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Application No. S/2011/1014/FUL

Proposal Removal of conditions 1 & 2 to planning permission S/2009/0657/P to make permission permanent and replace with condition restricting occupation to gypsies. Also variation to condition 3 to allow no.6 caravans of which no more than no.3 shall be static caravans/mobile homes

Location Mini Farm Blakesley Road Abthorpe

The Parish Council has considered the above application and has the response detailed below for your consideration.

Please tick one of the boxes and give your reasons below.

We **support** the application for the following reasons;

We **object** to the application for the following reasons;

(See attached letter)

We have **no objections** to the application, but we do have the following comments;

Signed *Bob Carter*

Clerk to Abthorpe Parish Council

Date 7th September 2011

Abthorpe Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Bob Carter, 10 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 8QU

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7th September 2011

Dear Sir,

Objections to Planning Application No. S/2011/1014/FUL
Location: Mini Farm, Blackesley Road, Abthorpe

Abthorpe Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application. It took into account the views expressed by villagers which were overwhelmingly against the application.

The reasons for this view are:

1. The objections made to the original application, (S/2009/0657/P) still stand. This is a residential development on a site outside the village confines with no agricultural purpose and contravenes various planning policies as listed in the original objection.
2. The application is premature. The present permission still has almost two years to run. This should give SNC sufficient time to set up a permanent site.
3. SNC indicated, in giving temporary permission last year, that this site was not suitable as a permanent one for Gypsies and Travellers. The Parish Council believes that this is correct and that this site does not meet the guidelines for such sites.
4. This application removes the named restriction on the current permission, potentially allowing any other Gypsies/Travellers to occupy it and increasing the number of people on the site.
5. The increase in the number of caravans requested will allow more occupants on the site.
6. The application makes reference to a successful appeal against an application at Cannock which was initially refused. There are significant differences between that case and the present one particularly that the Cannock site was not in open countryside and had previously been used for container storage. Mini Farm is in open countryside.
7. Granting this application would set a dangerous precedent for similar small fields which could be purchased and occupied in this way.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Carter
Clerk to Abthorpe Parish Council