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Draft Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation July 2024.

Further to the one day hearing into Policy H5 Gypsies and Travellers on the 6th March 2024 and concerns raised by participants and the Inspector the long awaited Main Modifications to this policy have finally been released.

Modifications at MM 5.23 - 5.25 give me absolutely no confidence whatsoever as to the sincerity, ability and practical logistical implementation by City of York Council to carry out improvements to the existing Osbaldwick site, let alone an expanded site.

There is no need to repeat previous submissions nor repeat the well versed concerns put forward on the 6th March, the Inspectors have all those submissions and have had the benefit of the site visit.

I will however stress that City of York Council are still in breach of a number of planning conditions in relation to the previous site expansion over ten years ago (23/00063/COND) that relate to boundary treatments and landscaping which demonstrate better than anything the sincerity of any future 'master planning' in relation to this site.

As the March 6th hearing demonstrated the Osbaldwick Site is clearly not suitable for further expansion and I would have hoped the debate would have moved on by now to one of phased closure of the site and identification of a new stand alone site on a City of York Council land holding - one that I know exists and has been assessed but which can't be put forward for fear of the Local Plan being rejected on this one policy issue.

The Main Modifications to policy H5 Gypsies and Travellers have been made for the expediency of the Local Plan process and because they have not been positively prepared (can't be implemented) these Main Modifications and Policy H5 Gypsies and Travellers remains an unsound aspect of the plan and I look forward to the policy modifications being rejected.

I have taken the liberty of including the project officer Carole Crookes in this email to ensure these comments are entered in full to the Inspectors.

Thanks,
Mark.
Regards,

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