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Dear Mr Kemp

**Re: Dacorum Site Allocations Plan – Matter 3 Gypsies & Travellers (LA5) – West of Tring**

I refer to your letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and I would like this letter to be submitted to the Senior Planning Inspector, Louise Crosby MA MRTPI, which is in relation to Matter 3 under the heading of Gypsies & Travellers.

I have, over the past 3 years, written to Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) and attended all the Tring Town Council meetings and latterly, the DBC meeting when DBC voted to ratify the Allocation plan within Dacorum.

Under Matter 3, point 1, I would like to make the following statement –

The proposed site on LA5 is more than 2 kilometres away from the town centre and all its amenities and the main school of Tring. The nearest school to the site has now closed (St Joseph's)

The land proposed is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, NOT Green Belt and DBC have failed to provide a true and comprehensive strategy behind why this area has been identified. For the record, when I challenged one of DBC's Strategic Planning Officers at one of the earlier meetings, a chap called John Chapman, as to what strategy had been employed to determine the site for the GT on ground designated as AONB, his response was (VERBAITUM) 'it had to go somewhere'.

Not enough research has been undertaken in relation to the core policy relating to Wildlife

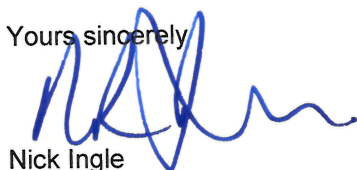
In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, DBC have dismissed the key point 115 which states 'great weight should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, The Broads and **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. The conservation of wildlife and cultural heritage are important'

The archaeological potential of the AONB land has been played down given it is on the old Roman Road into Tring and digging one ditch is not representative of an in depth archaeological study given the importance of the land

The proposed site is at the 'Gateway' to the historic town of Tring and will be the first thing people will see when entering the town from the West and this is another aspect the council have failed to consider.

As an overview, other potential sites within Tring were not considered at all and no reference to other possible sites have been mentioned within any DBC planning documents.

Yours sincerely



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