

**Note 1. PLANNING APPLICATION S 22/H0091.**

1. An application for planning permission has been submitted to South Kesteven Council District Council. The attached PDF which provides full information into the application.

2. Background. The application is in respect of two families who are Irish travellers. They intend to use their land, just off the A607 coming into Carlton Scroop from Honington, as a residential caravan site with each family housing 3 caravans, including no more than one static caravan, together with formation of new access, laying of hardstanding, erection of 2 utility buildings and installation of package sewage treatment plant. They have between them nine children age between one and 14. One parent has enrolled his three school-age children into a local school and registered with a local doctor in anticipation of moving onto the application site.

3. The South Kesteven Council District Council website shows that the application was received on Monday 17th of January and validated on the same day. This gives the impression that the application was in the public domain on or around 17th January. The Parish Council received notification of the planning application S22/0091 by email on Friday 28th January at 08.16 hrs. This email was seen at 10:40 hrs and at 10:51 hours, to aid timely communication around the Parish, an email was sent to a number of residents who were on a local resident email distribution list; the email contained a link to the planning application. There was mention within the District Council website that the closing date for comments in respect of the application was 16th February. The Case Officer for South Kesteven Council Planning advised at 09.20 hrs on Monday 31st of January that this is not correct. There will be 21 days after promulgation of local site notices. They are not in place yet but will be soon. Therefore, the closing date for submitting comments is at around **21st February** – exact date is still to be notified.

4. The Parish Council is aware of resident concerns over the unauthorised development of the site on S22/0091 and is actively progressing this issue, consulting and gleaning information and will update via this Parish Council website.

5. The Parish Council appreciates that each resident may have their personal view and are free to comment in the consultation process. To ensure that a view whatever it is will be considered it may be worth undertaking a Google search to check the **valid reasons** that a District Council are able to consider in the review process.

6. The consensus view from all who have experience in such planning application issues is that the process can take years to reach a final outcome.

## **Carlton Scroop – Gypsy & Traveller site**

### **1. How regularly will SKDC inspect the site?**

We will continue to monitor the site regularly. It is likely that this will be at least once a week although if we receive reports of further alleged works or development taking place then we will of course respond to those reports in addition to the regular monitoring visits.

### **2. It is alleged that SKDC have provided portaloos to the occupiers. Can you please confirm if this is true? If it is, can you explain why? Local council tax payers are rightly furious at the thought of the council providing this.**

We have discussed with our colleagues in the Council and are not aware that SKDC has provided the occupiers with portaloos. I appreciate that there is a concern about the Council providing facilities such as portaloos or bin collections, the Council also has a responsibility to try to make sure that the site is not causing other issues for the surroundings, as there had been reports of the hedges nearby being used as toilets etc.

### **3. The occupier has created a highway access next to the bus stop. Have SKDC Planning raised this concern with LCC Highways? It is clearly an unacceptable road safety hazard, so who has the most appropriate powers to remove this access?**

We are liaising with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Highways over this matter. When the planning application is determined, we will consult LCC Highways and they will have the opportunity to appraise the access and provide the District Council with the appropriate advice. This will be taken into account when we determine the planning application.

### **4. Residents are claiming they have reported development activity via the SKDC online portal but not received any acknowledgment. What is the best way to report any activity on the site?**

We have received several reports from residents and will acknowledge these as quickly as possible. We have concentrated updates to yourself, District Councillors and the Parish Council. If residents can still report any concerns via the website we will pick them up.

### **5. It is alleged that the occupier is connecting to the Western Power connection without permission. Who should this be reported to? Western Power have already been out once to disconnect this, but I understand the occupier has reconnected again.**

Future concerns should be reported to Western Power. I can advise that a multi-agency visit was carried out this morning between Western Power, the Police and SKDC Planning Enforcement. We will continue to work with our partners should any further issues crop up.

In addition there is a reporting mechanism via Crimestoppers which residents may wish to use: <https://www.westernpower.co.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/with-crimestoppers-help>

**6. What assessment of water supply and utility connections have SKDC made on the site? Residents are concerned about foul water and pressure on the water supply.**

We will consult with the relevant consultees during the course of the planning application to seek their advice.

**7. How long do you expect validation of the planning application to take? I am reliably told this is normally within 28 days?**

We are currently reviewing the application and hope that it will be validated shortly. As soon as it is valid letters will be sent to neighbours/Parish Council and other consultees inviting comments. Any resident can make comments once the application has been validated, they do not need to have received a letter from us.

**8. How many gypsy pitches have been applied for by the applicant?**

The application seeks planning permission for 2 pitches. Each pitch would comprise of three caravans. It has been indicated that two families would be resident on site; one in each pitch.

**9. Will SKDC Planning agree to a meeting with Carlton Scroop Parish Council and myself (as Cllr Kaberry-Brown's representative) please, to discuss any potential community concerns with the application, once it is validated?**

We are more than happy to field questions about the application once it has been validated and if it is appropriate for a meeting then we will be happy to arrange this with the local Councillors and Parish Council.