

From: [REDACTED]
To: [LDP](#)
Subject: Aberdeenshire LDP 2021 - Proposal for development of site at OP14
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We wish to make representation regards the above referred, as follows:

We own and reside at [REDACTED] i.e. the house & land to the West of OP14, which runs parallel to the old A96.

The statement on the LDP intimates that this has been allocated as '**A halting site for gypsy/travellers and/or employment land**'. On reading further, it goes on to say; '**A halting site for gypsy/travellers is required within the Thainstone/Crichie employment area and this site has been identified as the most suitable location within this area for such a use. Alternative use as employment land will only be accepted should this site not be required for a halting site for gypsy/travellers due to an alternative site within the Thainstone/ Crichie employment area having been delivered**'

To us this appears to be virtually a fait accompli, but yet there has been no consultation with us, despite our owning the adjoining property/land!

It also suggests access would be via BUS6, which seems strange, as this is land across the opposite side of the access road to the Kirkwood Commercial Park, which is occupied by [REDACTED]? Was site OP14 previously part of BUS6 in the 2017LDP?

The map contained within the letter we received, reflects that OP14 includes both North & South bound carriageways of the old A96 and take this opportunity to confirm the title of the road was vested to the owners of the land adjoining the stopped-up section of the A96, in December 1991, namely ourselves and the owners of the land within OP14.

We fully understand that there is a requirement for a gypsy/travellers site, but do not understand why it has to be within the Crichie/Thainstone area?

Furthermore, we have had previous experience of gypsy/travellers, choosing to set-up site on the old A96 via forced entry and experienced verbal abuse, which was extremely unpleasant and stressful for our family.

Your acknowledgement of our correspondence is appreciated and trust we will be kept informed regarding any development of the matters referred to.

Regards

Gordon & Kathleen Mitchell