

A66 Dualling – PADSS on behalf of Mr Billy Welch, Gypsy and Traveller Representative

<p><b>The principle issue in question</b></p>	<p><b>The brief concern held by Mr Billy Welch on behalf of the Gypsy and Traveller Community which will be reported on in full in WR / LIR</b></p>	<p><b>What needs to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change, or</li> <li>• be included, or</li> <li>• amended</li> </ul> <p><b>so as to overcome the disagreement.</b></p> <p>-----</p>	<p><b>Likelihood of the concern being addressed during Examination</b></p>
<p>Proposed route passes through the site of Brough Hill Fair, a chartered fair since 13<sup>th</sup> Century. The existing site has been used for 102 years, since Time Immemorial. The dedicated use of this site is protected by an entry on the Title Register at Land Registry. An alternative site has been proposed, which is unsuitable for the reasons set out.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The site is an ancient site with cultural, heritage and ancestral significance of great importance to this community.</li> <li>2. Proposed alternative site is too small, being less than half the size of the original site. It is inadequate for the number caravans and grazing horses.</li> <li>3. The small size of the proposed alternative site means that caravans and horses will be too close to fast moving traffic on the new dual carriageway. The existing site was large enough to allow some distance between caravans, horses and existing single carriageway road.</li> <li>4. The proposed site is too close to a dwelling, being immediately outside of Mr Heron’s front door.</li> <li>5. An alternative and shorter route for construction of the new road exists to the north of the A66.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More weight should be given to our objections to the proposed alternative site.</li> <li>2. Provision of larger alternative site, away from dwellings and the new road.</li> <li>3. Change the route to the north of existing A66 so the site of Brough Hill Fair is not affected.</li> </ol>	<p>Our objections have not been accepted by the Highways Authority. This matter requires special attention. Until now the Gypsy Traveller people have not been represented by professional planning consultants, but their voice should be heard. The loss of this important cultural site is causing extreme stress and anxiety, which should be taken into account when making the decision.</p>