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Dear Mr. Simpson,

Re: Solihull LDF- Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD Draft, April 2013

The CPRE wish to make the following comments on the document above.

Para. 3.1.2 National Policy states:-
"Protecting the Green Belt from inappropriate development and strictly limiting new traveller sites in the open countryside, away from existing settlements or outside areas allocated in the local plan."

Regarding the **Uplands site on Dickens Heath Road**, this site is in the Green Belt and Government Policy is to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development. This is an important consideration because this area of Green Belt separates Dickens Heath from Shirley. Development within this area will erode the nature of the green space and result in blurring of the boundaries of Dickens Heath and Shirley thus reducing the "Village" identity of Dickens Heath.

This site is an unauthorised development which is still subject to enforcement action. If it is included, it sets a dangerous precedent that the Local Authority does not enforce unauthorised development adequately, and allows it to be regularised.

The Development Plan Document includes 3 pitches at this site, but the site could easily accommodate many more caravans in the future if this site is designated. Indeed, a planning application has already been submitted for 4 pitches on this site. Even if the Borough Council restricted the number, at Appeal, a strong case for expansion of the site could be made and upheld by an Inspector. The Applicant has not shown a case for "special circumstances" as required for such development to take place in the green belt in this Policy Document.

We trust that you and your Committee will have regard to the inclusion of this site to which we object when finalising this document.

Yours sincerely,


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This authority lasts until 31 December 2017, when it may be renewed

On behalf of CPRE Warwickshire

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