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Part A

Making representation as Representative of Travelling Showpeople

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Part B

REPRESENTATION

To which part of the Pre Submission Epping Forest District Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph: 3.19

Policy: H 4 Traveller site development

Policies Map: No

Site Reference: None of the above

Settlement:

Do you consider this part of the Pre Submission Local Plan to be:

Legally compliant: No

Sound: No

If no, then which of the soundness test(s) does it fail? Effective

Complies with the duty to co-operate? No

Please give details either of why you consider the Submission Version of the Local Plan is not legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate; or of why the Submission Version of the Local Plan is legally compliant, is sound or complies with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. Please use this box to set out your comments.

The section related to Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople is flawed. The size allocation given for new sites of 0.5 hectares is clearly inadequate for Travelling Showpeople whose plots require space for equipment, light maintenance and also accommodation. One individual plot is an average of 0.5 hectares and this policy understandably sets a figure of 5 together as ideal, therefore 0.5 hectares is wrong. Furthermore there is no direct reference to needs in neighbouring boroughs so the Duty to Co operate fails.

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Pre Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified in the question above (Positively prepared/Justified/ Effective/ Consistent with National Policy) where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Remove the reference to a site size of 0.5 hectares but retain the recommended 5 plots.

Change the wording to reflect that any part of the District may be appropriate for Showpeople and not just Moreton, otherwise you are saying that showpeople can only live in areas where they already live which is a policy you would not seek to justify for any other section of the community as it implies a form of Ghetto mentality.

If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral part of the oral examination

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Unless the Council accept the principal above it will need arguing. If they accept then there is no need!

Please let us know if you wish to be notified when the Epping Forest District Local Plan is submitted for independent examination

Yes

Signature: R D Smith Date: 23/12/2017