabled adult daughter.

I feel as if our safety would be compromised. We never see the community police in the village and the police never confront the traveller community anyway.

I am frustrated that this is being considered as I have asked for simple things in the past such as having a pitched roof on my extension which was refused as it would not fit in with the village.

However, given that electric and gas works are going ahead, rubbish collections and post already seem to be in place, it seems as if the Parish and KCC have already agreed to let a traveller site application go ahead. Why do they need these things if it is not going ahead?

There are plenty of other places in Kent that would be more appropriate but I do not believe that Shorne village is the right place for this. What about the site near the old Eurolite plant in Higham? It would be so much safer for their young children and any animals compared to being on a main road with cars using it as a race track.

I would happily agree to a shop or another bungalow which would be much better suited to the village.

I have lived here for nearly 30 years and this is right on my driveway. This is a respectful village with high standards. I think everyone needs to ask themselves, how would they feel?

Kind regards