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Sent: 23 June 2023 11:00
To: Annette Feeney [REDACTED]
Cc: Greater Norwich Local Plan <GNLP@norfolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: GNLP Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Show People and Residential Caravans

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Hello Annette

I would like to participate in the hearing.

The survey results of the GNLP partnership are neither robust or credible.

There has been work undertaken as part of the Kings Local Plan. It is understood that the GNLP partnership (City of Norwich) accepted that any work undertaken to identify the need of Gypsy / Travellers needed to be based on the following definitions:

Curtilage: land around a dwelling house used residentially
Gypsy / Traveller - defined at Annex 1 of PPTS 2015 with issues of interpretation by LPAs and GTAA providers following Lisa Smith
Gypsy Site [land lived on by Gypsy / Travellers],
Pitch [dwellinghouse and curtilage],
Plot [dwellinghouse and curtilage],
Residential [occupation of a dwellinghouse by people],
Dwellinghouse [caravan / building or combination] these should contain all the requirements for daily life].

The GTAA provider for Kings Lynn (industry leader) has admitted to using arbitrary definitions to identify the Gypsy / Traveller population and Kings Lynn Council have admitted to using the definitions made available by the industry provider to take planning enforcement against land occupied by Gypsy / Travellers as a Gypsy site as it included a building.

There is now consensus with the GTAA provider that a Gypsy / Traveller site is simply land lived on residentially by a Gypsy / Traveller and that the residential use is through a dwellinghouse. The survey conducted by GNLP is not robust and excludes a number of showmen and Gypsy / Travellers.

The allocations are flawed, as they fail to be based on an accurate assessment of need.

There is to be work undertaken in Greater Norwich to identify the cost / benefit of Gypsy / Traveller sites. This identifies the cost to organisations of common good by not providing sufficient accommodation and the cost to the state to make provision. Attached is an example.

There is also a question of legacy that needs to be resolved as the GNLP partnership have been making decisions on an unrobust and uncredible GTAA produced by ORS prior to that of RRR.

This will have caused infringements of human rights and equalities legislation.

The GNLP partnership (particularly SNDC) are aware that their GTAA is incredibly sensitive following three deaths in 2006 following failed attempts to resolve an unauthorised site.. and that the Council acted unlawfully. The Sutton site is the second attempt of this family to secure a home.

Until the GNLP undertake a robust and credible survey the needs are not possible to identify.

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From: **Annette Feeney** [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 20 Jun 2023 at 13:22

Subject: GNLP Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Show People and Residential Caravans

To: Stuart Carruthers [REDACTED]

Please find attached questions the Inspectors have set for the hearing into the GNLP proposed sites for Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Show People and Residential Caravans. Please note the sites at Bawburgh and North Burlingham are not before the Inspectors as the GNLP has not proposed them as suitable sites, therefore they will not be discussed.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 11th July 5pm – Submit (to me via email) optional further statement in response to Inspectors questions

Tuesday 11th July 5pm – Request to participate at hearing

Tuesday 25th July – Hearing (held via Teams)

Kind regards

Annette Feeney

Programme Officer

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