

HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Erika,

PARKERS ROAD PROPOSED GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE -SUBMISSION OF CATS PETITION.

We have previously been in correspondence about the proposed gypsy site in Coppenhall, Crewe and the widespread objection in the area for Cheshire East's plans. I understand that you intend to press ahead with submitting an application in the New Year at a cost on over £1 million for some 10 pitches.

I was invited to their first public meeting in October when over 400 residents attended. Their well organised campaign has grown and they now submit a petition of over five and half thousand signatures objecting to the site. Whilst I understand that I have no direct influence over planning, as their elected representative, it is appropriate that I articulate such strength of feeling and robustly support their objections to this proposal. I would like that strength of feeling to be understood by the Council and by the Planning Committee.

Mr Perris (Chair of CATS) has fully explained the grounds for their dispute and there is little to add to the detail other than to say that he has made a number of pertinent points.

You should be aware that, earlier this month, with members of CATS, I presented a copy of this petition at 10 Downing Street and I will continue to support the residents in their efforts to prevent the gypsy site. To that end I would be grateful if you could keep me informed of the progress of any planning application. To ensure my support for my constituents objections are heard, I intend to speak at any relevant Planning Committee, therefore could you please keep me informed when the application will be heard.

If I can be of any assistance on this matter please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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