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By email

Dear Mr Berkeley and Mr Griffiths

Consultation on Main Modifications to Local Plan Policy H5

We'd like to confirm the Council's view on proposed Main Modifications to Policy H5 of the Local Plan following your letter of the 7 May 2024 [[EX/INS/50](#)] and subsequent consultation on proposed modifications to Policy H5.

We welcome and agree with your conclusions in relation to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) regarding need for accommodation provision.

We note your acceptance of additional modifications proposed by the Council at the Phase 5 Hearing Session in March, as included in the Schedule of proposed Main Modifications in this consultation across MM 5.23-5.25.

We note and accept the modifications proposed in MM5.23 and MM5.25 regarding masterplanning of council owned sites ahead of further development and occupation as proposed to be incorporated into the policy. We consider that this approach reflects our decisions set out in our Executive report from March 2024 [[EX/CYC/135](#) & [EX/CYC/135](#)]. As part of this we commit and look forward to working with the wider community to ensure that future improvements and masterplanning proposals are considered appropriately.

As expressed at the Phase 5 hearing session, we now consider that the original Green Belt boundary around our existing Traveller site at

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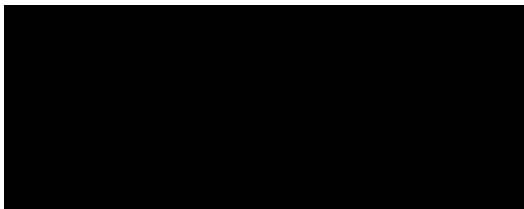
Outgang Lane, Osbaldwick should be taken forward to allow flexibility for masterplanning. Consequently, we would like to formally withdraw proposed policy map modification PMM26 previously included as part of the Main Modifications Consultation (2023) [[EX/CYC/128a](#)]. The Green Belt boundary would therefore remain as per the submitted 2018 policies map [[CD004a](#)].

Throughout the consultation process we have also sought to engage directly with relevant third parties, including the York Travellers Trust, residents at the Council's existing Travellers sites and site developers. It is our intention to provide a Regulation 22 compliant consultation statement referencing engagement throughout the consultation, which we will seek to submit as soon as possible following the close of consultation.

Our recent letter to York Travellers Trust [[EX/CYC/136](#)] sought to answer their queries in relation to the approach and assist with their own response to the consultation. This may also be helpful to provide further detail to support the soundness of the Council's approach in addition to this response.

We look forward to receiving your conclusions resulting from this consultation. Should we be able to provide any further information to be helpful, please let us know.

Yours Sincerely



Ian Floyd
Chief Operating Officer