



East Hampshire District Council Planning Committee

21st May 2020 (to be held remotely)

Four Marks Parish Council Written Representative

29336/008 | Use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 5 gypsy pitches with utility/day rooms (additional information received 23 Aug 2019 and 17 January 2020) | Janeland, Willis Lane, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AP

Four Marks Parish Council strongly object to this application.

This development would be visually intrusive without significant and un-natural boundary screening, being an undesirable intensification of the site, out of character with the existing pattern of low density countryside development. It would be dominant in scale with a detrimental impact to the local amenity. It is contrary to Policies CP15, CP19 and CP29 of the Local Plan, paragraph 7 of the NPPF, and paragraphs 25 and 26 of Policy H of the PPTS, SD33 Section 3 of the adopted SDNP Local Plan.

This site abuts the SDNP boundary, and the SDNPA have also made strong objections.

PPTS Policy H "*is to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers **while respecting the interests of the settled community.***" This approval recommendation is unbalanced against policy H, with the settled community being ignored.

The recent approval of two other Gypsy & Traveller sites of 10 pitches within a mile of this site, in a rural lane, has caused significant negative local community reaction, disrupting the community's sense of place and social integration. FMPC disagree with the policy interpretation, contending that the existing presence of traveller accommodation in this small area is a totally disproportionate concentrated distribution in Four Marks, therefore contrary to Policy H of the PPTS 2015.

The Officer's report states the site is adjoined by residential development to the south and west. However, to the west is a single detached house, to the south a Golf Course, to the north equine grazing land and to the east is a country lane and the SDNP boundary into open countryside.

The 5 year land supply provision in the GTAA is currently met for **14.4** years and would question the incongruous argument to ignore this meeting of the need to 2034, let alone just 5 years.

The GTTA identified need is a calculated fact, adopted by the LPA based on professional assessment. In his report the Officer states that the “need for sites is likely to be greater than stated in the GTAA” but that this is a personal view and is not supported by any evidence. Planning decisions should be made on presented evidence, and weighted planning balance, not unsubstantiated personal opinions.

FMPC respectfully ask that the Committee refuse this application being wholly disproportionate and out of character with the immediate vicinity, and therefore contrary to local planning policies as stated.

However, should the Committee decide to approve this application, FMPC ask for the Committee’s consideration to the six requested Conditions listed in the original representation.

Janet Foster – Chairman

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