

## **Examination of East Lindsey Core Strategy and Settlement Proposals DPD**

### **Gypsy Transit Site, Burgh Le Marsh**

1. The Council has proposed to allocate Land off the Burgh Le Marsh Bypass (now proposed to be referenced GYP/TRA 2) for up to 18 transit pitches in its Settlement Proposals DPD. It has defended the inclusion of the site throughout the examination process. The site was discussed at a hearing session on Wednesday 27 September 2017, where it was explained that despite previous refusals of planning permission, the Council as a corporate body had now decided that it was suitable for inclusion in the plan.
2. However, planning application S/023/02439/16, refused permission by the Council on 9 March 2017, is now the subject of an appeal with a hearing due to take place on 21 November 2017. The reason for refusal related to fundamental factors, including the location of the site and its effect on the settled community. We understand from the Council's appeal statement that it intends to defend this position at appeal notwithstanding that it argued the site was in a suitable location during the local plan examination.
3. Consequently, now that the examination is at a late stage, we request that the Council explains its position in relation to this site and what bearing this has on the status of the local plan allocation (including deliverability); the ability of the Council to meet its need for transit sites; and ultimately the soundness of this part of the plan. This should be done as a matter of urgency.
4. You might wish to consider making this letter available to the parties to the forthcoming appeal.

Jeremy Youle and Louise Phillips  
Inspectors  
9 November 2017