

F/22/93907 Church Farm, Hound Road, Netley Abbey.

Extension of existing Gypsy and traveller site to provide an additional caravan pitch with day room

Planning Policy Comments 10/3/23

Previous comments

In July 2021 Planning Policy submitted an objection to application F/20/87928 for the change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a static caravan with a day room and stables at Church Farm. This was due to the unacceptable impact on the character or appearance of the countryside and the criteria in adopted policy 87.H and emerging policy DM33.

Updated comments

Since the previous Planning Policy comments, the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 has been adopted. It was adopted in April 2022 and now forms the planning policy framework for the borough until 2036.

The relevant adopted policy is DM31 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Only minor changes were made to update the emerging policy DM33 and there were no changes in its approach.

The Planning Policy comments on the previous application stated that the proposed development met the criteria for the proximity of services and facilities; and access and parking. The objection was raised due to the proposed extension of the existing site into agricultural land to the south.

While the whole of the Church Farm site is in the countryside and remains within a settlement gap, this application proposes to site the caravan pitch and day room within the boundary of the existing site. This change has addressed the reason for the previous objection and therefore Planning Policy does not object to this proposal.