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Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council
Sent by email

Dear Avril

**Re: Objection to Planning Application 20251123
Land South Of, White Post Lane, Cobham, Gravesend Kent**

Part retrospective change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 2 individual pitches with the siting of a total of 3 Mobile Homes, 2 Touring Caravans, and 2 Dayrooms.

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