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Dear Neil,

I am writing to you as we are extremely frustrated and not satisfied with the way our application has been handled, specifically with your involvement in delaying the application going to Planning Committee over the issue of gypsy / traveller pitches. We have reviewed Arun's corporate complaints procedure and note that where an applicant is not happy with the service received that they should in the first instance respond to the section or department who handled the matter in the first place. I would be grateful therefore if you could consider this email urgently;

The gypsy / traveller pitches issue was first raised in March, and we were asked to provide a justification statement in this regard. This information was provided by our agents swiftly to your department, however it then took a considerable period of time for Arun District Council to seek advice from your appointed experts, Peter Brett Associates (PBA), and then further time to release the advice into the public domain. This delay in itself was frustrating. However, the response from PBA agreed with the justification statement we had submitted and we therefore expected and were hopeful that the application could proceed to planning committee with a recommendation for approval as this is the only outstanding issue to resolve.

Your response to this has been extremely surprising and given the absolute view of PBA we simply cannot understand why and on what basis you continue to delay making a decision.

We understand that you will not allow the application to proceed to Committee until you have evidence that the previous owners of the site have moved to permanent alternate accommodation, even though PBA agreed that their

traveller permissions were personal and as such ceased when they moved over a year ago. The site has been vacant since. As is usual in land transactions, we have no ongoing relationship with the Vendor and to expect us to provide this information is in our view entirely unfounded and unreasonable.

Despite repeated efforts from our consultants chasing ADC it appears that the application has not moved any further forward in the last three weeks, and we believe it has already missed two potential Committee Dates and is in danger of missing the August Committee too. We do not think this is acceptable and question whether the application is being delayed for some other motive.

We require an urgent response and satisfactory explanation from you please.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Wickens

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