

**SD74: Land at Fern Farm, Greatham.**  
**Position statement on behalf of Greatham Parish Council.**

In the 'Local view' section (4.11.9) of this document (a 'Background Paper' to the SDNPA Local Plan):

- Sites and Settlements: Route Map for Housing Allocations (April 2018)

Is this statement regarding policies SD73 and SD74:

- “Greatham Parish Council has expressed concerns over both the proposed allocation sites but does not appear to object in principle to either allocation.”

Greatham Parish Council does accept the principle of housing on the site represented by SD73, the nursery site alongside Petersfield Road.

However, regarding the allocation of pitches on SD74 we have made continual objections throughout the history of development at this site, none of which are lessened by the increase from 2 temporary pitches to 4 permanent pitches.

For example, the owners of the site have repeatedly been granted temporary planning permission despite breaches in the conditions set down. There are also concerns about the impact on highways, neighbours, rights of way and the local environment.

There is also the risk of contamination from previous military use of the site, and one of the original requirements by EHDC was for a full environmental assessment. This has not happened.

Given our objections to the renewal of the temporary pitch applications, we think it is appropriate to say that we do object 'in principle' to the increase in allocation to four permanent pitches.

It is unfortunate that the SDNPA has made this statement, and we'd like to take this opportunity to correct it.

As a final note, the third of a set of three temporary planning permissions for the site recently expired (on September 3rd 2018). We are unsure as to the site's current status, and the effect this might have on it's position within the Local Plan.