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DATE: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
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Dear Mrs. Newey,

**Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document – Additional Sites Consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Travellers' Sites DPD Additional Sites Consultation. It should be noted that the comments below are officer comments only.

As background, the South Worcestershire Councils (SWC) (Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District) are also preparing a Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations DPD and consulted on revised Preferred Options in March 2018. The revised Preferred Options consultation document does not seek to accommodate any of this areas identified need for Travellers pitches in Herefordshire. Also, the Preferred Options do not identify any potential Travellers sites in close proximity to the Herefordshire administrative boundary.

The SWC have also recently commissioned consultants to undertake a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for the south Worcestershire area.

The SWC have no in principle objections to the two proposed sites for additional pitches at Bosbury and Madley. Obviously, if new potential sites for either permanent or transit pitches are proposed in the process of preparing the Travellers' Sites DPD then we would wish to have an opportunity to make representations.

We acknowledge and appreciate that Herefordshire Council has engaged constructively with the SWC as part of the Council's Duty to Cooperate. Further, the SWC are committed to further discussions as both SWC Site Allocations DPD and the GTAA progress in order to comply with on-going requirements associated with the Duty to Co-operate and as part of the Memorandum of Understanding arrangements between Malvern Hills District Council and Herefordshire Council.

If you require clarification on any issues raised in this response please contact David Clarke on 01684 862370.

Yours sincerely,

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**Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils**  
**(on behalf of the South Worcestershire Councils)**

