Dear Planning Department

I am writing to formally object to planning application **26/01646/FUL**, relating to land on the south side of Middle Drove, Ramsey Heights, for the proposed change of use to accommodate four static residential caravans, two touring caravans, associated parking and a day room.

I am a local resident and have serious concerns about this further proposed development, particularly when considered alongside the existing caravan and residential sites already established along Harpers Drove and Middle Drove.

The cumulative impact on the area

My concern is not simply about this one application in isolation. There has already been substantial development and expansion across the Droves, with multiple caravans, lodges and associated residential areas.

Residents are increasingly concerned that the cumulative effect of these developments is changing the character of the area and placing additional pressure on a rural location that was not designed to accommodate this level of development.

I am particularly concerned that planning applications are being considered individually without sufficient consideration being given to the overall number and concentration of sites already in existence.

I ask the council to consider the combined impact of this proposal alongside all existing and proposed sites in the immediate area.

Changes to existing sites

Residents have also observed further fencing being installed on the larger existing site, dividing areas around individual caravans and lodges and creating separate private garden areas on harpers drove , no action has been taken regarding this site .

These changes appear to be creating increasingly defined individual residential plots. I would like confirmation that the council is aware of these changes and has considered whether they require planning permission or further investigation.

Road safety and infrastructure

The Droves are rural roads, including sections of unadopted road maintained by residents. We have ongoing concerns about the additional traffic generated by the existing sites and the potential for further development to increase this pressure.

I ask the council to consider:

- The suitability and capacity of the road network for additional residential and visitor traffic.
- Access for emergency vehicles and other essential services.
- Drainage, sewage arrangements and flood risk.
- The impact on the rural character and amenity of the surrounding area.
- Whether the necessary infrastructure can adequately support further development.

Previous concerns and enforcement

Residents have raised concerns with Huntingdonshire District Council over a considerable period. We have previously been advised that enforcement action has been taken in relation to certain sites, including Stop Notices and Enforcement Notices.

There has also been a separate site where a mobile home was removed following enforcement action, although fencing and large gates remain in place.

Given this history, I would like the council to explain how the planning history and enforcement position across the Droves will be taken into account when assessing this latest application.

Impact on facilities and residents in and around the Ramsey heights area

- The availability of School places are being affected in the Ramsey heights area as the influx of new residents into area are filling any available slots leaving existing residents to travel to other areas to school their children this is not acceptable.

- .The availability of Doctors appointments are being affected in the Ramsey area since the influx of the traveller community.

- Constant noise from digging equipment into the late evenings ,

- The constant burning of household rubbish 24/7 unable to have our windows open at night due to the volume of smoke in the area.

- Horses being left to roam the droves and main roads , has been reported on several occasions

- Caged dogs barking continuously all night and during the daytime has been reported to the council nothing done ..

- The middle drove and harpers drove have damaged to the extent they are now dangerous to drive down or walk due to the volume of heavy articulated lorries carrying crushed concrete for the plots .

- **What I am asking the council to do**

I respectfully request that:

1. This application is assessed in the context of the cumulative impact of all existing and proposed sites along Harpers Drove and Middle Drove.
2. The council considers whether the existing concentration of caravan and residential sites is already having an unacceptable impact on the area.
3. The impact on road safety, access, drainage, flood risk and local infrastructure is fully assessed.
4. The further fencing and division of individual areas on the larger existing site is investigated where appropriate.
5. The planning history and any outstanding enforcement matters are taken into account.
6. All relevant concerns raised by local residents are properly considered before a decision is made.

I appreciate that the council has a responsibility to consider planning applications fairly and in accordance with planning policy. However, residents also have a right to expect that the cumulative impact of repeated development in their immediate area is properly recognised and assessed.

Our concerns are about planning, development, infrastructure, road safety and the long-term impact on the local community. They are not about the identity or background of the people living on these sites.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this objection and confirm that it will be formally recorded against application 26/01646/FUL and brought to the attention of the planning officer dealing with it.

I would also appreciate a response explaining how the council intends to assess the wider cumulative impact of development along the Droves.

We are sending our objections in via Ramsey Town council as we are concerned for our safety

Kind regards,

Concerned Residents

Harpers Drove / Middle Drove
Ramsey Heights, Huntingdon