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PRESS RELEASE

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Gypsy and Traveller Site at LA5 in Tring will not go ahead

A government Planning Inspector has decided against the inclusion of a gypsy and traveller site at LA5, the land allocated for major housing development on the west of Tring. This followed a two week public examination of Dacorum Borough Council's Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

The decision has been taken to ensure that the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is conserved and enhanced. Residents who were worried about the impact of the proposed site on the adjacent AONB will welcome this decision.

"The Town Council was relieved to hear of the outcome. We lobbied hard with professional representation at the recent public examination to get across our message that the AONB was not an appropriate place" said Cllr Mike Hicks, Mayor of Tring.

Some representors at the public examination had expressed concern about the public open space to be provided as part of LA5, but the Inspector regards this proposal as offering a necessary transition between the AONB and the housing development.

There are several stages to be completed before the Planning Inspector's report is finalised and the resulting changes incorporated into the Site Allocations DPD. It is estimated that the revised document will be formally adopted by Dacorum Borough Council in Spring 2017.

Dacorum Borough Council is currently working on the new Single Local Plan - which will incorporate the required early partial review of its Core Strategy. The Core Strategy sets out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the Borough for twenty years. The Single Local Plan will include new housing requirements, and, if required, identify additional sites to meet the longer-term needs of gypsy and travellers across the Borough.

Note:

A copy of the Inspector's letter to Dacorum Borough Council on LA5 can be found at <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/docs/default-source/strategic-planning/pc4---inspector's-post-hearing-note-to-dacorum-borough-council-regarding-la5-site.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

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