

## Annex C: Extract from Minutes of Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### 35. 35. PETITIONS

#### A. Petitions regarding the Council's Local Plan

In view of the number of signatories to the following petitions relating to the Council's Local Plan and in accordance with the Council's current petitions scheme, these were discussed by Members. Consideration was also given to a background report from the Assistant Director for City and Environmental Services:

- Presented by Cllr Ann Reid – Council Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
2302 signatures

“I/We the undersigned oppose Labour's plans to use Green Belt land across York to build 22,000 houses over the next 15 years.”

- Dunnington Parish Council  
1323 signatures

“We the undersigned petition the City of York Council to stop the building of a permanent 15 pitch Gypsy/Traveller site using land at Common Lane and Hassacarr Lane in Dunnington, York. It's located on Green Belt land, adjacent to Hassacarr Nature Reserve and will have a major impact on the people living in the surrounding area, homes and businesses. There are plenty of areas around York that would be suitable for these traveller locations that would not affect local residences and businesses. City of York Council needs to support our petition and keep residents happy by providing areas and communities that people feel content to live in.”

- Presented by Cllr Ann Reid - Council Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
1084 signatures

“We the undersigned object to the proposals in the council's Local Plan for the development of land lying between Wetherby Road and Knapton village. We believe that the site should continue to be included in the Green Belt as it protects the rural setting of the western approach to the city which would otherwise begin to merge with the outer ring road.”

- Gypsy & Travellers Site, Malton Road, Huntington  
1036 signatures

“We the undersigned petition the council to stop the building of a permanent site for 20 pitches (20-80 caravans) on a 3 acre plus site, Huntington York. The placement of this site right at the heart of an

established community, locating it immediately adjacent to homes, a nature reserve and businesses would not be appropriate in this locality, by virtue of its potential impact on Huntington & Heworth residents. We believe it is hard to conceive of a more inappropriate proposal.”

- Say No to the proposed plans for a 16 acre permanent travellers site in Knapton York  
1204 signatures (closed 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013)

“We the undersigned petition the council to stop the building of a permanent site for 20 static caravans on a 16 acre site, Knapton York. The council of York want to build it for 'show men ' as a permanent home. The site is bigger than the whole village of knapton put together. Its green belt land and the owner hasn't even been approached about the proposal. This will have a major impact on the people living in the surrounding area, homes and businesses. There are plenty of areas around York that would be suitable for these traveller locations that would not affect local residences and businesses in the York area. York Council needs to support our decisions and keep residents happy by providing areas and communities that people feel content to live in.”

- Protect York's Greenbelt  
1232 signatures on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 (closes 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013)

“We the undersigned petition the council to amend the draft Local Plan and save a number of traditionally Greenbelt-protected sites from being developed upon. The sites which have been earmarked by the Council for large scale housing development include Holme Hill and various plots of land at Clifton Moor, Osbaldwick, Copmanthorpe, Woodthorpe, Haxby and Monks Cross. We want to see the character of our villages surrounding York protected. We acknowledge the need for more housing in York, but believe the figure of 22,000 homes to be too high and the loss of over 1000 acres of Greenbelt land to be unsustainable. We believe it is absolutely vital that Brownfield sites are used first.”

Following the debate the Lord Mayor confirmed that the petitions and debate had been noted and would be taken into account as the Council progressed consideration of its Local Plan.