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Dear Mr Emerson

South Norfolk Council's Gypsy and Travellers Site DPD: Suspension of Examination

Further to my letter to you dated 8 April 2010, I write to inform you that South Norfolk Council is still not in a position to make a decision as to whether or not to withdraw the DPD.

This is principally because the position relating to the proposed allocation on Stanfield Road still remains unclear in terms of the position of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The Council received a letter from the HSE on 11 May 2010 in which it advised that Goff Petroleum had made contact, indicating that they wish to use the site as a petrol storage facility. HSE have requested some further information and commitments from the company to substantiate its position. When the company does this, the HSE will issue new advice accordingly. The HSE have therefore requested any decision about the DPD allocation is deferred until it received this further information from Goff Petroleum.

The Council has not been able to formally consider whether to request withdrawal of the DPD without clarification on the position of the HSE. The Council believes it is essential that it have this information before a decision is made and is pressing the HSE to respond as soon as possible. The next scheduled Council meeting is not until 21 June 2010. I would therefore like to request an extension in the deadline for the suspension of the examination. I would respectfully request that the suspension continues for a further six weeks (until 5 July 2010).

Yours sincerely

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