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Dear sirs,

Neighbourhood Plan

I refer to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Plumpton.

National planning policies require that provision should be made in planning policy documents to ensure that sufficient sites to provide a five year supply of pitches are allocated for Gypsies and Travellers, in a similar way that a supply of housing sites must be allocated.

National policy also requires that planning policies should set out criteria to deal with planning applications which come forward for Traveller pitches.

These requirements are invariably dealt with in the Local Plans prepared by Local Planning Authorities but it is clearly important that, in preparing Neighbourhood Plans, regard should be given to these requirements and any Local Plan policies relating to Gypsy and Traveller provision should be reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Given the recognised need for Traveller pitches in Lewes Council as demonstrated by the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, it is important that the Neighbourhood Plan addresses this need. The Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan fails to do so and is thus non-compliant with national and local planning policy.

Yours sincerely,



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