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Cllr Michael Doody
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Dear Cllr Doody

I am writing to you in order to outline my deep concerns regarding the proposal for a Travellers site near to the Chase Meadow's estate.

I have received considerable correspondence from local residents opposed to the proposed site expressing concern that their views are not being taken into account during the consultation process.

Local residents are anxious that local infrastructure and services will be put under pressure through the creation of a site and I would be grateful if you could directly address this issue through the consultation process.

There is clearly a lack of consensus amongst residents regarding this proposal. Planning is a sensitive issue and it would create considerable problems if development were to be imposed on local residents without the majority of residents being in favour. Approving new sites without public approval will only damage confidence in the planning system locally and this should be avoided at all costs.

I would be grateful for your assurance that no decision will be taken without full consideration of residents' views and that if residents views are overwhelmingly opposed to the specific site that the proposal will not go ahead?

As was reported in the Courier newspaper last week, you stated your view that the Traveller site proposed for Radford Semele was not suitable and I believe that this proposed site is also unsuitable. I hope that my opinion will carry equal weight.

Yours sincerely,

Chris White

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