

Temporary Campsite - DC/26/0780/P4BC

Walberswick Parish Council object to the application for Prior Approval DC/26/0780/P4BC on the following basis:

Lack of Essential Information from which to make a decision

As well as the below detailed lack of information, the application fails to detail the period of time that the campsite will be open with dates on the site plan being 10th July 2025 and 7th September 2025.

Access and Public Rights of Way

Most access to this remote village is by car along a public highway – the only vehicular connection to which is via a restricted byway on an unmade track which is a heavily (particularly in the presumably proposed months) used footpath to the beach. As a restricted byway cars should not be allowed anyway however the Council believe access is granted for the caravan site that already operates during the same time period as the proposed campsite. The 30 pitches will therefore mean at least 30 extra cars. Thus, the proposal will at least double the traffic to this track that runs through Environment Agency Flood Zone. The Council therefore believes that the applicant should demonstrate why an alternative site that does not affect a Flood Zone cannot be used.

Additionally, access to this track itself is by a single lane intersection that crosses with access to one of two main car parks for the village's busy beach and is often blocked at the proposed peak tourist season by people using the public toilets or by cars stopping to allow cars to leave the carpark. As above the application will at the very least double the traffic to the track and will create a traffic flow issue that will affect the highway.

The Council believe there is a threat to public safety represented in this significant increase in vehicular access and it is negligent that the SSC Rights of Way have not been consulted.

Failure to Provide Sanitary Facilities

The application shows the location of 'shower and basin area' and 'Self Contained Toilets' but does not provide details of number of or type of facilities. It therefore fails to demonstrate it has sufficient sanitary services and that these are suitable to the sensitive environment.

Refuse disposal

The application details the placement of 'Commercial Waste Disposal Bins'. It does not detail the number or how these will be accessed by the commercial waste lorry. It therefore fails to demonstrate adequate refuse disposal.

Noise and Light spill to Residential amenity/Ecologically sensitive location

The site plan location of the unspecified number of sanitary facilities and commercial waste is directly adjacent to and in full view of a public right of way and therefore effects the residential amenity of those using it.

The site sits adjacent to designated ecologically sensitive areas that are protected for the habitat they provide to wildlife. The additional noise, light and waste of minimum additional 60 people inhabiting this small otherwise quiet and dark wildlife corridor between caravan site and

housing will have a detrimental impact on the conservation areas as well as the residential amenity to the houses adjacent to the proposed site.