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Land off New Road. GTRA (0)

Mr and Mrs Redworth are from a Gypsy and Traveller family, who along with their adult son wish to live on the application site which they have owned with Freehold for the past 20 years. The adult son rents a caravan at [REDACTED] with challenging conditions.

The application site is for a named Gypsy and Traveller family on [REDACTED] consisting of 2 Lodges/Caravans. [REDACTED] is a Key Rural Centre.

The application site is sited along a main road with ribbon development consisting of houses and a variety of businesses. The speed limit is 40mph and not narrow. The site is well screened with a high Laurel hedge all around the boundary. It is not in a Conservation area or abutting. Water is supplied to the site and they have paid the Utility bills.

Mr and Mrs Redworth have until getting older and having ill health, used to work the plot but now have need for their Son to assist with general living. Mrs Redworth can provide a letter from Upwell Health Centre to verify.

The comments regarding distance to facilities is no different than Gypsy and Traveller sites proposed at [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. All sites will rely on using a car and the Core Strategy 2016 recognised that the car would be the main means of transport in rural areas.

A similar site was passed at BCKWN on Monday 4th 24/1061/F which recognised car use age for a Gypsy and Traveller site in [REDACTED] where Highways had no objections but wrote a note.

This site is in a suitable location for development and in terms of Flood Risk then appropriate mitigation measures would be used to reduce flood risk. The site is in Flood Zone 2/3.

The caravans would be anchored and the Applicants would sign up to the EA Flood Warning and Evacuation Scheme. The site would be compliant with current Fire regulations.

I do not consider this site to be overly large, has a suitable green high boundary, and would not as stated be deemed to be detrimental to coming into the village visually as commented in the Suitability Assessment for Townscapes states. An entrance to any village takes many shapes and forms and this site would be tidy and a credit to them. All Gypsy and Traveller sites in [REDACTED] are well maintained and Mr and Mrs Redworth site would be no different.

All the family is asking to live out their later life quietly and peacefully as one named family unit, with easy access to the Health Centre and integrate into village life.

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