

Hazelbury Bryan Parish Council

Response to the Travellers Pitches Consultation – 10th February 2012

Site Location	Proposed pitches	Overall comment	Reasons for Comment
Land at Thickthorn Lane (Proposed)	1	Existing and long established and currently occupied site. Provided it does not expand, the village are happy for it to remain.	The site is away from the main village and meets the criteria.
Land at Little Crate Farm. (Proposed)	1	Existing occupied site with temporary permission. Provided it is not allowed to expand, the village are happy for it to remain.	The site is away from the main village and meets the criteria.
Land at Pleck adjacent to telephone exchange. (Proposed)	3	An ex-chicken farm with large barn and feed silo currently used for storage. Unsuitable for use as traveler's site.	<p>This site fails the following Physical constraint Criteria as defined in Table 3 – site assessment criteria:</p> <p>a) Contamination. The previous use of the land as a chicken farm means that the land is potentially contaminated.</p> <p>b) Site access and safety. Road safety and site access extremely poor. The entrance is on a bend at the top of a hill with a BT substation blocking the way. It would be very difficult to get trailers etc. out of the site safely.</p> <p>c) Facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP Surgery – The nearest surgery is 5 miles away ▪ Primary School – There is a primary school but it is full ▪ Shop – The village shop has just closed ▪ Bus transport – There are two busses per day. ▪ Trains - The nearest train station is 10 miles away. <p>d) Utilities – There may not currently be mains water or electricity on the site.</p> <p>Planning Policy The only Planning Policy that NDDC have for Hazelbury Bryan is to maintain green spaces between the hamlets (and planning has been turned down at this site on this basis in the past). There is no reason why this policy should be overridden now.</p>

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Land at Military Lane, Kingston. (Proposed)	6	Adjacent to existing chicken farm. Unsuitable for use as traveler's site.	<p>This site fails the following Physical constraint Criteria as defined in Table 3 – site assessment criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contamination. The proximity of the chicken farm means that the land is potentially contaminated. b) Air quality. Although the site is not within an air quality management area, the very strong odours emanating from the chicken farm suggest that the air quality is poor. c) Site access and safety. Road safety and site access are very poor. Military Lane is single track road. The alternative access Back Lane is a known danger zone with a history of accidents. Increased traffic on this road would make it more dangerous. d) Facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP Surgery – The nearest surgery is 4 miles away ▪ Primary School – There is a primary school but it is full ▪ Shop – The village shop has just closed ▪ Bus transport – There are two busses per day but the nearest bus stop is 1 mile away. ▪ Trains - The nearest train station is 10 miles away. e) Utilities – Sewerage There is no mains draining in the area.
Land at Pidney Hill (Rejected)	1	Site already has permanent planning permission. The village is happy that it should remain and be counted in the total allocation.	As there is already planning permission this site will continue to be used and should therefore be included.

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Land in Stoke Wake (Omitted)	1	There are travellers already in residence on this site which the village are prepared to accept.	<p>This site is already in use. It is away from the main village and causes no concerns. It should therefore be included.</p> <p>The site is known as Copper Beeches, has been occupied for at least seven years, and has had successive temporary planning consents. The report speaks of it as being intrusive in the landscape but it is surrounded by several extremely large properties and farm buildings against which its presence is insignificant.</p>