My name is Patrick Harrison and I speak on behalf of Chelwood Parish Council.

The council objects to the proposed Traveller site at the old Colliery, Stanton Wick for the following reasons.

1. 20 pitches (the number the council suggest) would almost double the population of Stanton Wick
2. The highway access is deemed by BANES to be inadequate as the highways department has objected to further development on an adjacent site.
3. There is no public transport or pavements within 1 Km of the site.
4. The water supply which Chelwood shares with Stanton Wick is barely adequate for normal use and totally inadequate in case of fire as shown in 2 instances in the last few years when the fire brigade had to haul water from other villages.
5. There is no mains drainage within 1Km and the site is unsuitable for septic tanks and soakaways.
6. This is inappropriate development in the Green Belt - would the council allow an estate of 20 houses on the site?

These points are contrary to Local Plan HG 16 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) and (v)