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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: CM/6/26/PL
Site Address: Caravan Storage Land Church Farm Barn Horsemere Green Lane Climping BN17 5QX
Description of works: Change of use of land for Class B8 (storage) for caravans as an extension to an existing storage site in conjunction with a revision to the site layout approved CM/14/22/PL. This application may affect the setting of listed buildings and a Public Right of Way and is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 25th May 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC83673

I am moved to comment on this application because of a number of concerns, and in the context that this application is causing widespread consternation amongst the community.

The transformation of green space to caravan parking following the previous application was already unwelcome. I gather the site is already being used beyond the capacity originally applied for, and this also concerns me because it smacks of a disregard for the finely balanced pros and cons that led to the initial conditional approval. Any concerns voiced then will be amplified by an intensification of use. My concerns are as follows:

A loss of green space in the context of several listed buildings which form the heart of a RURAL village. A reduction in the ability of the land to absorb run-off at a time where issues over flooding and the over-intensive use of land is a creeping and serious concern for all. An increase in large vehicle movements onto Church Lane/Ford road is also a concern. Not only is there the noise and disruption to nearby houses, there is also the danger on an increasingly busy road, with heavy industrial traffic and a substantial increase in domestic traffic with large scale housebuilding nearby. There was a fatality in a road accident at precisely this spot just days ago. Finally, it is very concerning that the applicant appears to have taken substantial liberties with the previous application, including the (I think illegal?) re-routing of a public footpath which is heavily relied upon locally. I hope the Council will reject this application.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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