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SUBMISSION STATEMENT TO CABINET 10TH JULY 2013

Good evening Cabinet.

In the Planning Portal newsletter of 4 July 2013 is the following Written Statement titled "Planning and Travellers" by the Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis MP, issued on behalf of Eric Pickles (the Secretary of State).

"In March 2012's National Planning Policy Framework, inappropriate development in the green belt **should not** be approved except in very special circumstances. Having considered recent planning decisions by councils and the Planning Inspectorate, it has become apparent that, in some cases, the green belt is not always being given the sufficient protection that was the explicit policy intent of ministers.

The Secretary of State wishes to make clear that, in considering planning applications, although each case will depend on its facts, he considers that the **single issue of unmet demand**, whether for traveller sites or for conventional housing, is **unlikely** to outweigh harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the 'very special circumstances' justifying inappropriate development in the green belt."

Furthermore, the Secretary of State has made it very clear that in **no way should islands be created in the Green Belt for gypsy & traveller accommodation.**

This would appear to relate directly to Planning application **13/01965/FUL** and to your consideration with the Gypsy & Traveller DPD.

Thank you for listening.