

- **Policy 13** requires sustainable development. These applications are not sustainable due to the complete lack of amenities or local services for the occupants. Each pitch would be completely dependent on private vehicles as there is no meaningful public transport serving the locality. The nearest settlements to this location are small villages which are all over 1.5 miles away and none of them have the amenities the applicants will require i.e. schools, shops and healthcare facilities.
- **Policy 17** states that any Gypsy or Traveller accommodation should fulfil the criteria of Policies 9 and 13 (already referred to above) and should be closely linked to an existing settlement for social inclusion as well as the provision of services and amenities. As already emphasised in the above paragraph and proven during the temporary permissions previously granted on this site, these applications do not meet either test.

As you will be aware, there have been a number of planning appeals on the subject site with a series of public enquiries by different planning inspectors. None of those inspectors have considered this location to be appropriate for a gypsy and traveller pitches. In the case of appeal Ref: APP/L2820/A/12/2187037, the request for a temporary permission was dismissed on the basis the site was 'wholly unsustainable location, economically, environmentally and socially'. That inspector concluded 'such development conflicts with relevant development plan policies'.

Other planning appeals have at best been granted temporary permission whilst KBC concluded their Site Specific Proposals Development Plan in order to identify pitch allocations as required by the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment for Northamptonshire. This work has now been completed by KBC who can demonstrate that they are now able to provide the requisite number of pitches required up until 2021.

The local area around Braybrooke has seen a significant growth over the last few years in gypsy and traveller sites, both in KBC and DDC. The quantum of pitches and sites in the locality is now significant and is considered disproportionate to the quantity of settled community in the same area. The ongoing development of green field sites for this purpose, with little regard for planning policies combined with the manner by which many of these sites have been created, often with little regard for the planning system, is creating resentment between the settled and travelling communities.

Any Other

Business:-

- 1) The difficulties of Sunnybanks resident parking was discussed. Verbal complaints have been received regarding this.
- 2) The work has now been completed on Kelmarsh Road. The footpath is now being repaired with no cost to residents.

Meeting Closed at 7.30 pm