

Appendix 2

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

	Total pitches	Occupied	Forms returned
Oak Tree Fields	32	26	12
Dairy House Bridge	18	13	2

Gender

	Male	Female
Oak Tree Fields	5	7
Dairy House Bridge	0	2

Age

	Under 19	Under 40	Under 60	60+
Oak Tree Fields	0	7	3	2
Dairy House Bridge	0	1	1	0

Ethnic Origin

	White British	Asian / British	Roma / Gypsy	Traveller or Irish heritage	Not stated
Oak Tree Fields	2	0	4	4	2
Dairy House Bridge	0	0	2	0	0

How they would like to be consulted

	Personal Visits	Letter / Newsletter	Group / Site meeting
Oak Tree Fields	2	1	9
Dairy House Bridge	2	0	0

Concerns

Being evicted from their homes

The sites being sold as development land

Will they be able to keep and stay on their current pitches and are the number of pitches on the sites likely to reduce

Concerns about the rents and services charges being increased

A private site owner with a G&T background could be scary and concerns have been raised about how they can be protected from victimisation. They mentioned that the Gypsy and Traveller community are not able to use normal measures such as reporting issues to the police as this is not how it works in this community

Some have said that if the sites are sold to Irish Travellers then this will be the end for them on these sites as it won't be tenable for them to stay for safety reasons.

Concerns in regard to the allocation of vacant pitches after the sites are sold. The current sites are mainly Roma Gypsies and concerns were raised about other traveller groups being allowed on site as this won't work and will cause huge site issues.

Huge concerns about how the sites in Hampshire have been sold and now managed with rumours of increased rent and service charges, and the requirement new occupiers to purchase the site owners caravans

The future landlord not accepting travellers on Housing Benefit

Will they invest and improve the sites and how will this be guaranteed

Unless the landlord is the Local Authority the residents have confirmed they would feel unsafe and uncomfortable

No concern regarding the transfer as we would want the standard of the sites to improve, especially the drainage and sheds. We would like the site to be maintained as a gypsy and traveller site and some guarantee on rents and services charges not increasing

Options

For the residents to purchase there on pitches and work together to maintain the site

The Local Authority to stay as the landlord and the residents will maintain their own pitches and work together to improve the site

Consider selling Dairy House Bridge and use the money to invest and refurbish Oak Tree Fields. The transit site could be utilised to accommodate the remaining residents on Dairy House Bridge

They don't want a full refurbishment just to sort the drains / sewerage and the day rooms they will manage

Request for funding from others, like MPs or Lottery funding

To stop the rat lady and the refuge truck as this work can be done by the residents

If the Local Authority isn't going to be the landlord then the residents will leave and create homes in car parks and along the highway, this is not ideal but this is what they will do