About the application

Application number: 2019/90988	
What is the application for?:	Use of land for provision of camping facilities, formation of camper van sites,
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, lock 38, Marsden Lane, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6AF
Postcode:	HD7 6BN

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
I refer you to my previous comments on this application made on 22/4/19 and 3/12 /20. Whilst I welcome the amendment to the campsite management plan through the provision of a site warden to reduce the impact of noise, nuisance and any anti-social behaviour on local residents, it is not clear whether the site will be unsupervised when closed to visitors, unless it is to remain fully open throughout the year. If the site is unsupervised at any time, then the outstanding concerns about security, vandalism and anti-social behaviour shared by the police remain. This requires clarification. The most recent proposal includes the statement that 23 of 28 (unidentified) West Yorkshire campsites surveyed are within the green belt, with no supporting details of individual circumstances. From online information I have looked at about 43 Yorkshire/ Peak District campsites, the vast majority (35) are established caravan sites/ holiday parks or farm premises well away from residential areas. Of the remaining 8 campsites, 7 are explicitly stated as quiet rural settings without nearby housing. There appears to be no comparable site to the current proposal, in which the camping pods will be some 50 metres or less from neighbouring houses in Marsden Lane. The relatively small scale and seasonal nature of the proposed campsite business will presumably have a limited impact on the local economy, against which must be considered the acknowledged harm to wildlife and the natural environment it will cause, as well as the significant concerns of neighbouring householders. It is regrettable that so little information about these plans has been shared with local residents to date. Indeed, we have been briefly informed by letter that there have been discussions between the developers and unnamed "local groups" about the community garden plan. It is unfortunate that the community living next door have not yet been involved at any time in consultations about this or any other aspect of the campsite proposal. Many significant concerns remain to be addressed and this planning application should therefore be refused.