

At its 3rd August meeting, Colton Parish Council resolved to **object** to the application **7/2009/5300 - Black Beck Caravan Site, Bouth: extension of season** - for the following reasons:

1. Noting the large size of the caravan site and its proximity to the relatively small village of Bouth: there are strong concerns about the effect an extension could have on the village. There being no current restriction on occupancy term of static caravans throughout the present season, extension of this season to all bar 6 weeks of the year could result in their being used as permanent or semi-permanent accommodation (this is especially true for the increasing number of large chalet-type 'caravans'). Ultimately, extension of the season could result in the development of another village, much larger than Bouth, on its doorstep.

2. Having consulted the people of Bouth, most greatly value the quieter period over the winter to 'retain the village for its residents' for a little while.

3. The Council objects on policy grounds:

i) LDNPA Local Policy T9 - Static Caravan Sites states that:

"Where permission is granted for additional static caravans, conditions will be imposed **restricting their use for short term holiday accommodation only and, in appropriate cases, restricting the period of the year within which such caravans may be occupied**. Clearly, in those instances where permission is granted for the siting of holiday caravans, **it is important that conditions are imposed to prevent their use as permanent or semi-permanent accommodation**. A condition restricting the use of caravans to holiday use only will generally be expressed in terms which preclude occupation by any individual, family or group of persons for a period exceeding four weeks in any period of three months."

ii) LDNPA Local Policy NE5 - The site is in one of the designated 'Quieter Areas' of the National Park. The policy states that:

"Development will not be permitted where it would cause demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the Quieter Areas shown on the Proposals Map by reason of: (a) an increase in traffic, or (b) **a material increase in the level of recreational use**, or (c) visual intrusion, **noise or other forms of disturbance**."