Email from Susan Howorth re G&T consultation

From: Susan HoworthTo: Tony BlackburnSubject: Re: FW: Rossendale Local Plan Gypsy and Travellers Transit Site consultation

Firstly you will see I have attached my original objection letter from 2017 when the council first proposed the site and which I have subsequently updated when this matter arose again and we attended the meeting 23/12/19.

I passed this by email to a councillor in January and he was contacting an MP regarding whether Rossendale needed a transient site?

I believed he was also submitting this to the relevant person along with other objections but I could see on reading them last night this hadn't happened so I had missed my chance with that! Very frustrating.

I will speak to the councillor in question in due course.

I have tried to read and absorb/make sense of the questions and one thing I want to question is regarding issue 3. How can the leaseholders of the (quickly passed and built) industrial unit at Futures control what happens outside their leased perimeter and if they can why would the council have agreed to this in the planning application? It seems obvious by the actions of the travelling community where they want to stop as they repeatedly land at Futures.

This site can easier be monitored by cameras if needed, doesn't impact on a village community and allows travellers access to facilities they need ie local shop/school/bus route with regular service in walking distance etc

Another question I want to raise is will someone at the council take ownership of and responsibility for this site so we have a "GO TO" person when issues arise which they undoubtedly will if this ludicrous scheme goes ahead?

What guarantees can council offer regarding safety of our stock and equipment? In the event my sheep are worried by dogs who will I be seeking compensation from etc? How do council intend to monitor campers on the site i.e. who is coming and going? I feel the police will struggle to monitor it as they are already stretched and it is on the outskirts of their boundary with Calderdale so if council are supporting it they need someone to take responsibility for it?

Regards Sue Howorth