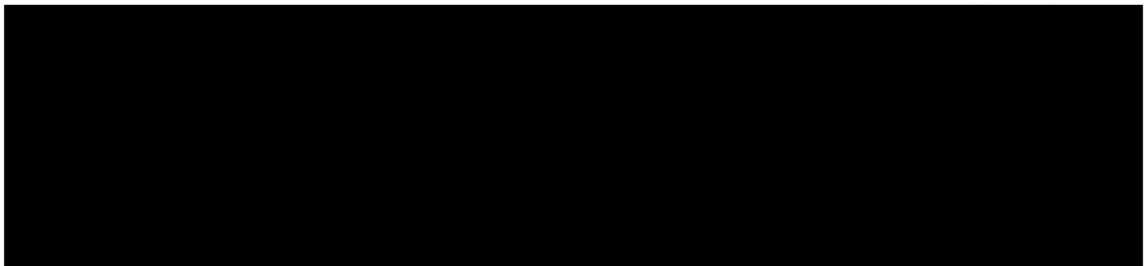


WITNESS STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

1. I, [REDACTED] am [REDACTED] years old am currently living on Plot [REDACTED] at Land to the south of Chear Fen Boat Club, Twentypence Road, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire, CB6 8PX where we are seeking permanent planning permission.
2. We moved onto the site in June 2022 so we will have been here three years in summer.
3. ~~We are currently doubled up~~ ^{I am} on Plot [REDACTED] with my wife, [REDACTED] our [REDACTED] daughter [REDACTED] and my mum and dad.
4. We previously lived at [REDACTED] which is a privately owned gypsy site. We lived here for 10 or 11 years; it was a difficult decision to move from the site as we had been there for so long but it was getting too unsafe to stay there.
5. When the opportunity for us to live on a site with our families and put my family in a safe space, I did not think twice. We knew it was going to be a challenge trying to find an alternative gypsy site with space for us, there is next to nothing available around us and I did not know what we would have done if we did not have our plot on this site.
6. It plays on my mind the thought of not being able to stay here. We have nowhere else to go and I do not know where I would start to look to find a safe space for my family.
7. I work doing driveways and completing groundworks. I am self-employed. I tend to stay local to the area as my dad [REDACTED] so like to be near in case my support is needed.
8. I need to make sure that I am living on a site with my mum and dad and my brothers and their families.
9. I used to attend some of the gypsy and traveller fairs, especially the Midsummer fair in Cambridge, it was a nice weekend to catch up with family and friends. I find myself living a much quieter life now with my family and focusing on sorting out where we want to live.

10. My little girl is not old enough to attend school but it has not prevented my wife and I considering the options available for her. It is so important to us that [REDACTED] gets an education and learns to read and write.
11. We plan to have her attend a local nursery followed by attending a local primary school but we have not got round to looking at schools yet. She will most likely go to the same ones as her nieces and nephews that she is growing up alongside around on site.
12. It is peace of mind knowing that our local doctor's surgery is only 5-7 minutes by car.



13. We all work as one when it comes to helping my mum and dad as they are now getting older [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] When that day comes, my mum and dad will heavily rely on my brothers and myself and all the family on site.
14. My sister and 2 brothers also live on site alongside their families. It is a great community to be among and we all get on perfectly, it is beautiful. Our family are close and it is great that we are all within such close proximity. We all get to build our lives together and support each other where it is needed and I would want to have it any other way.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated herein are true.

Full name [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Date: 1-4-24