Traveller Sites Document – Additional Pitches Consultation

We would like to know your views on additional sites that are being considered for residential Travellers as part of the Travellers’ Sites Development Plan Document.

An initial desk top assessment of the sites has taken place, and they are deemed to have potential, subject to consultation and further technical assessment. Please refer to the maps in the additional sites consultation document for the location and proposed number of pitches.

This questionnaire is also available to complete online at the following web address: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation

1. **Land at Oakfield, Nash End Lane, Bosbury**
   Do you agree that this could be a suitable site for up to 4 additional residential traveller pitches?
   - Yes
   - No

If no, please explain…

Following their meeting on Wednesday 7th November, the Parish Council would like to raise an objection to the inclusion of Oakfield, Nash End, Bosbury as an additional traveller site in the consultation document “Travellers Sites Development Plan - Additional Sites Consultation”.

Their objection is based on the following reasons:
- There is already a large concentration of Traveller Sites in the parish area. In the December 2017 consultation the Parish Council made this clear. Out of the 59 Traveller Residential Sites and 114 pitches to be found in the 133 parishes of Herefordshire, Bosbury and Coddington already have 4 Travellers Residential Sites with 12 pitches. The extra numbers gives real cause for concern.
- The present infrastructure within the parishes of Bosbury and Coddington is under strain. The Primary School is over-subscribed and there are at present 24 dwellings that already have planning permission to be built in the area.
- The definition of "transit" pitches is a very loose one - given that transit pitches can be occupied for up to 10 months of the year the site would effectively have permission for 8 pitches. This is a large increase from the 1 pitch there at present.
- Although planning permission was granted for the site in 2012 (application 122734) to increase the volume of pitches from 1 to 2 - no material changes have been made and this permission has subsequently lapsed. It is also worth noting that a condition of this application being granted was that here would not be more than 2 pitches allowed on the site in the future.
Do you have any further comments on this site?

Yes  O

Please explain – It is very difficult for the Parish Council to agree to any further pitches when the pitch at Tinkers Corner is having so many difficulties at present. Neither Property Services nor the Travellers Team seem capable of enforcing conditions on this site. Another larger one nearby would only exacerbate the situation.

2. **Land at Stoney Street, Madley**
Do you agree that this could be a suitable site for up to 10 residential traveller pitches?

Yes  O
No   O

If no, please explain..........................................................................................................................
..........................................................................................................................................................

Do you have any further comments on this site?

Yes  O

Please explain..........................................................................................................................
..........................................................................................................................................................

3. **Do you have any suggestions of alternative or additional sites to help meet the need for pitches and plots in Herefordshire?**

Yes:  O
(If you have more detail, please complete the site submission form at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation)

No   O

4. **Do you have any other comments on the consultation that are not covered by these questions?**

Yes ..................................................................................................................................................
..........................................................................................................................................................
..........................................................................................................................................................

No   O
(Please use additional section at the back of the questionnaire if you need extra space for comment on any of the questions.)

**Please complete your contact details.**

Name: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

Address:

………………………………………………………………………………………

………………………………………Postcode………………………………………

Tel No:………………………………………………………………

Email:………………………………………………………………

**Do you wish to be kept informed of future planning policy consultations?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

(You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by notifying us.)

**Access to Information**

All personal data will be treated in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018, which includes the provisions of GDPR. This means your personal data will not be shared. The data collected will not be used for any other purpose. We do publish representations but email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures will be removed beforehand.

Herefordshire Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (FoI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) which means that questionnaires may be released in response to a request for information but private information would be redacted.

Details of our privacy notice can be found at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/privacynotices

If you would like any further assistance, please contact us in one of the following ways:

Email: ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01432 383357

Questionnaires can be returned by post to:

Forward Planning, Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE

Or by email to ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

The closing date for this survey is midnight on 5 December 2018

Thank you for taking time to share your views with us.