APPLICATION NO: 25/00446/CONDIT		OFFICER: Ms Michelle Payne
DATE REGISTERED: 19th March 2025		DATE OF EXPIRY: 14th May 2025
WARD: Battledown		PARISH: CHARLK
APPLICANT:	Mrs J Cox	
LOCATION:	Castle Dream Stud Mill Lane Charlton Kings	
PROPOSAL:	Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans) and 3 (occupancy) of planning permission ref. 22/01935/FUL to allow for additional occupancy; condition 3 to be amended to read 'No more than 2 pitches comprising 4 mobile homes and 2 touring caravans shall be occupied on the site, and no more than 2 touring caravans for travelling shall be stored on the site, at any time'.	

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	25
Number of objections	25
Number of representations	0
Number of supporting	0

Glenfall Lodge Mill Lane Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4EP

Comments: 14th April 2025

We strongly object to this application. It is a expanding eyesore development not in keeping with this AONB designated area. This site, to our understanding, was to accommodate a single Traveller family. It appears this is now evolving into a permanent Travellers camp. We have justifiable concern as to the continually expanding development at the location, all with retrospectively granted planning permission.

There are potentially further issues with the site's ability to handle the sewage waste generated, accompanied with the increased traffic in a narrow lane. This lane is often obstructed with vehicles parked at a recently erected gate separate to the main entrance. This also without planning permission. Mill lane is narrow with no lighting, thereby causing an additional hazard and difficulty to passing motorists.

There are also implications of devaluation to neighbouring properties and increasing noise and light pollution impacting on the surrounding wildlife.

Based on the history of regular retrospective planning applications and approvals at Castle Dream, we feel extremely concerned for the lasting damage to this AONB.

298 London Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6YF

Comments: 14th April 2025

Attn: Ms Michelle Payne

Objections to the above:

Site was originally temporary without planning permission in an area of AONB.

The current entrance is not in keeping with AONB.

There are more mobile/touring homes on site than plan shows.

Ongoing raw sewage problems, Septic tank continues to leak on to Mill Lane, across the road into field of Public footpath.

Trees and hedgerow are being cut down from Mill Lane entrance to allow for these large homes to access the site.

A new gate entrance has been put in place? This is increasing traffic problem with parking on the road.

Other trees and shrubs on boundary areas are being cut down to allow light to homes or is it for other reasons?

Currently refuse bins are outside the gates, overflowing with household rubbish tipping on to grass verges.

Rat boxes left outside site, are these maintained?

There are no horses or stables on this site.

The road and access is unsuitable for touring caravans.

Thank you

Regards

Hillview House Hambrook Street Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6LW

Comments: 7th April 2025

I object to the proposal for more caravans and mobile homes to be put on this site. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and should not be developed into a campsite, this will destroy the character of the area. I also object to the raw sewage that already runs from this site over Mill Lane and into the water ways. More mobile homes and caravans would mean more waste pouring across the road when it rains. The current owner just allows their waste to drain from a pipe into the drain in the road and it is a health hazard. When passing the property there have been vehicles exiting the gates and speed in a very aggressive manor along this quiet country lane. More development would mean

more traffic in an area that is not suitable for extra traffic. The traffic and infrastructure is not adequate for this many dwellings.

I am also very concerned about the impact on the environment. The current owners have failed to deal properly with sewage from current mobile homes and there is not the infrastructure for more. The site is also small and the entrance on the winding country lane and not suitable for this much traffic and number of dwellings.

This area is also prone to flooding and more buildings would make the problem worse added to that the sewage mixed with the flood water and it becomes an environmental and health hazard.

15 Briarbank Rise Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6XR

Comments: 10th April 2025

I wish to oppose the plans for more mobile homes and caravans to be located on this site for the following reasons:

- the site is in the Cotswold AONB, an area which should attract the highest level of environmental protection. The current Government's build, build, build agenda does not extend to AONBs;
- the site has already been allowed to grow from one stable block, to accommodation to allow the supervision of the 'Stud's' alleged animal residents, to a caravan site. Where will it end?
- greater occupancy of the site would increase the outflow of sewage across Mill Lane and onto the neighbouring land. Is this not a health hazard?
- the Lane is not really built for yet more vehicle movements.

Past objections to the growth of this site have fallen on deaf ears, increasing local disillusionment with the current planning rules and processes and causing people to disengage from them. That's a slippery slope for local democracy.

4 Carisbrooke Drive Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6YA

Comments: 15th April 2025

As at the time of the previous application regarding this site, I again object strongly to this retrospective request for planning permission, for the following reasons:

- 1. This development should not be taking place within an AONB.
- 2. Mobile homes and touring caravans are types of dwellings that are completely incompatible with the character of this area.
- 3. If granted, it would open the floodgates to other, similar, applications.
- 4. Sewage disposal onto Mill Lane is and would continue to be a problem.

5. More traffic would be generated in Mill Lane, which is narrow and already struggles with the volume of traffic using it.

Although mindful of the fact that comments should be confined to planning matters, I do want to mention that this applicant has not been entirely straight and honest in the past about the proposed use of the land, and there has been a concealment of their true intentions.

4 Carisbrooke Drive Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6YA

Comments: 15th April 2025

I strongly object to this application. The site is within the Cotswold AONB, and as such should be protected from unnecessary or inappropriate building additions.

Mill Lane is a narrow country lane, already over used traffic wise and in a fragile state

following severe subsidence and frequent flooding. It is a popular walking route, and already the presence of large vehicles along tight bends poses a threat to pedestrians. The approach roads (Glenfall Way and Ham Road) are narrow and winding, and regularly jammed with school traffic.

The current outflow of sewage across the road should be seen as a red flag, as there is clearly an insufficiency of mains sewage drainage. Adding more caravans and mobile homes to this site is hardly going to improve things.

It is the AONB status which should prevail here. The importance of these diminishing areas cannot be over stated.

Wadleys Farm Ham Lane Charlton Kings GL52 6NJ

Comments: 17th April 2025

Letter attached.

Wadleys Farm Ham Lane Charlton Kings Cheltenham GL52 6NJ

Comments: 17th April 2025

Letter attached.

Glenfall House Mill Lane Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4EP

Comments: 15th April 2025

In March 2024 we commented on Planning Application Ref 22/01935/FUL by stating: "We write to object once again to the retrospective planning application at Castle Dream Stud. The reasons why this should not be granted are numerous and founded in planning law."

We appear to be experiencing some sort of Groundhog Day with regard to Castle Dream Stud and its approach to developing the site and obtaining planning permission. Whilst we would like to think there is some validity in writing to object, it seems a pointless exercise as it appears to have so far been ignored wholeheartedly. Regardless, these are our reasons for objecting:

- 1. Environmental issues due to a drainage problem resulting from the occupation of the site which floods the lane with foul smelling waste water.
- 2. Access issues due to the occupants cutting an access gate into the high fence on Mill Lane and parking on the lane by said gate. Additional permanent dwellings here will further exacerbate highways issues in what is a distinctly rural setting.
- 3. The site being extremely detrimental to its AONB setting. The retrospective application demonstrates that the applicant has no regard for planning authority and 'does first, asks for permission later'. There really seems to be no point in having a designated AONB or any form of planning process at all if this application is approved, what is there to stop the same process (build first, ask permission afterwards) happening time and again? Should we all adopt this strategy and have a flagrant disregard for any planning rules and the AONB? In Dec 2022 we also wrote to express our concerns and objected stating we 'understand the need for the family to have a site and we do not object to this being on Mill Lane in principle. However, we would very strongly request that the permission, should it be granted, is very tightly controlled using appropriate conditions and that these take into account the points raised above.' This has not happened and we have no confidence in any further development of this site being enforced if CBC do not object to this application. We were specifically told by CBC enforcement officers in 2022 that by granting a permission at this site it would allow for greater control and enforcement of future detrimental development by the council. Now is the time for the council to say enough is enough at this location. It is time to put the AONB first.

Regardless of whether there is a need for a particular type of dwelling, the planning department and council need to make sure it is in an appropriate setting. In this case it most definitely is not the appropriate setting for additional housing. Further dwellings will cause additional erosion to the integrity of the rural setting and AONB and will be detrimental to the Cotswold natural landscape, dark skies and cause highways issues.

The AONB will be further adversely affected by this change and permission should not be granted.

Ham Stud Ham Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6ND

Comments: 15th April 2025

I object to this application for the following reasons

- 1. Sewage and polluted water are permanently running across the road.
- 2. Traffic on Mill Lane and Ham Road has already increased due to ongoing work on the collapsed bridge on the A40 and will be further increased by the development at the junction of Greenway Lane and Harp Hill and the proposed developments at Glenfall House and on Harp Hill.
- 3. The extra traffic is already making Mill Lane dangerous for pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse riders (of which there are many in the area)

I feel that to double the number of mobile homes on the site would add to the problems of sewage and traffic on Mill Lane.

The Willows Ham Square Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6NF

Comments: 15th April 2025

We strongly object to this application.

Mill Lane is a narrow lane used by walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders and this application would lead to an increase in traffic on this already busy lane.

Sewage already flows out of this site across the road and is a health hazard, more mobile homes will only add to this problem.

This site is in the Cotswold National Landscape (AONB) which is designated to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area, mobile homes are not in keeping with this.

Court Lodge Ham Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6ND

Comments: 16th April 2025

Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) have not adequately executed their responsibility as a planning authority. CBC have not addressed previous objections to planning applications as evidenced by the same objections being raised in this planning process. I understand that this planning process is not a review of CBC's performance. However, I want to state on record that CBC's execution of its planning process is not fit for purpose. The process last time round has not resulted in the issues raised in neighbours' objections being adequately addressed - or addressed at all for that matter. The continuing issues that were highlighted in the previous planning application and on which I base this objection are:

- 1. The environment. Inadequate provisions are in place or planned to deal with waste water. This continues to lead to the uncontrolled flow of effluent from the site;
- 2. Traffic flow. Mill Lane is a narrow country road with a mix of pedestrian, cycle, horse and powered traffic. The current lack of traffic management arrangements the national speed limit applies with no traffic-calming is inadequate to protect the safety and enjoyment of the more vulnerable categories of road user. Adding more vehicles, and particularly commercial vehicles, will only worsen the experience for all road users.
- 3. AONB. There is an assumption in the minds of local people if not in law, that CBC will act in a planned and effective way to protect and enhance the natural environment. This assumption is surely strongest with regards to our AONB and yet the lack of due process and the willingness to repeatedly entertain retrospective requests for planning consent indicate a rather weak commitment to our AONB. The poet laureate, Simon Armitage, provides a vision for our AONBs in the poem Fugitives (https://www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk/our-work/national-landscapes-family/fugitives-by-simon-armitage). It's a vision that I would like to see underpin the decision on this planning application.

3 Natton Cottages Ham Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6NJ

Comments: 16th April 2025

Dear Ms Payne,

Re- Application No: - 25/00446/CONDIT - Variation to Planning Permission 22/01935/FUL

I confirm objection to the above application as the Planning Permission referred to - 22/01935/FUL was an extension, which was only to 26th April 2024 - see Planning Officers notes on this application.

The original Planning Application to develop the site back to when it was just a stable and fields, was refused, together with a requirement to demolish a stable block put up WITHOUT planning permission.

There is a consistent failure of both planners and CBC to enforce this original decision to protect the Area of Outstanding Beauty from development. Indeed all notable dates relating to this site have passed by without action and this failure has led to a precedence of creating a two-tier Planning Permission system, which is democratically unacceptable to the people who do follow the system and mostly accept planner decisions.

No doubt, the additional caravans etc. are already on site and once again, this is/ will be a fait accompli retrospective application.

The fact that the existing arrangements for sewerage containment has failed to cope with current site residents with sewerage running over Mill Lane through which vehicles and walkers have had to pass, certainly will not stand up to any additional use.

It is noted an additional side gate has been put in and on a number of occasions; a vehicle has been parked outside causing a blockage on a 60mph road.

The test for this site has to be - if it were as originally - just fields - and a planning application was submitted to develop it for housing, given all the protections that are supposed to be on the AONB - would this be permitted?

The second test has to be - if this site were just developed by a builder and built on with any building type without permission - would this be permitted?

If the answer to both the above is NO - which it should be - then this application must be rejected and steps taken to enforce the very original application which was rejected at that time.

I also note that Cotswolds National Landscape have commented and no doubt, all their guidance etc. will be taken into consideration, and ignored as usual!

The strength of feeling about this site is more about the way valid residents comments have been ignored especially with the basic objection being to the way this and other applications and decisions have been made effectively outside the normal Planning Rules related to the AONB on what should still be fields.

What strong safeguards are going to be put in place this time to stop yet further development and further retrospective applications for this site?

Or is the right thing going to be done at last this time and this application both turned down and enforcement action taken.

More than sufficient time has elapsed that a proper site should have been found by now, to provide a proper infra- structure for travelling caravans - as this certainly is not and never has been it.

12 Hambrook Street Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6LW

Comments: 10th April 2025

Dear Sirs

My attention has recently been drawn to this application and I strongly object to the proposal for the following reasons:-

- 1. The land is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and inappropriate for the proposed use.
- 2. The current use as Stables causes sewerage to flow across the road which is hazardous.
- 3. The access is from a narrow country lane unsuitable for such heavy traffic which will only increase.
- 4. This area is already prone to flooding and the existing drainage is unsuitable for the present use let alone for further additional dwellings.
- 5. Mill Lane is already used by commuters avoiding traffic jams on other routes so further traffic would exacerbate the problem even more.
- 6. The lane is used by many pedestrians who already have difficulty avoiding traffic due to the lack of width.

Overall I consider the proposal to be totally inappropriate and out of keeping within the area.

87 Ryeworth Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6LS

Comments: 9th April 2025

This is the AONB. The plans are completely against all things that the AONB stands for.

Overley Villa 26B Bafford Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 8DL

Comments: 8th April 2025

I object to the proposal for more mobile homes on this site on the basis that the current people living here do not deal with the waste sewage from the properties already there. Raw sewage runs across the road and there is constant dripping waste from a pipe off the property into an open drain in Mill Lane. This is a health hazard. I have reported it to our local councillor on a number of occasions but to date nothing has been improved. The site is an Area of Outstanding natural beauty and I can't see that this proposal is right for the area. The Sewage issue really needs to be dealt with.

107 Ryeworth Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6LS

Comments: 9th April 2025

The effluent / raw sewage already seeping down from the "stud" farm is appalling and will only get worse if permission is granted for more accommodation. Mill Lane is well used by walkers and cyclists. We should not have to navigate our way through human waste / stinking water. Even driving past, you have to close your car windows as the splash can cover the car, particularly on a rainy day. It truly is a blot on the landscape already and I urge you to refuse the application. It stinks.

Overley Villa 26B Bafford Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 8DL

Comments: 8th April 2025

I strongly object to the proposal. The travellers cause raw sewage to run over the road. They also cause a nuisance. When they don't pay council tax why are we funding them?

240A London Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6HS

Comments: 13th April 2025

I object to the proposal as this is an AONB. This has gone from one family living on the site to the possibility of six families. This will massively increase the volume of vehicles using this already busy narrow lane.

Furthermore there has been an issue of smelly very unpleasant effluent running across Mill Lane, a health hazard to all that use the lane.

18 Ham Close Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6NP

Comments: 15th April 2025

I strongly object to the application on the grounds that:-

- 1. there are frequent issues with sewage waste seeping from Castle Dream Stud, across Mill Lane and into adjacent fields which is particularly unpleasant and odious during the drier months and which would only get worse with higher occupancy of the site.
- 2. Mill Lane is a narrow and windy country lane which is used by cyclist, walkers and horse riders. The proposal lends to increasing traffic and obstruction to the road, making it more hazardous for those of us who wish to enjoy our countryside

37 Beeches Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 8NL

Comments: 14th April 2025

I am objecting to this planning proposal on the following grounds:

Inadequate provision for the disposal of human waste

There is already raw sewage on Mill Lane, apparently flowing from this site. This poses a health hazard to individuals (possibly including those who live on the site) and wildlife. The addition of further units on this site without adequate provision for the hygienic disposal of waste must be opposed, no matter how few traveller pitches there are in the Borough.

132 Ryeworth Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6LY

Comments: 9th April 2025

This will further degrade an ANOB and put more traffic on an unsuitable road.

1 Hartlebury Way Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6YB

Comments: 13th April 2025

I am very concerned at the retrospective planning after four large mobile homes have been installed at Castle dream stud.

We have very few areas of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in the U.K. And the Mill lane statuses should be protected for following reasons.

The impact of the mobile homes, includes habitat loss and fragmentation, visual disturbance, increased traffic. The potential for pollution from waste and runoff and the sewage run off has already become an issue and major health hazard for 2 years now with no attempt to rectify the situation by the land owners.

Planning regulations in AONBs are designed to minimize these effects, and so far planning has failed the ANOB status.

The negative environmental impacts caused by the current Mobile homes are as follows. Habitat Loss and Fragmentation:

Constructing mobile home sites, even if compact, can lead to the loss of natural habitat of existing ecosystems, impacting wildlife.

Visual Impact:

Mobile homes, especially if not carefully designed and sited, can detract from the natural beauty and visual integrity of the AONB landscape. The landowners have attempted to remedy this by removing an important "wildlife full" original hedges and erecting a fence with dangerous pedestrian gate.

Increased Traffic:

The presence of mobile homes has lead to increased traffic, which can cause noise pollution, air pollution, and have damaged to fragile habitats along roads. The drainage ditch has now collapsed several times and had to be dug out in the adjacent farmland to relieve the lane from flooding. It's deep and open on the opposite roadside, hedges have been destroyed while attempting to install further mobile homes.

Pollution:

Mobile homes can contribute to pollution through waste disposal (including greywater and sewage), potential chemical releases from building materials, and the runoff of fertilisers and pesticides if the area is used for gardening or agriculture. Sewage has already been an issue as previously mentioned.

Water Quality:

The discharge of wastewater from mobile homes can impact water quality, potentially harming aquatic life and impacting the natural beauty of lakes, rivers, and streams, we have several water courses that can now be potentially contaminated very near by.

Planning authorities responsible for this AONB have failed to monitor the impact of the already situated mobile homes and their associated environmental impact with no planning consent including the removal of an ancient hedgerow replacing it with a closed board fence with an entrance gate that dangerously opens onto a lane directly onto traffic with no walkway.

Glenfall Cottage Ham Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 6NJ

Comments: 17th April 2025

As a relatively new member of this community, I am disappointed to see the lack of regard for other neighbours historical comments linked to the same address. Reading historical objections it appears that there is a complete lack of respect for planning laws particularly linked to AONB law / policy. Things appear to be done with no regard to law and are then approved in retrospect. Planning laws are in place for a reason - to control unwanted development, particularly in areas that need the most protection linked to the wildlife, flora and fauna that inhabit that area.

I object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1. There is Sewage and dirty water running across the ¿Mill Lane constantly from Castle Dream Stud causing a hygiene and pollution issue. If the owner cannot maintain what is on the site already then no more development should be permitted.
- 2. Since moving in last August, the level of traffic on Mill Lane and Ham Road has really increased (and this will worsen as the development at the junction of ¿Greenway Lane and Harp Hill takes shape as well as further permitted building on Harp Hill). The lane is very very narrow there are already bad bottle necks on a regular basis. Adding further dwellings will only increase the traffic. The condition of the lane is already compromised due to too much traffic. The increased traffic has caused higher risk to ¿pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse riders (of which there are ¿many in the area)¿¿. It is only a matter of time until there is a nasty accident on the lane.
- 3. The site being extremely detrimental to its AONB setting. Castle Dream Stud is in no way in keeping with local properties. From what I can read this was initially supposed to be a temporary permission for the person applying. Adding more to this seems in complete contradiction to AONB and general planning law. The retrospective application demonstrates that the applicant has no regard for planning authority and seeks forgiveness rather than permission. I agree with other comments which make the point that there really seems to be no point in having a designated AONB or any form of planning process at all if this application is approved, what is there to stop the same process (build first, ask permission afterwards) happening time and again? Should we all adopt this strategy and have a blatant disregard for any planning rules and the AONB?

The Wedge
Ham Court Ham Road
Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 6ND

Comments: 14th April 2025

I am commenting to object to this proposal for several reasons.

Firstly, there is no existing sewage/water regulations in the existing static caravans and the sewage pours across Mill Lane into the opposite field which is used constantly for walkers and dog owners.

Secondly, the traffic on Mill Lane has become insupportable - it is used as a rat run to Grenfell Primary school with parents (and delivery drivers) speeding down this tiny and twisty lane causing havoc. There has already been incidences of dogs paws run over, kids in pushchairs and cyclists abused by drivers. the speed limit is 60 which is ludicrous. 20 mph should be mandatory. So more building at Castle Stud would increase traffic already at breaking point. And "Stud" indicates horses and there are none on this property. I understand the residents also pay no tax. How is this??

Lastly, there are suspicions of puppy farming on this property. At 6am one morning, I saw a man come out of a side gate carrying a landry basket full of puppies which he put in his parked car blocking Mill Lane. He then shoved the mother in the car and took off - I had to stop behind his car so saw clearly what went on. Other people have seen dogs come and go and there used to be a peacock kept as a pet there that has also disappeared. Please look into this.

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Wadleys Farm, Ham have, Charlton Kings. GL52 GNJ 14 April: 25.

Dear Madani,

I am totally opposed to the charge of conditions imposed on Castle Dream Stud, Mill Lane, Charlton Kings.

In my view the original ste should be sacrosanct with no further intrusion into the hillside above the site which is within the Former AONB - Natural Landscape.

The proposed change of condition would penetrate the hillside by approx. Is netres and would be visible from several well-tradden public rights of way. It would in no way enhance the beauty of this area. Indeed the mobile home sited alongside Mill Lane is very visible and certainly not enhancing the area/environment.

Any further hardstanding would not improve the drainage in this area, with mater

often draining into the road already from the site, as it is today.

There appears to be only one septic tank shown on the submitted diagram. Not surprising that already grey and smelly water drains into Mile Lane. A further mobile home for increased occupancy of the site, plus all the towing caravars (are these needed?) should not be allowed, in my view, for health reasons as there seems to be no further severage disposal arrangements. The present ones don't seem to be adequate for the occupants already there.

Overall the centargement of this site should be totally out of the question and in no way is acceptable in the Cotswolds where the enhancement of the area should be paramount.

Prease reject this application and say, "Enough is enough atready the site is over developed as it is today.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion & air my views,

yours faithfully.