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3. This site straddles the Fosse Way – a very narrow and extremely busy road.   The Fosse Way in this area is already well-known for many severe accidents.

4. The area local to this proposed site is in a very beautiful position, in a valley.   Currently this is unspoiled and can be viewed from many directions.   What would the impact of this site, HS2 and proposed additional local housing have on this beautiful rural landscape ?

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We surely need to do everything we can to support local economy and preserve our own identities as rural villages.   I really am totally opposed to site GT02 being chosen as a permanent gypsy/traveller site.

Yours sincerely

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