IMPORTANT. Please support Forum in calling on the Council to immediately delete all Green Belt sites from the Joint Development Plan Document consultation and review all need for sites in the Borough as required by the Government’s Planning Policy for traveller sites. Please **sign and address** the petition below and copy and paste it to the following email recipients:-

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To: All Councillors, Bournemouth Borough Council and Tobias Ellwood M.P.

**Re: Planning Policy for Traveller Sites**

The Governments new Planning Policy for Traveller Sites March 2012 (4) states:-

* that local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning

and in (6) lays out how local authorities should assemble “the evidence base necessary to support their planning approach”

The recent consultation by Bakers for the Dorset Wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document used figures imposed by Central Government over 5 years ago in the scrapped South West Regional Spatial Strategy, whereas now, the Government has clearly set out its resolve to allow local authorities to determine their own levels of need.

In view of this, how can sites specified in a proposed “Joint” Development Plan Document for the whole of Dorset, still be relevant, particularly in view of the fact that at (14) the Planning Policy states “Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development.”

We call upon the Council to delete all reference to the three Green Belt sites immediately, pending robust evidence based consultation involving both the settled and traveller communities to look at all need, permanent and transit, as required in section (6) of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites.

Signed ……………………………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………………..

Name ………………………………………………………………. Address ………………………………………………..

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Links:

Department for Communities and Local Government - Planning Policy for Traveller Sites:

 <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningpolicytravellers>

Department for Communities and Local Government - National Planning Policy Framework:

 <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>

Department for Communities and Local Government Newsroom Press Notice

“Planning reforms will deliver local growth with community support”

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/newsroom/2115423>

Bournemouth Borough Council: The Bournemouth Plan Core Strategy: Pre-Submission Consultation

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/PlanningBuildings/Planning/Policy/Local/CoreStrategy/CoreStrategyFiles/CS-PreSub-Main.pdf>

 The Bournemouth plan Core Strategy: Main Modifications Schedule

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/PlanningBuildings/Planning/Policy/Local/CoreStrategy/ExaminationSubmissions/Main-Modifications-Schedule---FINAL.pdf>