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Subject: Draft City of York Local Plan – Provision for Gypsies and Travellers
Attachments: EX OTH 36 York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023.pdf; EX OTH 36a York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023 Appendix 1.pdf; EX OTH 36b York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023 Appendix 2.pdf; EX OTH 36c York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023 Appendix 3.pdf; EX OTH 36d York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023 Appendix 4.pdf; EX OTH 36e York Travellers Trust email 17 Aug 2023 Appendix 5.pdf

Dear Neil and Alison

The Inspectors have asked to me to pass the following message onto the Council:

“Draft City of York Local Plan – Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

York Travellers Trust (YTT) has provided with us with copies of some internal Council correspondence that they obtained through a Fol request. This is attached.

This suggests that those Council Officers with oversight of the provision for Gypsies and Travellers have outlined serious doubts about the proposed expansion of the Osbaldwick site, and that Officers of the Council were well aware of the likely problems when the proposed expansion was put forward. Obviously, this is a matter of profound concern to us, and we are left to conclude that the points made by YTT in their response to the MM consultation may well have some merit. That is an uncomfortable position to be in at this stage of the examination process.

In the first instance, we would like an explanation as to how this situation has come about. Secondly, we would be keen to hear whether the Council retains its view that Osbaldwick site is suitable for expansion – if it does, then we ask that the Council’s response to the points made by YTT is clearly set out. Finally, we would appreciate your views on the implications of a conclusion on our part that the approach to Gypsies and Travellers in the draft Local Plan, after the modification proposed, fails to achieve soundness. We would strongly suggest that you take advice from your legal representatives on these matters.

Once we have your response, we will decide the way forward.”

Kind regards

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