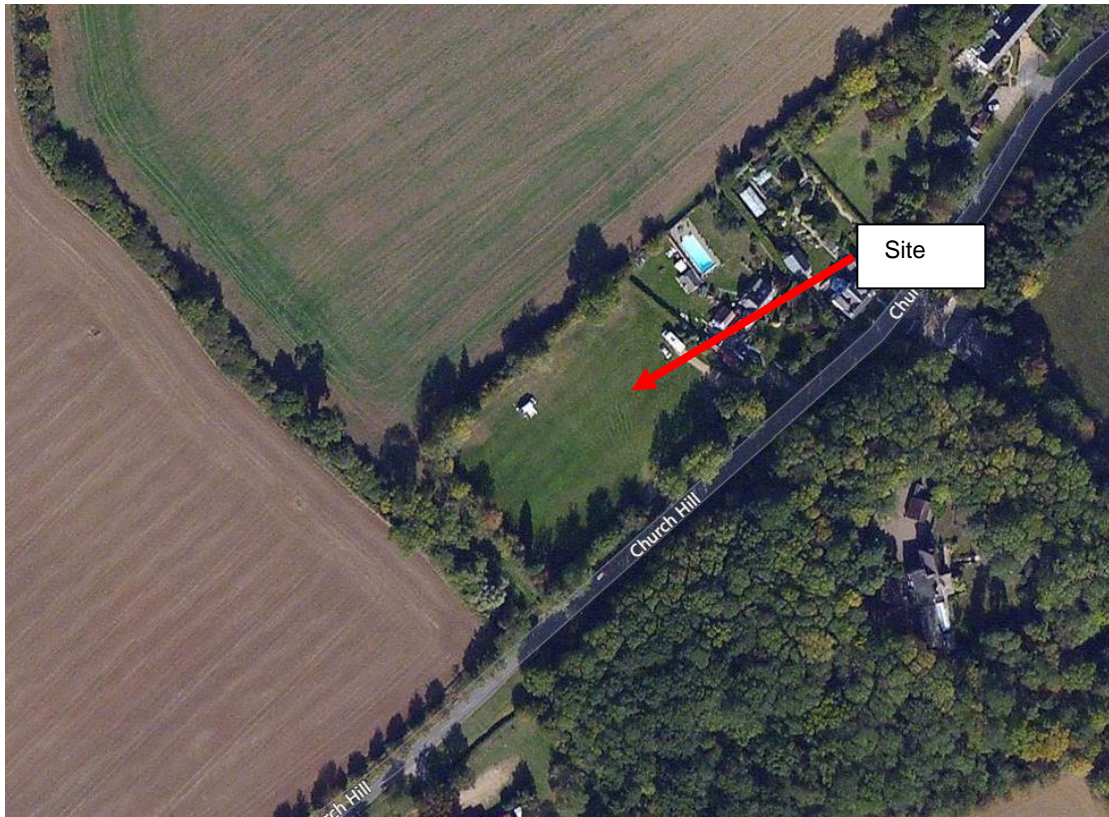


## Supporting Statement

Proposed accommodation for Older People at Caravan  
and Camping Site, Church Hill, Ravensden



1. This site would meet an identified need for accommodation for older people as set out in the Housing Needs Survey Report for Ravensden March 2016 completed by the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.
2. The proposal is for small bungalows for older people only. The Housing Needs Survey identified a current and future need for smaller dwellings for older people. This would address under-occupation of dwellings by older people in the Parish and allow many residents to remain in the parish as they grow older and release family-sized dwellings onto the open market for growing families to purchase.
3. The site is a long-established caravan and camping site with a license. This site is also used by the adjacent radio club. It has planning permission for the provision of additional pitches.
4. There is an existing access to the site as shown in the photograph below, which would be widened to accommodate the proposed development.
5. There are residential properties to the northeast and on the opposite side of Church Hill. The village hall is to the south of the site on the opposite side of the road from the site.



Existing access to the site - November 2018



*Existing field looking towards the radio club building*