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Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council
Sent by email

Dear Avril

**Re: Objection to Planning Application 20250764
Land South Of, White Post Lane, White Post Lane, Cobham, Gravesend Kent
DA13 9AX**

Change of use of the land for the stationing of 8 mobile homes for gypsy and traveller use, erection of associated day rooms, soft landscaping and laying of hardstanding (part retrospective).

Meopham Parish Council wishes to provide the following response:

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 147-151 states that development in the Green Belt is inappropriate unless it meets specific exceptions.

A traveller site does not fall under the exceptions unless very special circumstances exist to justify it.

NPPF Paragraph 59 specifically states that intentional unauthorised development in the Green Belt is a material consideration that weighs against a retrospective planning application.

Conflict with Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS)

The Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS 2015) states that new traveller sites in the Green Belt should only be approved where they meet strict criteria.

Paragraph 16 states that local planning authorities should strictly limit new traveller sites in open countryside away from existing settlements.

Paragraph 25 allows councils to refuse applications if a site is deliberately developed without permission.

We therefore object to this proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Lisa Winter
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer