

## Sheila Harris

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 22 September 2017 10:22  
**To:** joy.maccoughlan (joy.maccoughlan@wyg.com)  
**Subject:** DM/17/3519

Dear Mrs MacCoughlan

**Proposed change of use of land to residential to form two Sites. Site A - proposed laying out of 12 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community. Erection of a site manager's office and amenity blocks and laying out of internal roads, parking, and associated drainage works and landscaping. Repositioning of vehicular access to Hollow Copse and close off the existing. Site B - proposed laying out of 4 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community; associated access roads, drainage works and landscaping. Modifications to the existing vehicular access to Copthorne Road.**

I'm writing with regards to the above planning application.

The Parish Council will be considering this planning application at a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October in order to provide their views to the District Council on this planning application. Officers from the District Councils policy section will be attending the meeting to represent the District Council in its role as an applicant. I would be grateful if you could confirm that a representative from WYG can attend the meeting as planning agents for the planning application.

The meeting would be held in Crawley Down in the evening. I will let you know the exact details when I have them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 02 October 2017 09:14  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr Prior

When this application is reported to committee all those who have made representations about the application will be notified in advance about the meeting.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 October 2017 18:24  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Steven,

Thanks for your reply.

Once the committee date has been set, please let me know the date, time and location.

Kind regards,

John

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**From:** Steven King [<mailto:Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 26 September 2017 17:14  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr Prior

No committee date has been set for this application yet.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 September 2017 12:23  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Steven,

Has a date been set yet for the planning committee?

Kind regards,

John

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**From:** Steven King [<mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>]  
**Sent:** 12 September 2017 11:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr Prior

Thank you for your e mail re the above.

I do not have a date for the planning committee as yet. I anticipate that the application will be determined at the District Planning Committee meeting, which normally meets once a month.

All planning applications are required to be determined against the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In this case the development plan comprises the policies of the Mid Sussex Local Plan. Government guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework and the Governments guidance on Gypsy and Traveller sites are important material (i.e. planning) considerations.

Some of the key issues will be the need for gypsy and traveller provision in the area, the impact on highway safety, the impact on the character of the countryside and drainage issues. Matters that cannot be taken into account include the impact on property values and private covenants.

I hope this helps.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2017 14:45  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** DM/17/3519

Dear Steven,

With reference to the above planning application could you please let me know:

1. When will the planning committee will meet to consider the application; and
2. What would be valid grounds for the committee approving or rejecting this application?

Kind regards,

John

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 27 September 2017 18:07  
**To:** Paul Mercer  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr Mercer

The line you refer to simply sets out the Councils position in relation to comments that are made on planning applications. I have not accused you of being a racist.

All representations which address the planning merits of the planning application will be taken into account during the decision making process. Any comments which are considered to be in breach of the Equality Act 2010 will not be considered for the reasons set out in my previous e mail.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Paul Mercer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 September 2017 22:18  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Re: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr. King,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 14th September.

Forgive me, your e-mail quoted the following sentence:

*'The Council takes the position that offensive or racist comments made during the public consultation on the above planning application or any other application will not be accepted and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.'*

On this basis if you were not accusing me of being a racist, from what rationale was your wording above relevant please? It appears your generic approach may not have relevant to my response, where perhaps something more personal would have been more appropriate.

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**From:** Nic Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2017 12:18  
**To:** comments; Steven King  
**Cc:** Chris Schoeman; Colin Daniels; Andy Jones; Graham Walls [REDACTED]  
Allan Dodgeon; stuartdbrown; coatescg; p; [REDACTED]  
pkk35983; [REDACTED]; gabbicoates;  
[REDACTED]; oli\_mccann; jhone; chriskluge; laurenrickards;  
simonward; iwilson884; nls1076; hayleyebishop; Nic Allen;  
[REDACTED] PhilPiggott [REDACTED] danielcan;  
KenMorrison; vincentroumiguieres; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Carly Chandler; Mark Borret; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Joheir Joe Khan; Charles Bitmead; Harriet Spicer;  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Donal O'Connell;  
Lauren Botting; Jenna Yates; Rob; Moussa Sanoh; Khensani Mudau; Lesley Winter;  
Shannon Griffin; Samy Thompson; Shelley Millea; Adam King  
**Subject:** DM/17/3519 - Traveller Site planning application for Old Hollow - update 27 Oct 2017  
**Attachments:** Notice DM-17-3519 27Oct17 - Old Hollow.JPG

Dear Mrs Spiers and Mr King,

I understand from second-hand information last night on Facebook through the Copthorne Village Association that a second application has been applied for, or has the first one been extended? Either way, the public notices on the site have not been updated.

I have attached a photo of the public notice which is still on the gate at the proposed site this morning. It signifies no change or clear up-to-date instructions for the public.

Are Mid-Sussex Council holding any public forums to take the public views into consideration?

Yours sincerely,  
Nic Allen  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** comments <[comments@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:comments@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 25 October 2017 16:54  
**To:** Nic Allen [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response to query regarding planning application for Old Hollow

Dear Mr Allen

I have just returned from leave and note that you are still awaiting a response to your query, for which I apologise. You are probably aware that the planning application currently has been withdrawn.

An officer will be responding to your further queries but unfortunately is away until next week, when I will ask for a response to be sent to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Karen Speirs (Mrs)  
Customer Services Manager  
01444 477510

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council has received an application for planning permission

**REFERENCE:** DM/17/3519

**PROPOSAL:** Proposed change of use of land to residential to form two Sites. Site A - proposed laying out of 12 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community. Erection of a site manager's office and amenity blocks and laying out of internal roads, parking, and associated drainage works and landscaping. Repositioning of vehicular access to Hollow Copse and close off the existing. Site B - proposed laying out of 4 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community; associated access roads, drainage works and landscaping. Modifications to the existing vehicular access to Copthorne Road.

**ADDRESS:** Land At, Lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Road, Copthorne

Being a 'major' developments which are also a departure from the Development Plan for the area in which the land is situated

Members of the public may inspect copies of this application, plans and other documents submitted on-line at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister) or alternatively at the address given below from Monday to Thursday 9 am – 5 pm and Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Anyone wishing to make representations about this application should do so in writing to either the address given below, on-line from the website or by emailing [planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk) quoting **DM/17/3519** by **29th September 2017**.

All representations received will be made available for inspection and copying by other members of the public.

**SALLY BLOMFIELD**  
Divisional Leader for Planning and Economy

Planning Services Division, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road,  
Haywards Heath, RH16 1SS



**Sheila Harris**

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 10 October 2017 16:11  
**To:** Asif Khan  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519 - Objection letter attached

Dear Mr Khan

I can advise you that this application was withdrawn by the applicants on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Regards

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**From:** Asif Khan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 September 2017 10:22  
**To:** planninginfo  
**Subject:** DM/17/3519 - Objection letter attached

Dear Sirs



I have submitted my objections on the website portal however i was unable to attach the pictures.

Can you kindly upload attached objection letter. Look forward to your response.

Many Thanks

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*Asif Khan*

[REDACTED]



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**From:** Nic Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 October 2017 10:13  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Re: DM/17/3519 - Traveller Site planning application for Old Hollow - update 27 Oct 2017

Dear Mr. King,

Thank you for that clarification and update, very much appreciated.

Cheers.....Nic

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**From:** Steven King <Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 31 October 2017 09:44  
**To:** Nic Allen; comments  
**Cc:** Chris Schoeman; Colin Daniels; Andy Jones; Graham Walls; [REDACTED] Allan Dodgeon; stuartdbrown; coatescg; p; [REDACTED] pkk35983; paulmercer01; [REDACTED]; gabbicoates; [REDACTED]; oli\_mccann; jhone; chriskluge; laurenrickards; simonward; iwilson884; nls1076; hayleyebishop; [REDACTED] PhilPiggott; [REDACTED]; danielcan; KenMorrison; vincentroumiguieres; [REDACTED] Carly Chandler; Mark Borret; [REDACTED] Joheir Joe Khan; Charles Bitmead; Harriet Spicer; [REDACTED]; Donal O'Connell; Lauren Botting; Jenna Yates; Rob; Moussa Sanoh; Khensani Mudau; Lesley Winter; Shannon Griffin; Samy Thompson; Shelley Millea; Adam King  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519 - Traveller Site planning application for Old Hollow - update 27 Oct 2017

Dear Mr Allen

No new planning application has been submitted at this site. The application that was made under reference number DM/17/3519 was withdrawn on 5<sup>th</sup> October. I have asked my colleagues to remove the site notices that are still on site as they are no longer relevant.

WGY, on behalf of the Corporate Estates and Facilities Business Unit at Mid Sussex District Council will be holding a public exhibition on the proposed change of use of this site to provide gypsy and traveller accommodation on 7<sup>th</sup> November between 14.00 and 16.00 and 17.00 to 20.00 at the Ardingly Suite (First Floor) of the Copthorne Hotel London Gatwick, Copthorne Way, Copthorne.

It will be a matter for the Corporate Estates and Facilities Business Unit to decide if they wish to submit a new planning application following the public exhibition and the feedback they receive.

If a new planning is submitted it will be the subject of the normal publicity (site notices, neighbour notification letters) so interested parties can comment on the application.

Regards

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 06 October 2017 17:47  
**To:** Paul Mercer  
**Subject:** RE: DM/17/3519

Dear Mr Mercer

As I have said previously, the line you refer to simply sets out the Councils position in relation to comments that are made on planning applications.

I can confirm that I did receive your e mail of 20<sup>th</sup> September relating to this application.

I can also advise you that the applicants withdrew the planning application yesterday following concerns raised by officers regarding the validity of the planning application, which had been submitted without a Statement of Community Involvement.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Paul Mercer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 September 2017 21:20  
**To:** Steven King; Nic Allen  
**Subject:** Re: DM/17/3519

Dear Steven,

Thank you for confirming that my e-mails were not considered as racist. Again though, if my comments were not racist why insert the following statement as per your e-mail dated 12/9/17:

**"The Council takes the position that offensive or racist comments made during the public consultation on the above planning application or any other application will not be accepted and may be reported to the appropriate authorities"**

I would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of my application and email dated 20th September 2017 relating to case ref: DM/17/3519.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Rgds,



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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 12 September 2017 14:07  
**To:** Tony Plumridge  
**Subject:** RE: Old Hollow

Dear Mr Plumridge

**Address:** Land at Lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Road, Copthorne

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I am writing with regards to your representation concerning the above planning application.

Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are covered by the protected characteristic of race for the Equality Act 2010. Local authorities have a duty under the Act to actively seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and promote good race relations.

The Council takes the position that offensive or racist comments made during the public consultation on the above planning application or any other application will not be accepted and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

I note your concerns about this planning application. However your response as currently written cannot be taken into account, [REDACTED]

If you wish to make a representation on this planning application, please do so in an acceptable manner that relates to planning matters only. These might include

- The effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area
- The quality of the design
- Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook
- The economic benefits of the proposal
- Highway safety issues
- Loss of important trees
- Intrusion into the countryside
- Significantly increased noise and disturbance

These do not include

- Loss of view
- Loss of property value
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- Boundary and other disputes between neighbours
- Moral, religious issues



Yours sincerely

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**From:** Tony Plumridge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2017 20:31  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Old Hollow

Hi there

Please see attached letter in complaint to the Old Hollow proposals

Tony  
Plumridge



**Sheila Harris**

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 10 October 2017 15:43  
**To:** yvonne young  
**Subject:** RE: opposition to planning ref DM/17/3519

Dear Yvonne

I can advise you that this planning application was withdrawn by the applicants on 5th October.

Regards

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**From:** yvonne young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2017 18:50  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** opposition to planning ref DM/17/3519

Dear Mr King



please find attached a letter opposing the proposed planning for two traveller sites at the Old Hollow in Copthorne

Regards

Yvonne Young



**Sheila Harris**

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 10 October 2017 15:47  
**To:** Lauren Sims  
**Subject:** RE: planning opposition

Dear Lauren

I can advise you that this planning application was withdrawn by the applicants on 5th October.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Sims [REDACTED]  
Sent: 04 September 2017 16:52  
To: Steven King  
Subject: planning opposition



**Sheila Harris**

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 10 October 2017 15:40  
**To:** Dan Passfield  
**Subject:** RE: Travellers in Copthorne

Dear Mr Passfield

I can advise you that this planning application was withdrawn by the applicants on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Regards

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**From:** Dan Passfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2017 07:29  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** Travellers in Copthorne

Kind Regards  
Dan Passfield



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**From:** yvonne young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 7:50:14 PM  
**To:** Dan Passfield  
**Subject:** Re: Travellers in Copthorne

Hi Dan

Please find attached the letter, can you forward this to [xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx), please feel free to amend if you so wish

yvonne

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**From:** Dan Passfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2017 18:45  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Koo Large  
**Subject:** Travellers in Copthorne

Hi Yvonne, this is mine and Koo's email addresses, can you let us know what to send and to whom?!

Many thanks  
Dan

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## Sheila Harris

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 27 September 2017 18:00  
**To:** joy.maccoughlan (joy.maccoughlan@wyg.com)  
**Subject:** DM/17/3519

Dear Mrs MacCoughlan

I've received the following query from a member of the public re the above application.

*"With reference to the above planning application I would like to enquire as to who is paying for the costs associated with it.*

*The land in question is not owned by Mid Sussex District Council so at the very least I would like some assurance that there is a mechanism to ensure that tax payers money is not being used for the benefit of an individual land owner and if MSDC is paying, that they will be able to recoup the costs from the main beneficiary i.e. the land owner."*

I've advised that I would send this on to the agents acting for the applicants and that this was not a planning issue for me to consider.

Can you let me have any response on the above query please.

Regards

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**From:** Steven King  
**Sent:** 21 September 2017 11:33  
**To:** Mike Bird (mike.bird@calyx-environmental.co.uk)  
**Subject:** FW: Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519  
**Attachments:** RE: Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519

Hi Mike

**Proposed change of use of land to residential to form two Sites. Site A - proposed laying out of 12 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community. Erection of a site manager's office and amenity blocks and laying out of internal roads, parking, and associated drainage works and landscaping. Repositioning of vehicular access to Hollow Copse and close off the existing. Site B - proposed laying out of 4 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community; associated access roads, drainage works and landscaping. Modifications to the existing vehicular access to Copthorne Road.**

The attached relates to the above planning application that you have been consulted on.

Regards

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**From:** vivienne.greenough <viv@gwyg.com>  
**Sent:** 21 September 2017 10:38  
**To:** Steven King  
**Cc:** joy.maccoughlan; Thuso Selelo; 'Sophie Mairesse'; harriet.baber  
**Subject:** RE: Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519

Dear Steven

I'm pleased to report that we found no dormouse on today's site visit at Lower Hollow Copse.

As such, dormouse can be assumed to be absent and no special mitigation required.

Many thanks

Viv

**Vivienne Greenough**  
Principal Ecologist

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**From:** Steven King [mailto:Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2017 11:11  
**To:** vivienne.greenough <vivienne.greenough@wyg.com>  
**Cc:** joy.maccoughlan <joy.maccoughlan@wyg.com>; Thuso Selelo <Thuso.Selelo@midsussex.gov.uk>; 'Sophie Mairesse' <Sophie.Mairesse@bridgeway-consulting.co.uk>; harriet.baber <xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx>  
**Subject:** RE: Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519

Dear Ms Greenough

Yes, if you can just send me an e mail when the findings are known I can then let our Ecological Consultant know so he can provide his comments on the application.

Regards



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**From:** vivienne.greenough [<mailto:vivienne.greenough@wyg.com>]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2017 10:14  
**To:** Steven King  
**Cc:** joy.maccoughlan; Thuso Selelo; 'Sophie Mairesse'; harriet.baber  
**Subject:** RE: Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519

Hi Steven

Thanks for your email. Yes, we have carried out the August check (31<sup>st</sup> Aug) and the September check is due to be carried out by my colleague, Sophie Mairesse (CCed in) tomorrow.

We haven't found any evidence of dormouse so far.

I'm about to go on Annual leave tomorrow for two weeks. Sophie - please can you update Steve, Joy and Thuso tomorrow with your findings.

I will be able to issue the final dormouse report by mid Oct (I'm back from AL on 9<sup>th</sup>).

Steven – will an email confirming the findings (in the hope it's a negative) be sufficient for you to progress the application?

Many thanks

Viv

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**From:** Steven King [<mailto:Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2017 10:05  
**To:** vivienne.greenough <[vivienne.greenough@wyg.com](mailto:vivienne.greenough@wyg.com)>  
**Subject:** Land at lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd - ref DM/17/3519

Dear Ms Greenough

**Proposed change of use of land to form gypsy and traveller site**

I'm writing with regards to the above planning application.

The Interim Dormouse Report refers to further two checks being carried out in August and September. Can you advise me if these checks have been carried out and whether the results are available please?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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**From:** joy.maccoughlan <joy.maccoughlan@wyg.com>  
**Sent:** 18 September 2017 15:13  
**To:** Steven King  
**Subject:** RE: Land at Lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd, Copthorne - ref DM/17/3519

Dear Steven

Thank you for your message. I will review with our Client the Applicant and respond to you shortly.

Kind regards

**Joy MacCoughlan**  
Associate Director

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**From:** Steven King [<mailto:Steven.King@midsussex.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 15 September 2017 11:08  
**To:** joy.maccoughlan <[xxx.xxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx)>  
**Subject:** Land at Lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Rd, Copthorne - ref DM/17/3519

Dear Mrs MacCoughlan

I have received the following request from a member of the public re the above planning application.

“Please would you kindly send me the details of the nearest 10 other sites that were investigated by the local authority, and why they were deemed unsuitable, as opposed to this Old Hollow site which you seemed to have judged as suitable enough to launch a planning request.”

I would be grateful if you could respond.

Regards



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**From:** comments  
**Sent:** 27 September 2017 11:24  
**To:** Nic Allen  
**Subject:** RE: Mid-sussex planning dept responses to objections at Old Hollow - prejudiced

Dear Mr Allen

Thank you for your email of 21<sup>st</sup> September, regarding the above.

I can confirm that all representations which address the planning merits of the planning application will be taken into account during the decision making process. Any comments which are considered to be in breach of the Equality Act 2010 will not be considered for the reasons set out in Mr King's e-mail of the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

Karen Speirs (Mrs)  
Customer Services Manager  
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**From:** Nic Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 September 2017 11:58  
**To:** comments; Steven King  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Nic Allen  
**Subject:** Mid-sussex planning dept responses to objections at Old Hollow - prejudiced

Dear Karen,

We should discuss.

Clearly, the process of sending in an objection to the Old Hollow permanent gypsy camp plans seems to be a flippant exercise - on your behalf.

I am aware of at least 5 different individuals who have written in from these flats, and between us we have colluded and sent in different elements within our letters given the feedback for what we can or cannot include as detailed elements from the website and Mr. King's identical responses (another example below and I've removed the recipients details.)

However, the reply would appear to be a copy/paste reply each time. In fact, as such, it is clearly prejudiced against us for being able to represent ourselves and our opinions.

**It appears that you are NOT taking on board our objections,** and instead it seems you are claiming that racist accusations minority discriminations are being made. This is fairly serious.



Just FYI, as a side-topic if you like, completely unrelated to our objections to the application - the Copthorne golf course turf was dug up and completely vandalised during the night of 19th Sept, all caught on CCTV.....by gypsies.

Yours sincerely,  
Nic Allen

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**From:**

**Sent:** 20 September 2017 21:09

**To:** Nic Allen

**Subject:** Exactly the same response as you had... clearly they didn't read it and are looking for key words

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steven King <[xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Date:** 20 September 2017 at CEST

**To:**

**Subject:** DM/17/3519

Dear Mr

**Address:** Land at Lower Hollow Copse, Copthorne Road, Copthorne

**Proposal:** Proposed change of use of land to residential to form two Sites. Site A - proposed laying out of 12 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community. Erection of a site manager's office and amenity blocks and laying out of internal roads, parking, and associated drainage works and landscaping. Repositioning of vehicular access to Hollow Copse and close off the existing. Site B - proposed laying out of 4 permanent pitches for the gypsy and traveller community; associated access roads, drainage works and landscaping. Modifications to the existing vehicular access to Copthorne Road.

I am writing with regards to your representation concerning the above planning application.

Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are covered by the protected characteristic of race for the Equality Act 2010. Local authorities have a duty under the Act to actively seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and promote good race relations.

The Council takes the position that offensive or racist comments made during the public consultation on the above planning application or any other application will not be accepted and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

I note your concerns about this planning application. However your response as currently written cannot be taken into account, as it implies that if the site was granted planning permission as a gypsy and traveller site, that the residents would be criminals.

If you wish to make a representation on this planning application, please do so in an acceptable manner that relates to planning matters only. These might include

- The effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area
- The quality of the design
- Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook
- The economic benefits of the proposal
- Highway safety issues
- Loss of important trees
- Intrusion into the countryside
- Significantly increased noise and disturbance

These do not include

- Loss of view
- Loss of property value
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- Boundary and other disputes between neighbours
- Moral, religious issues



Yours sincerely

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**From:** Alice Henstock  
**Sent:** 05 October 2017 08:27  
**To:** Worth Parish Clerk 1  
**Cc:** Steven King; Lois Partridge  
**Subject:** RE: Worth Housing Allocation

Dear Jennifer,

I am afraid I don't recall speaking to you about any issues relating to the traveller site.

The traveller pitches cannot be counted towards your housing target as it is a different type of need calculation.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Alice Henstock  
Senior Planning Officer  
Planning Policy and Economic Development  
Economic Promotion and Planning  
01444 477394  
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**From:** Worth Parish Council [<mailto:clerk@worthparishcouncil.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 04 October 2017 12:07  
**To:** Alice Henstock  
**Subject:** Worth Housing Allocation

Alice,

Can I just double check please.

We are discussing the proposals for a Gypsy and Traveller site in Copthorne on Monday evening here at Worth PC and I am finalising my report.

You said that if permitted the 14 pitches would come off our housing target of 51. But I have just spoken to Steven King to ask if such sites are liable for s106 contributions. He says no, as the application is for change of use of the land, and caravans/mobile homes are not classed as dwellings

If they are not dwellings, then how can they be included in housing numbers?

Can you just confirm please?

Thanks!

Regards,

Jennifer Nagy  
Clerk to the Council



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