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1st. June 2009.

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached a copy of letter of objection, dated 12th May 2009, which was e mailed to Mr. Trevor Prowse and Miss Tracey Darke, but does not appear to have been listed on your website .

Please acknowledge receipt.

Thanking you in anticipation of your attention to this matter,

Yours faithfully,



Alan Hurdley
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12th. May 2009.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Illegal Traveller Camp, Barlestone/Bagworth Border.

The residents of the Parish of Bagworth and Thornton object most strongly to Planning application **REF 0900208** and are very angry and concerned about the retrospective planning application submitted on behalf of the illegal camp set up during the Easter period on the boundary of Bagworth, Barlestone and Nailstone, and also very close to the existing Costalot camp.

The Parish Council is concerned that despite an emergency court order, being granted, Borough Officers and the police seem to have little authority to prevent the continuing illegal development of this site , or to remove the persons engaged in this illegal activity.

To put this matter into context, the site currently being developed appears to be as big as the nearby Costalot camp which was developed illegally because of lack of action to prevent development. There is also the nearby Garlands Lane camp ear marked for an additional five pitches in the Local Development Framework (LDF). The Kennels Camp, overlooking the current illegal development is growing steadily out of control despite monitoring by your enforcement officers.

The lengthy consultation of the Borough's LDF proposals should now be nullified until this illegal development is stopped and the land is returned to its intended agricultural use, because there is no point in having an LDF structure if people are allowed to disregard it without appropriate consequences., and there is no point in trying to negotiate provision of camps in the northern Parishes. From experience the owners of the land may probably appeal against any legal decision, which could take years to resolve. For example, the Heath Road camp in Bagworth is now in its fifth year of operation against a decision for the site to be closed in 2004.and they have recently has applied for planning permission to remain on site for a further three years, Where is the equity in this situation?

You cannot expect to keep ear marking this area for further development for travellers and you should be seen to be diligent in your duty to prevent it.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Hurdley,
Parish Clerk