

Andy Watt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2026 20:08
To: Andy Watt
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/3108

Dear Andy

We are writing to object to the proposed development for a 5 pitch site for settled gypsy accommodation including vehicular access, each containing mobile home, utility building and parking spaces.

A previous planning application for a very similar development was denied on appeal (APP/D3830/W/25/33622298). We attended that Appeal meeting on 18 June 2025.

We live in an adjacent lane parallel and near the proposed site for development.

Cuckfield Road runs through a rural area punctuated by detached properties, all with different characteristics but in keeping with the countryside and immediate surroundings. As well as significant green space there are natural water and land features that support local fauna and flora as well as wildlife. The proposed development would distort the existing neighbourhood, change usage from agriculture to residential and change the characteristics of the area.

At the Appeal meeting there were significant concerns over the lack of immediate facilities. Cuckfield Road is occupied by fast moving traffic and has no pavement or street lighting. It is relatively narrow in places with semi blind corners. It is not ideal for pedestrian usage, riding bicycles is not a particularly pleasant experience and can be very dangerous. Use of a car is almost essential for movement to and from the area as public transport is not available within Cuckfield Road.

We are concerned over the impact that such a development might have on the countryside, the potential to increase flooding, the increase in traffic, noise and light pollution.

The site is in the immediate vicinity of a pond supporting sensitive species and habitats. 78 species of birds have been recorded within a five mile radius of Pond Lye Lake (Landscape Britain).

We are not aware of any proven need for this type of accommodation in this area and it is out of character with surrounding properties. Furthermore we do not believe that this location is appropriate for this type of accommodation.

We can see no substantial improvement in the current plans from the previous application.

We therefore object to this proposal.

Regards

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Old Spot Barn

