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Dear Peter,

**CHORLEY COUNCIL GYPSY AND TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING  
SHOWPEOPLE POLICY AND SITE ALLOCATION: FINAL REPORT**

Thank you for your letter of 24 April 2015, providing your comments in response to the fact check of the Inspector's report on the Council's Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Policy and Site Allocation Plan.

The Inspector has corrected the errors that have arisen and made the amendments to the report where appropriate, and I enclose your final report.

The Inspector has not included the following points from your Fact Check response. The first is relating to using capitals for gypsies and travellers. The PINS advice has always been only to use capitals where referring to the ethnic group e.g. "Irish Travellers" or "Romany Gypsies". In all other circumstances we use lower case. This is also the case in the relevant Acts of Parliament that refer to g&t and PPTS also uses lower case.

The other matter is the comment relating to the modification that referred to amending the policies map. This wording change came from the QA response and is because I can't modify the policies map in my report. The wording of the modification in the report is not significantly different to that consulted upon and in any case the modification referred to an action to be taken i.e. amending the policies map, not words to be inserted in the Plan.

Clearly it is now for the Council to adopt the Document at its discretion. The Inspectorate maintains a national database of Local Plans progress on the Planning Portal (and a submissions database) and we would be grateful if you can advise the Plans Team when you adopt in order that your plan status can be updated.

Please provide us with a Purchase Order Number so that we can include it on your invoice. Both the fees and expenses will be payable for all duties carried out in examining your Local Plan.

The Council should consider whether adoption could have any effect on appeals currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. As you know, appeals must be determined on the basis of the development plan as it exists at the time of the Inspector's (or the Secretary of State's) decision, not as it was at the time of the Council's decision. If adoption changes the policy position, the relevant Inspector(s) will need to take that into account. In addition, please ensure that your new policy position is clearly explained when submitting your Questionnaire in relation to future appeals received after adoption.

If the above circumstances apply, it would be very helpful if the Council could contact the relevant Case Officer(s) in the Planning Inspectorate dealing with any outstanding case(s) at the time of adoption.

Yours sincerely

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