

Good Morning or Afternoon,

My name is Nancy Alvarez Trabanco [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During this time I have come to love and appreciate my local area, the Greenbelt and all the local wildlife that I have seen.

I object to the Change of Use of this property. I am familiar with this property as in 2016 (July-Sept) [REDACTED] I helped to look after a horse named [REDACTED] from Vale Farm that is located across the road and to the right of this paddock. We used to escort [REDACTED] to that paddock where it would spend the day grazing and getting exercise. This area is a wildlife corridor. I have seen wild animals most especially foxes, pheasants, muntjac deer coming down from the Whittings Hill Open Space to this paddock and from there I've witnessed animals going across the road on Mays Lane to head towards the greenbelt on the other side. This corridor is part of their habitat. If this corridor is no longer available to wildlife they will be confused they could end up wandering helplessly along Mays Lane. and end up as road kill. I have seen dead badgers and dead foxes along that strip of Mays Lane I honestly believe this would make the situation much worse.

[REDACTED] and I have walked many times along Mays Lane from my home to Vale Farm to this paddock. It is a very treacherous walk as there are no footpaths and cars come speeding along. There were times when we almost ended up falling into the Dollis Brook ditch to avoid high speed cars that drove too close to the curb. This was the reason we stopped looking after Ben. It was just too dangerous. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is unsafe for children to walk along it and much worse for children with difficulties.

Historically this property has been a grazing field and a paddock. This field is surrounded on three sides by the Dollis Brook and its tributaries. It is a flood plain. It is not an uncommon occurrence for the Dollis Brook to break its banks after a rain storm and flood Mays Lane. If this field is concreted over then this problem will become much worse. Cars speeding through a flash flood on Mays Lane can lead to serious accidents. It will be very costly for the council to upgrade the area with storm drainage to compensate for the loss of this flood plain. According to <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/postcode> the neighbouring property Chesterfield Cottage (EN5 2AQ) is already at a High Risk of flooding from flash floods. This situation will only be made worse if we allow this planning application to proceed.

To me this has nothing to do with caravans: it's about not allowing development on the green belt full stop. In March 2022 local residents also fought off a planning application for a luxury housing development meant to be located right across the road from their proposed caravan site. The Application reference: was 22/1163/PIP. We did not want that either.

If this is allowed then a dangerous precedent will be set allowing developers to slowly chip away at our green belt until there is precious little left of it. The green belt must be protected at all costs. Once the green belt is gone it will never be recovered. It will be gone forever.

Due to this I strongly object to these plans. This field is in the Barnet green belt and must not be used for anything other than for pasture as it always has been.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read this statement.