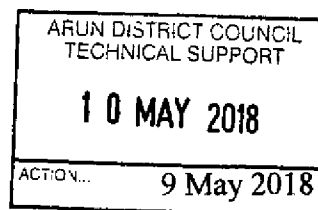


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Points for consideration on the above and points made by a camper with vehicle, camper with bicycle, and camper with backpack on all levels of sites and non-approved sites.

1. 60 pitches of tents in our small village is a big number. It means approx. 180 people additional to the village residency, some 22.5% increase albeit on a non-permanent basis.
2. The land is agricultural land and could be contaminated in various ways by campers. Is it feasible to return to agricultural use during November to March? Not possible to plough the field rendering it bumpy for next season's campers. I doubt the viability of dual use of agricultural land.
3. A building is to be renovated with blue/black fibre slates. Out of keeping with other properties of age in the area. They are ugly, easily viewed as not pure slate. A cheap option with the wrong visual impact.
4. Lighting stated as none. I understand this is to be 'Wild Camping' but up to 180 people including children moving around in darkness only to use torches or car headlights and therefore blinding others. This is not a practical or safe option. Vehicles are to be parked next to tents as I understand it.
5. There may be sewage disposal in place to empty the chemical toilets, but I don't think there is provision for campers to empty their own chemical toilets. Trailer tent campers often bring their personal toilet tent with chemical loo.
6. Open camp fires are permitted on Wild Camp sites. With 60 tents, 180 people and various vehicles parked alongside, I don't think so. Very unsafe practice.
7. Noise levels from all manner of music machines. What controls are envisaged? None mentioned.
8. Noise levels from vehicles particularly at night and particularly motor cycles. What controls?
9. Site layout would not be upheld on an unmanaged site. Wild Camping effectively means placing your tent in a convenient and attractive spot, not in regimental rows. Campers like being near a hedge or tree line.
10. Toilets and showers are very limited. 2 showers for 180 people, only 2 flushing loos. A unwelcome camping experience which promises to provide squabbles between campers and unhealthy toilets. Hardly any need to go into fine detail of toilet usage.
11. Technically, Wild Camping means no toilets. Campers must carry a folding spade and bury their detritus.
12. Curfew - there appears to be no plans for this on site particularly relating to the movement of vehicles. Movement of vehicles around tents and guy ropes has to be safeguarded. There are just 18 off site parking spaces for 60 units.
13. Access from the site onto the A259 which is busy road, right turns are difficult and to be avoided. Three or more 'businesses' using the same entrance exit.
14. Proximity to a Care Home with related issues of noise, car lights, general disturbance to 'delicate' people.

15. Proximity to existing property on Clymping Street where many of above issues are involved.
16. What controls are to be put in place for abuse of the code of combination lock.
17. The Application is silent on Site Management. With substantial numbers of people on site, easy access by unwanted visitors, toilets etc which will need more than daily checking, and management. How is the suitability of campers checked , i.e. single sex groups which are not encouraged/permitted in many tourism venues.
18. In conclusion, the site appears suitable for a small number of tents, maybe 10-12. Having been a regular camper, I would find this site plain and boring, very unattractive and noisy from A259 vehicles. The north field, in particular, seems most unsuitable.

Please take these comments into account when reviewing this Application.

Regards

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