



March 12 2026
Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
DA12 1AU

Dear Sir or Madam,

Application Ref. 20260214 Land Part of White Post Farm, White Post Lane, Cobham –
Change of Use of Land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 2 mobile homes, 1 touring caravan and 1 day room

I hereby submit Cobham Parish Council's formal objection to the above application on the following grounds:

The site has long planning history of traveller applications all after illegally commencing works. Cobham Parish Council have sent several letters to Gravesham Borough council Planning Department objecting to the previous planning applications (20200554, 20241164, 20250764) submitted by the owners at White Post Farm. It is also noted that works have already been undertaken without the benefit of planning permission. Granting retrospective approval would set a concerning precedent for further unauthorised caravan developments in the open countryside, thereby weakening the Council's ability to control future inappropriate development.

The parish council notes the applicant's reliance on the Shearing Decision and the assertion that the Council cannot demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable Gypsy and Traveller sites. However, it is important to recognise that Gravesham Borough Council is currently progressing its future Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs.

The Parish Council further notes that the next stage in the process is the Regulation 19 publication, which is expected imminently. This stage will take the Local Plan Partial Review forward to independent examination and, ultimately, adoption. The emerging Local Plan must therefore be taken into account when determining these applications so as not to cause any further harm and complete disregard to the Green Belt.

Finally there is an existing injunction on the site, which again we strongly urge the council to use. The Borough Council must enforce the existing injunction on the site without delay, in order to prevent even further breaches and protect the local community who have endured many years of unauthorised encampments resulting in the erosion of precious countryside and Green Belt land.

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I trust that this objection will be given full weight in your determination.

Cobham Parish Council Planning Committee