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F.A.O. Mr. Michael Joyce

Dear Sir,

Re: Appeal, Cherry Hill Farm, Chelmsford Road, Essex SS11 8SJ

Kindly accept herewith enclosed, additional information as requested, and appologies for the delay.

Thanking you,

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Town & Country Planning Act 1990, as amended Section 78 Appeal for Messrs Smith and Eastwood Change of Use of Site to Provide 12 Residential Travellers Caravans and Retain **Existing Access** Cherry Hill Farm, Chelmsford Road, Rawreth, Essex SS11 8SJ

Firstly, the family names of both Eastwood and Smith go back many, many generations and today a Mr. Joe Eastwood at Plot 5 would be seventy plus years old and would talk of his late father and his attempt to volunteer for military service in the 1940s but was refused on medical grounds, and his grandfather also never returned from the First World War.

Romany Gypsy, he would be, and would not accept the title of 'Traveller', a term he refuses to accept as a bona-fide gypsy.

This gentleman has always considered himself a true gypsy, born as such and has always, all his life lived with his caravan, and today lives on this plot with his caravan and his van as the mode of travel.

His brother will eventually move onto the site and they would enjoy their old age together should the Appeal be approved.

The plot would be in the possession of both, Council Tax would be paid, the site would be tidy and some chickens are reared.

Both persons have their own transport, that being a van, and are occupied by oddjobing mainly in the farming and woodlands industry.

Thus, this plot would be intended for two rather elderly gents to live within their individual caravans and expect family visitors.

Plot 4

Would be occupied by another 'Eastwood' family, the father figure would be the son of Joe Eastwood (Plot 5) and wife and four children.

The eldest son would live on part with a mobile home and his wife and baby twoyear-old daughter.

Dad and wife reside at the rear plot with mobile home and caravan and younger 3

Dad Eastwood would be a self-employed builder owner of this plot with wife Sarah and the children, who attend the same Pitsea School as many other local gypsy children as many other local gypsy children.

The site would be clean, tidy and cared-for appearance, with connected services and they do have ownership of the plot.

Eastwood senior and son, jointly combine to work as self employed builders, both locally and at times away from this plot, to another site, but at all times, live in the caravan only environment.

All the children, including the older brother suffer from the chest complaint and receiving constant medical attention.

Plot 1

Would be owned by Mr. Jack Smith and wife, again, the daughter of Joe Eastwood (Plot 5) they have 3 children.

Mrs Smith has cancer, currently dormant, but receive constantly twice yearly checks, with booked appointments at Basildon Hospital for the next five years.

The three adult children all women, would make visits to the considered family plot. The eldest daughter would wish to live at the other part of this plot, in order to be close to her mother.

All three daughters have married other members of the gypsy clan and all live the same life-style and could not live in any other fashion.

Plot 2

Again another Eastwood family, father, wife and young children, owner of the land plot, lives the life of a gypsy family, the children attend the Pitsea school, and would appear to have become a member of the local community, and the family live a quite and peaceful mode of life.

Plot 3

This plot again would be 3 and 3A. Which currently is used as a stopover plot for family visitors with the caravan.

Plot 6

This plot would be in the ownership of a Smith family and is used upon various periods of the year; again this gypsy family do journey to other sites, enjoyed by other family members. One particular occupation would appear as the hop-picking operation in many parts of Kent, during summer and autumn months.

Summary

The site situation, upon a grassy slope, upon the side of the dual carriageway could be considered as a non-contentious arrangement for the caravan people who choose to live without the containments of community life, yet, live within such an environment at peace.

Talking with the 'elders' of these caravan people, these Romany Gypsies, have lived for generations, since they believe, from origins in India and roaming the vast areas of Europe, until, in more recent times Government put a stop to gypsies pulling off the roadway and taking a break on the grass verges. The younger generations now follow the example of older parents, try to adopt to the new form of life, attempt to settle in one spot, and still retain an air of independence and freedom.

These Romany people do attempt to settle down at some spot, even to purchase a plot to call their own, and still they live in their ancient culture.

There is no doubt, that these people do immensely enjoy the social and way of life that they take and the very strong bond between one family and another in their own world.

At this Cherry Hill Farm site, they do fit with the sparse yet very evident community and have been so for many years past.

There would be a strong desire to remain at this site, each and every person would now perceive a new vision, to remain a Romany, but to also to only travel and 'camp' upon holiday camp sites during seasons or visit perhaps farm areas for some seasonal work, but, to possess their own 'home plot' a very acceptable noun added to the Romany way of life, and also along with the devotion to the Born Again Christian Religion, very much paramount with their way of life.

