Dear Mr Phillips,

**Planning Policy for Traveller Sites**

The Inspector has asked me to write to the Council in relation to any implications the national Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (March 2012) may have for the Core Strategy (CS). His consultation period for comments on this has concluded and he notes that he has received no response from the Council.

The Council will be aware that Policy B, paragraph 9 of the new national policy requires that local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan, identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites, sufficient to provide 5 year’s worth of sites against their locally set targets. They should also identify a supply of developable sites or broad locations for growth for years 6 to 10 and, where possible, for years 11-15. It is a general aim of the new policy that local planning authorities are encouraged to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale (paragraph 4).

The CS makes provision only to 2016 (with a partial review required for the period beyond that) and site allocation will be a matter for a subsequent development plan document. The Inspector would be grateful for the Council’s comments on any implications for the CS of the above aspect of the national policy and how they should be addressed. A response within 2 weeks of the date of this letter would be appreciated.

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