

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Planning Committee

8 October 2020

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CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning Committee – 8 October 2020

Supplementary Written Update

<u>Agenda Item 9</u> 20/01122/F – Piddington

Additional information received None.

Additional Representations received None.

Officer comment

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Potential discrimination may arise from a grant of planning permission without evidence that the proposals would not increase the flooding risk on the site and future occupiers of the development be adversely affected thereby.

In weighing the planning balance, officers consider that the contribution that the site makes to facilitating the gypsy and traveller way of life, together with the proposal's other benefits, would be outweighed by the harm identified at Section 10 of the report.

Change to recommendation

No change to recommendation.

<u>Agenda Item 10</u> 20/01747/F – Piddington

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