Planning Comment submission on application 2024/66 at 21/02/2024 11:35:50

Thank you for your comments on application 2024/66, which have been received.

Please note that we do not send a separate acknowledgement.

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Planning App No	2024/66
Comment Reason	Object to this application
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We are writing to submit our strong objections to the proposed change of use of land at Newchapel Road to a 2 pitch gypsy/traveller pitch.

- Newchapel Road is an increasingly fast and busy road. This site is on a dangerous, sweeping bend, which does not provide safe access on and off the site for cars, let alone long vehicles with equally long trailers. The danger to other road users would be great. There is no appropriate bus service on this route and so the constant use of vehicles on and off the site would be inevitable.

- This planning application should be refused on similar grounds to that of 'Rowlands Eco Park', almost adjacent to the east of this site. This is greenbelt land well outside the village catchment and would encourage many more planning applications on small infill sites, thus causing a village 'sprawl'.

 This site is greenbelt and currently has NO permanent building structure, it is therefore inappropriate to build a permanent building(a day room/dwelling?). This would only set a precedent for further applications for permanent buildings in the future.

- There is already significant provision for gypsy/travellers less than 2 miles to the west, 'The Plantation'. This has grown exponentially in recent years. Another gypsy/traveller site is not appropriate in such a close proximity. Also, like 'The Plantation' this Newchapel Road site would very likely be subject to an increasing population over time with many more vehicles and homes.

- There has been a complete disregard to the planning rules, in that hardstandings, a driveway and a gated entrance has already been built. And a stationary mobile home and 2 caravans have been moved onto the hardstandings. People are already living there.

- This area is susceptible to flooding. With so much hard surface being laid the surface water run off is inevitably changed, leading to more flooding problems to the surrounding areas. What about the sewage waste? Is this being run into Eden Brook, which subsequently joins the River Eden.

 There is no adequate infrastructure; water, sewage, drainage services to this site or, it would seem, even any plans for this.

We hope you will consider these observations and refuse this planning application. It would greatly change the appearance and environment along this part of Newchapel Road, where we residents have lived for decades.

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