

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/11/2024 2:05 PM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

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| 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

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| Name:    | [REDACTED]            |
| Email:   | [REDACTED]            |
| Address: | Woodlands lane Shorne |

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

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| Comments: | <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I write to formally object to the above planning application for the proposed change of use of the land to accommodate two static homes, two touring caravans, a shared day room, and associated landscaping within Shorne. My objections are based on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Impact on Local Character and Rural Landscape</p> <p>The site is located in a small rural village, and the introduction of static homes, caravans, and associated infrastructure would result in an incongruous and urbanising effect on the countryside. The proposal fails to respect the character of the local area.</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Local Development Plan place great emphasis on preserving the character and appearance of rural areas. The scale and nature of this proposal are wholly incompatible with the existing rural character and would result in irreversible harm to the landscape.</p> <p>2. Highway Safety and Access Concerns</p> <p>The proposed development would increase vehicular movements along narrow and unsuitable rural roads. In particular vehicles with large trailers or caravans are unsuitable for such a narrow stretch of road which is already partially blocked by parked cars. The local road network lacks the capacity and infrastructure to accommodate additional traffic from larger vehicles associated with static homes and touring caravans. This raises concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Road safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.</li><li>- The adequacy of access arrangements, particularly for emergency vehicles.</li></ul> <p>3. Lack of Local Need</p> |
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The applicant has not demonstrated a specific local need for this development within Shorne. Local authorities are required to consider the accommodation needs of Gypsy and Traveller communities; however, this should not come at the expense of inappropriate and unsustainable development in unsuitable locations.

If there is an identified need for such sites, it should be met through the allocation of land in accordance with strategic planning policies, ensuring suitable locations are chosen.

#### 4. Environmental Impacts

The hard landscaping, additional vehicles, and potential light pollution would harm the natural environment and the tranquillity of the area. There are concerns about the accompanying infrastructure required to support the waste produced by multiple caravans visiting the site which may lead to environmental harm and the leaching of harmful chemicals into soil and groundwater.

#### 5. Precedent for Further Development

Approval of this application could set a dangerous precedent for further similar developments in the area, leading to incremental urbanisation and a change in the character of the rural landscape. It is essential to safeguard the character and integrity of the village by resisting inappropriate development.

#### Conclusion

In summary, the proposed development is inappropriate for this rural location due to its adverse impact on the local character, infrastructure, and environment. It contravenes key planning policies and fails to demonstrate that the site is a sustainable or suitable location for such a use.

I urge the council to refuse this application in order to protect the unique character of Shorne and ensure sustainable development in accordance with the Local Plan and national planning policy.

Thank you for considering my comments. I am happy to provide further information or clarification if required.

Yours faithfully,

Resident, Woodlands Lane, Shorne.

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Kind regards