

Application Number:	PL/2026/02552
Location:	Borrowback Stables, Roman Road, Ford, Salisbury, SP4 6DL
Proposal:	Prior Approval for use of land as temporary campsite - see application for dates.

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Introduction and Proposal

I refer to the above Prior Approval application received on 30th April 2026 which seeks the use of the land for a temporary campsite.

The application form includes the dates proposed for use, which total 57 days. The submitted dates appear inconsistent (27.08.2026 to 01.08.2026). Clarification should be obtained that this end date should read as 01.09.2026.

It is understood that Class BC of the GPDO (Schedule 2, Part 4) permits the use of land as a recreational campsite for up to 60 days per calendar year (max. 50 pitches). The proposal refers to the provision of 32 pitches for 57 days.

It is only for the reason that the site is within a Flood Zone 2 or 3 that the Prior Approval application is required.

Planning History

S/2007/0862 Change of Use of Land for the Keeping of Horses and Erection of Building for Use as Stables, Tack Room and Hay Barn, with Associated Hard Standing & Landscaping – Approved with conditions 23 August 2007

19/10550/FUL Retrospective change of use to a mixed use of equestrian storage and allotment (agricultural) use – Approved with conditions 13 December 2019

Access

The site benefits from an existing access which currently serves as access to stables and the land.

The form of access is of single vehicle width with a gate set back from the carriageway approximately 7 metres. The access is roughly surfaced.

Visibility from the access is considered to be acceptable to the west but limited to the east/south-east by the road alignment by the bridge. The speed of approaching vehicles, particularly from the east/south-east has been observed to be low.

The existing access arrangements and local highway network would not typically be considered suitable to safely accommodate the level and nature of traffic associated with a campsite use due to its width, surfacing and visibility, and the approach roads are also considered to be substandard in terms of width and alignment, with limited opportunities for passing. However, consideration of this Prior Approval for a temporary campsite is limited to flood risk only, and therefore a highway objection is not valid.

Summary and Recommendations

The Prior Approval for use of land as temporary campsite has been required only to consider the issue of flood risk.

As such, the above highway concerns cannot reasonably form the basis of a recommendation on this Prior Approval application, which is limited to flood risk considerations.

Notwithstanding the above, should a future full planning application be submitted, the highway implications would require detailed assessment and may give rise to concerns.

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