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To: Cllr. Caroline Goodrick
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Good Afternoon Councillor Goodrick,

I am the owner/occupier of Millers Barn, the property approximately 300m adjacent to the proposed Gypsy/Traveller site on Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton. I tried to get a speaking spot at the meeting on Thursday 21st March for the objectors but it has been taken unfortunately.

In lieu of this, as our representative on the council, I wanted to contact you so that you could get my objections across to the other councillors please.

The site is located in open countryside and under the criteria of SP5, new traveller site development should **be strictly limited**. To mitigate this, the planning officer has attached a "significant amount of weight on the personal circumstances of the family".

However, it is clear from conversations with the local community that those member of the family that suffer from a series of chronic health related issues are no longer on site , nor do they attend the local school. This has been the case for at least 6 months. That family unit has left the area and, in this case, surely the balance of weight tips back towards the government advice that new development should be strictly limited.

The number of children in the school currently is 2-3, not the 7 that the Planning Officer suggests.

Further, I appreciate the need to find more sites to accommodate the travelling community and I support that initiative, however to accept this site as reducing the number of pitches that the Planning Office will need to secure, is to accept that your hand has been forced in where you would site such developments. Is this really the site that the Planning Office would have chosen for a new development?

The current site has been occupied intentionally illegally since at least June 2021, the Planning Officers mitigation for which, seems to be that the occupier keeps birds. However, the cockerels (fighting cockerels potentially) did not arrive until after the illegal site had been there for at least 6 months and should not be a consideration.

There is an assertion that the limited provision that exists at Tara Park is not a realistic option for the applicant and the wider family and I accept that they found Tara Park was not to their liking. However, that is not their only option, it is just their only option withing this planning jurisdiction. The City of York is planning on spending over £5m on creating 38 more pitches over their sites and many of these are actually closer to Sheriff Hutton than Tara Park is.

This is an extremely important local issue that is attracting strong views, evidenced by the 76 objections and zero supports on the original application. Please could the councillors choose not to abstain from voting and make their voices heard on this subject.

Thank you

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