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28th April 2014

Dear Mr Elliott

Sites for Gypsy & Travellers Consultation – Land at Tachbrook Hill Farm (GT05) and Land at Park Farm/ Spinney Farm (GT06)

It has been brought to my attention that the Council has identified site GT05 as "suitable" (Green) for Gypsy and Travellers sites.

The land is within my ownership and, to be clear, the site identified is immediately adjacent to, and overlooked by, my farm house, which is particularly important during the lambing season.

For this reason, it is not for sale and I am not willing to sell it to the Council or any developer and I will object strongly to any Order which is made to compulsory purchase this, or any other land within my ownership.

These sites should therefore be reclassified as "not suitable" (Red) in the Sites for Gypsies & Travellers document as they are clearly not available for development.

Had your Officers contacted me to discuss this before identifying my land within the consultation document, they would have been aware of this. I would note that the Council also failed to formally notify me, as it is required to do, regarding an application seeking to designate land within my ownership as an Asset of Community Value.

The approach taken by the Council, and in particular the failure to notify and consult directly with landowners is extremely disappointing. Please treat this as stage 1 compliant in accordance with your complaints procedures. I would be grateful for your reply to explain the failures in procedure and to confirm that site GT05 will be reclassified as "not suitable" (Red), as they are clearly not available for development.

