

Comments for Planning Application APP/16/00021

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/00021

Address: Land - Stables adjacent to Hollybank Cottage, Long Copse Lane, Emsworth

Proposal: Change of use from private equestrian yard to a mixed use comprising private equestrian yard and two pitch, private gypsy and traveller site (including amenity block and two touring caravan pitches).

Case Officer: Steve Weaver

Customer Details

Name: Ms Fiona Leonard

Address: 50 Long Copse Lane Emsworth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The application for a private gypsy and traveller site is totally out of keeping with the existing residential environment of long copse lane. The site is a greenfield site, and any development would be a further encroachment on the strategic gap between Emsworth and Westbourne.

The applicant has shown total disregard for the planning process, with no notification of the application outside of the premises. Previous planning rules have been ignored, specifically with the erection of a fence along the lane, lack of restatement of hedgerow as requested in a previous planning application, and the latest development of the siting of a static caravan on the property. The keeping of a guard dog on the premises is also disturbing, particularly when walking young children past the premises, as we are constantly barked at.

When the current static caravan was brought to the site, during the Christmas holiday period, it was physically manhandled along the lane. The transport it arrived on was clearly unable to access the premises so it was manoeuvred by a smaller vehicle with numerous people assisting. The caravan completely blocked the lane, and was stuck on several occasions trying to negotiate the telephone cable, and telegraph poles, almost bringing them down at one point.

Long Copse Lane is particularly narrow in places, and not suitable for the constant movement of caravans potentially arriving at the traveller site. The road is already dangerous to walk along due to the increasing traffic which uses it as a rat run to avoid Westbourne centre. There are numerous potholes with the edges of the tarmac collapsing, and no pavement for pedestrians. Further traffic along the lane is unwelcome, particularly potentially large vehicles as there is little room to pass or turn.

Within approximately 1 mile of the premises, there are already 2 traveller/gypsy sites, one being at Cemetery Lane in Westbourne, and another on stables/agricultural ground which has appeared in

a similar manner adjacent to the playground in the north of Westbourne. Therefore is there any need for further development within the locality ?

The siting of 2 static caravans on this site can hardly be considered for use as a traveller site, given their very nature, static caravans are unable to travel.

