

From: Katherine Williams
Sent: 13 November 2025 10:13:02 UTC+00:00
To: "Jake Young" <jake.young@lpsgroup.co.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/25/2373 - 6 Highfields, Brighton Road, Warninglid

Hi Jake,

Thank you for your email.

At the time of the pre-application response, I was unaware of the extent of the site safeguarded for Gypsy and Travellers, my apologies for this oversight.

Having now full consideration for the proposal and in light of my Planning Policy colleague's comments it is considered that the proposal does conflict with policy DP33 and would result in the loss of part of a safeguarded site. I note your reference to other permissions on this site, however these properties are conditioned to be occupied by Gypsy and Travellers and therefore maintain the site for its intended use. The 2009 permission for the bunds on the site are noted, however this pre-dates the District Plan and the safeguarding of the site.

As set out within my previous pre-application response, the principle of residential development on this site is considered unacceptable and therefore the application has been refused.

Your client does have a right of appeal should they disagree with the decision, and I advised them of this during my site visit.

I appreciate that this will be disappointing however I hope that this clarifies the planning position.

Kind Regards

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From: Jake Young <jake.young@lpsgroup.co.uk>
Sent: 30 October 2025 11:00
To: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: DM/25/2373 - 6 Highfields, Brighton Road, Warninglid

Hi Katherine,

The applicant has requested that we address the comments raised by Natalie Sharp regarding the comments made regarding part of the site forming part of the Highfields Gypsy and Travellers Site.

The applicant who resides at 6 Highfields was offered the land for sale by the owner of the site, without any restrictions in use.

The land in question has never been used for the purposes of providing a gypsy/traveller pitch. This is evidenced by application 09/01523, which granted the retention and regularisation of a bund which is located on the parcel of land that the applicant purchased and is subject of this application.

The remaining site at highfields has been used for the traveller and gypsy pitches since 2009. The number of pitches that have been located on the site over this period of time has fluctuated. To date, the site comprises single storey dwellinghouses with one recently granted approval under application 25/1514. Each of these residential dwellings has an occupation condition limiting the habitation by gypsies and travellers only.

Given the presence of the bund on the application site and the fact that no traveller/gypsy pitch has ever been lawfully located on the site, it is not believed that policy DP33 is applicable.

I also note that this policy was not raised in the pre application response, which leads me to assume that you have also established that the two sites are not connected.

Kindest Regards

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On Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 12:20 PM Jake Young <jake.young@lpsgroup.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Katherine,

Thanks for your email.

You can gain access to the land at the rear of 6 Highfields via the existing driveway.

I will contact the client to see if they can leave their side gate unlocked in case you want to see the garden area which also forms part of the site.

Kindest Regards

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On Fri, Oct 17, 2025 at 4:08 PM Katherine Williams
<Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Young,

I am writing with regards to the above application.

I would like to conduct a site visit to the site and I will be in the area next week on Wednesday 22nd October between 12pm and 1pm and I will require access to the site, however I do not need to be accompanied.

Please let me know if this would be convenient for yourself.

Kind Regards

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