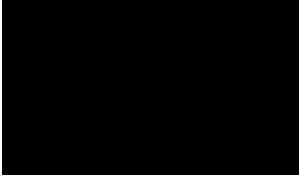
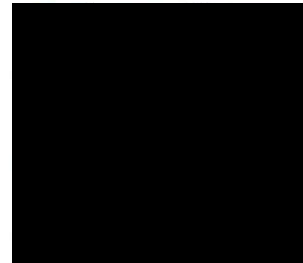


**Carol Crookes,
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Derrick Huckfield



For the attention of Inspector Anne Jordan (BA Hons), MRTPI

I write this letter on behalf of all the residents I serve. Newcastle under Lyme Council is proposing to seize established Allotment Gardens, abolish a 200 year public footpath all to meet their Gipsy Travellers requirement for 5 travellers. It has come to my attention from other people that this Allotment land is contaminated with asbestos on the surface and buried underground. This land sits on natural springs and has tendencies to become water logged. The Councils proposal will require; terminating existing allotment garden holders, either abolishing or rerouting an established public footpath, developing a completely new road (approx quarter mile) requiring new sewerage and drainage, clearing the asbestos, above and below ground and the provision of street lighting, all negating any conservational benefits of the green fields that this proposed development will consume. The Council have not considered the cost but it will be staggering.

The Council have not even considered the impact on the local village and primary school that this development will cut across if a new road is installed. This site is land locked and the Council will need to acquire access.

My Alternative Proposal

There is a 21 caravan Gypsy site 500 metres away from this proposal, with all the services in place. There is land at the side of this site that could be acquired to meet the 5 Gypsy travellers that the Council is proposing to house. It abuts a main road with all the needed services.

I believe there should be a complete investigation of this proposal when there is a much cheaper alternative in close proximity. This would allow the allotment gardens to remain as they have for the last 200 years. I have enclosed 2 maps to help.

I would also like to speak at the hearing concerning the purposed "Gypsy Site".

**Alderman Derrick Huckfield
Staffordshire County Councillor**