

## CALL-IN REQUEST

**1. SUBJECT:**

**MEETING GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER PITCH NEEDS – LAND IDENTIFICATION**

**2. DATE OF CABINET MEETING:**

04/10/2023

**3. CABINET DECISION:**

Following a review of Council owned 'Candidate sites', to put forward two sites of up to 6 pitches each at the Caldicot East strategic site identified within the Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy. The commencement of a public consultation exercise on the following Council owned sites (site summary profiles provided in Appendix 1), for the potential provision of up to six Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pitches each:

- Bradbury Farm, Crick, Caldicot
- Oak Grove Farm, Crick, Caldicot
- Langley Close, Magor

**4. REASON(S) FOR CALL- IN:**

1, The process is flawed and there remain multiple concerns about the integrity of the process, perceived inconsistencies, and erroneous information. 2, Feedback about process and site-specific feedback from residents does not seem to have been considered sufficiently - Cabinet did not take on scrutiny's recommendation to return completely to the drawing board, however, in a further show of the unsound nature of the process cabinet agreed to the site at Dancing Hill. Although previous reports advise that Langley Close in particular but any site must be tested for the effects of potential contamination, air and noise pollution or other suitability/viability issues. No detail has been provided about the cost of this work. Indeed during the cabinet meeting the cabinet member stated that there would be no assessments until the point of a planning application. We believe the decision is unsound, is based on a poor and flawed process and could lead to significant cost to the authority. Further work could be extremely costly. This is out of kilter with the LDP process. This seems irresponsible and ill advised, particularly in the current financial climate.

**5. DATE RECEIVED:**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**6. MEMBERS CALLING-IN:**

**(The Chairman of a Scrutiny Committee or any three non-executive members)**

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Ward</b>  |
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| Frances Taylor | Magor West   |
| Simon Howarth  | Lanelly Hill |
| David Jones    | Crucorney    |

Please identify which Scrutiny Committee should hear the call-in, based on the request: