

25th July 2013

Development Policy manager
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Dear Sir

With reference to the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Site Options, I would like to inform you of my concerns.

With the frequent movement of Gypsy and Traveller homes some of the allocated sites near Bishop's Tachbrook Village would have the potential to cause greatly increased hazards on the very busy B4100 where there have already been many fatal accidents. This is already a very busy road for vehicles especially lorries accessing the M40 motorway.

Bishops Tachbrook School intake is already full, current residents have difficulty securing a placement for their children, many having to travel to schools further afield. With the new housing developments in this area and potential Gypsy and Traveller sites will specific places be allocated for the children of Travelling communities and will extra Special Needs Teachers be required?

Bishops Tachbrook Doctors Surgery is also full to capacity, how will this large increase of patients both from housing development and traveller sites be coped with?

Local Estate Agents are already reporting that there has been a 10% drop in the valuation of residential property in and around Bishops Tachbrook with the District Council looking to secure planning and sell land to the Gypsy and Traveller Community.

It is also expected that House and Car Insurance will increase with permanent Gypsy and Traveller sites in the vicinity. Unfortunately it is a proven fact that theft and crime always increases when travellers are camped in the area.

I think the situation would be greatly improved if the District Council were to lease or rent land rather than sell to the Gypsy and Traveller Community, that way the Local Council would be in full control of the site and be able to ensure planning regulations and condition of site are upheld.

With the village of Bishops Tachbrook constantly fighting to stay as a village and already loosing a considerable acreage of its agricultural land to housing developments we are again being put under pressure to loose even more valuable countryside.

Yours faithfully

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A J Hunt