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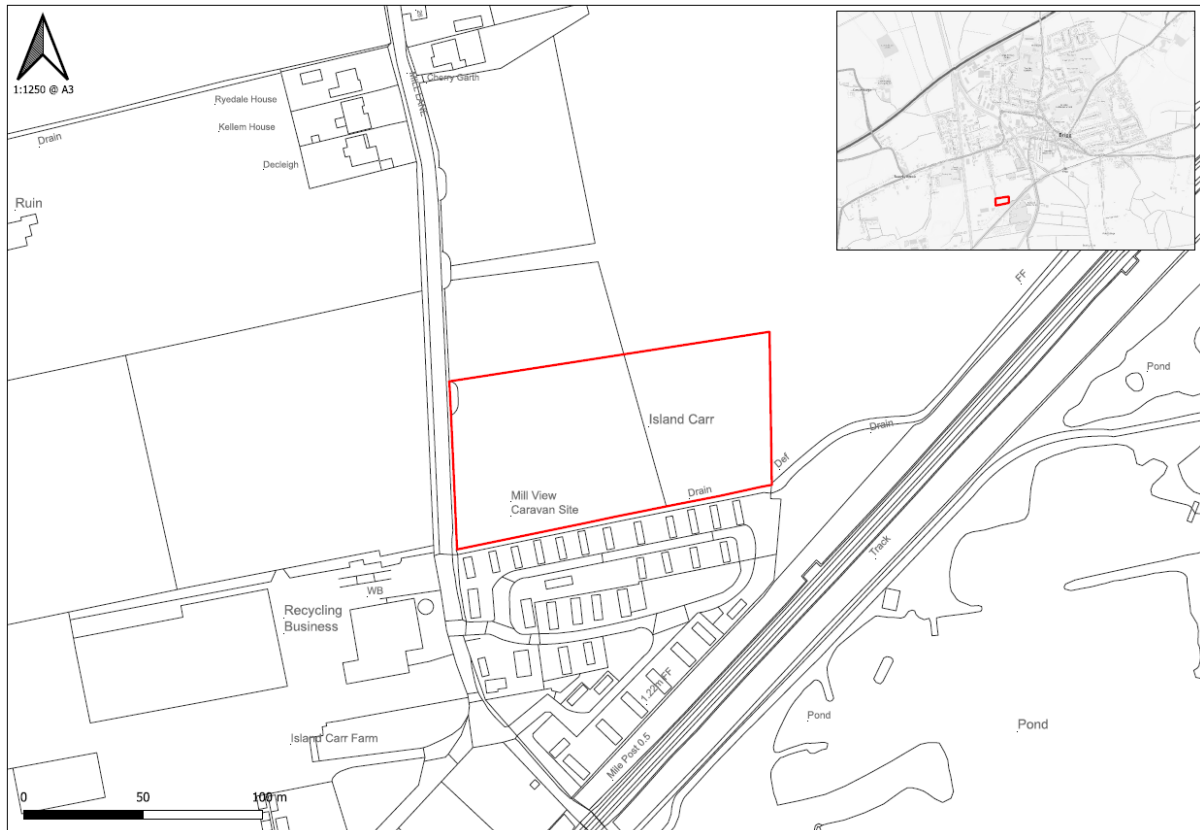
To the Inspectors for examining the North Lincolnshire Local Plan via Ian Kemp- Programme Officer
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Dear Inspectors: Elaine Worthington MTP MUED MRTPI, Louise Crosby MA MRTPI and Rachael Bust BSc (Hons) MA MSc LLM PhD MInstLM MCMi MEnvSci MRTPI

RE: EXPLORATORY MEETING

Thank you for your letter of the 5th February 2024 following the Exploratory Meeting of 23rd January. We welcomed the opportunity to clarify examination procedure and way forward with yourselves in person. We discussed that the Council has identified a proposed allocation for Gypsy and Traveller site. As requested, we have provided further details of the site below:

Location of Site: Mill Lane, Brigg (shown in red outline below)



The Council is engaging with the site owners on site delivery. The owners also own the adjacent Mill View Caravan Park, which is an existing private gypsy and traveller site. Whether the new site would be stand alone or act as an extension of the existing adjacent site is yet to be determined, and could depend on whether the site is delivered by the owners or the Council. The Council is engaging to understand whether the owners will deliver and operate the site, or whether the Council will need to deliver it and find an operator. If the Council needs to deliver it, then it is prepared to negotiate with the landowners to purchase the site voluntarily, or as a last resort, potentially use compulsory purchase powers.

Completing the additional work required

The proposed new policy to allocate the gypsy and traveller site as well as amendments to existing policy H6 on North Lincolnshire's travelling communities have been sent off to our sustainability consultants who will have prepared the necessary SA/SEA/HRA work and associated amendments by the end of March. The Council is preparing the Consultation document for the modifications which will accompany the Site Assessment Methodology and Site Assessments Document alongside the consultation. We Plan to launch the consultation on or around the 15th April, 2024 for a period of six weeks.

The Council is completing a revised Statement of Common Ground to send off to Natural England following another meeting with the Agency on 5th February. The revised Statement will reflect the Council's final position on the outstanding matters which we intend to take into the hearing sessions. Given that Natural England just need to decide whether to agree or not with the outstanding matters, we do not envisage it taking longer than the end of April to submit the Statement into the examination.

Work has commenced on the two topic papers requested, on minerals and waste. We anticipate these will also be ready by the end of April.

The schedule of suggested Main Modifications has been updated to reflect the latest position in terms of proposed changes to the Plan. It would be prudent to await the outcome of the SA/SEA/HRA of the gypsy and traveller modifications as well as the conclusion of the SoCG with Natural England prior to submitting this. This will ensure any proposed modifications arising out of these pieces of work are accommodated. We therefore envisage submitting the updated list of modifications by the middle of May. This would allow these potential changes to be considered in drafting the MIQs and hearing statements and subsequently discussed at the hearings.

Yours sincerely,



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