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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Please find attached the London Borough of Havering (20025659) submission for Deadline 5 for the M25/J28 Improvement Scheme (TR010029). This submission covers LB Havering's concerns with the way in which the Applicant has engaged with some local residents.

Regards,

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Dear Sir,

London Borough of Havering (20025659) – Applicant engagement with residents of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park

London Borough of Havering would like to bring to the attention of the Examining Authority (ExA) its increasing concern surrounding the level of engagement that the Applicant has had with residents of the Putwell Bridge Caravan Park. Furthermore, LB Havering would invite the ExA to consider this matter alongside the Equalities Act 2010 and whether the Applicant has met these standards, under which the residents are protected.

In the Applicant's response (REP3A-020) to the LB Havering Local Impact Report, the Applicant has stated that the consultation report (AS-020) sets out the engagement that has taken place with residents of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park. Paragraph 8.33 of the consultation report states that *"on 3 October 2019 a meeting was held with the residents of the Caravan Park at Putwell Bridge to provide an update on the scheme, particularly the gas pipeline diversion and supplementary consultation"*.

REP3A-020 further states *"Following further discussions with the occupants of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park, Highways England wrote to them on 2 July 2020 and 5 August 2020 confirming the removal of Plot 1/9 from the DCO application, which was the concern raised by the occupants with Highways England. There has been no further correspondence from the occupants of the Caravan Park"*.

LB Havering is of the view that this is a completely unacceptable way to notify a *hard to reach* group about this scheme, particularly given the proximity to the site and potential impacts.

The Council is very concerned that the Applicant appears to have made no effort since August 2020 to engage with the residents of Putwell Bridge, particularly given there has been a Targeted Consultation on changes to the scheme, since then.

Literacy issues are common in hard to reach groups, particularly with members of the travelling community whose education may have been disrupted. In terms of health and education, Gypsies and Travellers are one of the most deprived groups in Britain.

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The Council is also aware from experience that post is not always delivered to Gypsy and Traveller sites in the borough, particularly during the Covid Pandemic

The Council is of the view that the Applicant needs to undertake a socially distanced site visit to physically meet with the residents of Putwell Bridge Caravan Park, and to make sure that they are fully aware of the proposals, and that they understand the implications for their site both during construction and operation. The Council would be happy to assist the Applicant in getting a site visit organised with the residents, if that would help.

At the very least, LB Havering would expect the Applicant to be able to demonstrate that any written correspondence has been delivered and has been explained verbally in a way which is clear to the residents.

The Council remains concerned that should any changes to the scheme design be required when the Principal Contractor undertakes detailed design of the scheme post Development Consent, the residents may be required to temporarily relocate. As a final CEMP has not been produced, there is no surety from the Applicant that this will not be necessary.

As Havering set out in its Deadline 3B submission (REP3B-006), Local Authorities are required to ensure sufficient locations are allocated to address accommodation need for Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. The Putwell Bridge site has been identified as a site to contribute to Havering's need.

If the residents of Putwell Bridge need to temporarily relocate because of the scheme, the examining authority should be aware that there are no publically owned Gypsy and Traveller sites within the borough and there is no additional capacity on privately owned sites as these are being allocated in the emerging Local Plan to meet an identified need.

Having surety that residents will not have to be relocated during the construction period remains an important matter for the Council.

Yours faithfully,



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