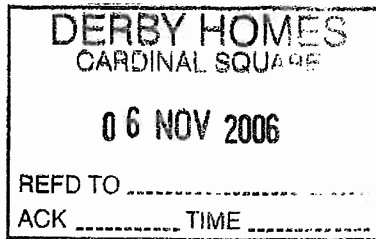




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Paul Dransfield
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Phil Davies
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Derby Homes
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3 November 2006

Dear Phil,

Glossop Street Consultation

You will be aware that the Council is currently considering the site at Glossop Street as an option for a permanent site for Travellers.

As such, we are keen to ensure that consultation is inclusive of local community residents, local businesses and of course, key stakeholders in the local area. We are therefore particularly interested in hearing the views of Derby Homes, who have provided a high standard of housing management services to local tenants for a number of years and who have been at the forefront of some of the community regeneration initiatives, which have been particularly successful.

As a key stakeholder in the area, your views on the site proposals would be of great value. I have attached, for your information, a copy of the survey form which has been issued to local residents and a map showing the exact site location.

We are hoping to analyse responses to consultation as soon as possible; community residents have been requested to return their forms by 13 November, although we would still consider any feedback received during the following week.

I appreciate this deadline may be rather tight for your own internal Board meeting schedules; may I suggest that on receipt, you advise me of a more achievable date for return that we could be working to. A response in letter format would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Angelina Novakovic.
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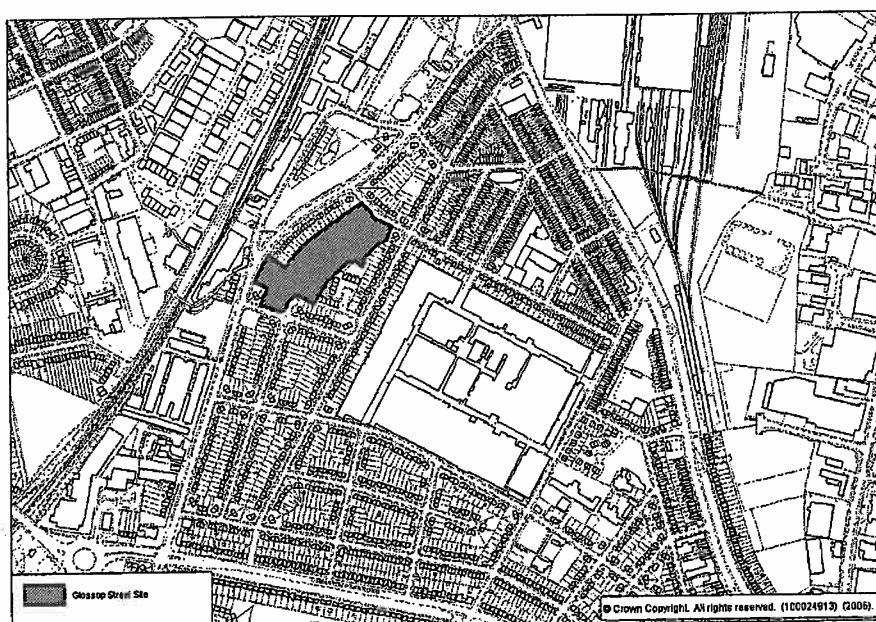
Glossop Street Consultation

Your views on the development of the land on Glossop Street are important to help us decide on plans for the future of the area.

The Council is considering the site at Glossop Street as an option for a permanent site for Travellers. The site location is shown on the map below.

Residents are also able to view photographs of other Local Authority Gypsy and Traveller sites at XXXX (agreed office/centre in Osmaston). They might be helpful by giving you examples of how a site in Derby might look, once it has been developed.

Please use this form to give us your feedback and comments about the proposal. All of the information that you provide will be treated in confidence, you do not need to give your name and address unless you would like us to send you information on the results and outcomes of this consultation. Please return your completed form using the freepost envelope supplied by **DATE**.



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The Council could be in a position to bid for funding from the Government during 2007, which if successful, would be used specifically to develop any land agreed as being suitable as a permanent site for Travellers. The anticipated benefits of this would be:

- Improved landscaping and appearance of the site to be sympathetic to the surrounding neighbourhood.
- Travellers on the site would be contributing financially for services and would be liable for ground rent and Council Tax.
- Rubbish, waste, water, gas and electricity services being put in place to ensure better facilities for Travellers living on the site and to maintain a clean, healthy and safe environment.
- The site would be managed by Derby City Council or Derby Homes. The design and management of the site will incorporate community safety considerations.

A second phase of work will be undertaken on a Master Plan for housing development in Osmaston, including the remaining land on Glossop Street. The views of local residents will be incorporated into these plans.

Help Message / Translations

Please answer the next few questions to give us your views on this proposal.

1. Do you think that part of the land on Glossop Street should be developed into a permanent Traveller site? Please ✓ just one box

Yes ☐ 1

No ☐ 2

No Preference ☐ 3

- 2.** Please give your reason for your answer to question 1.

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If a permanent Traveller site was to be developed on part of the land:

4. What facilities should be included on the site?

5. What other services would you like to see to ensure that the development works well in the local community?

If you would like us to send you information on the results and outcome of this consultation please tell us your:

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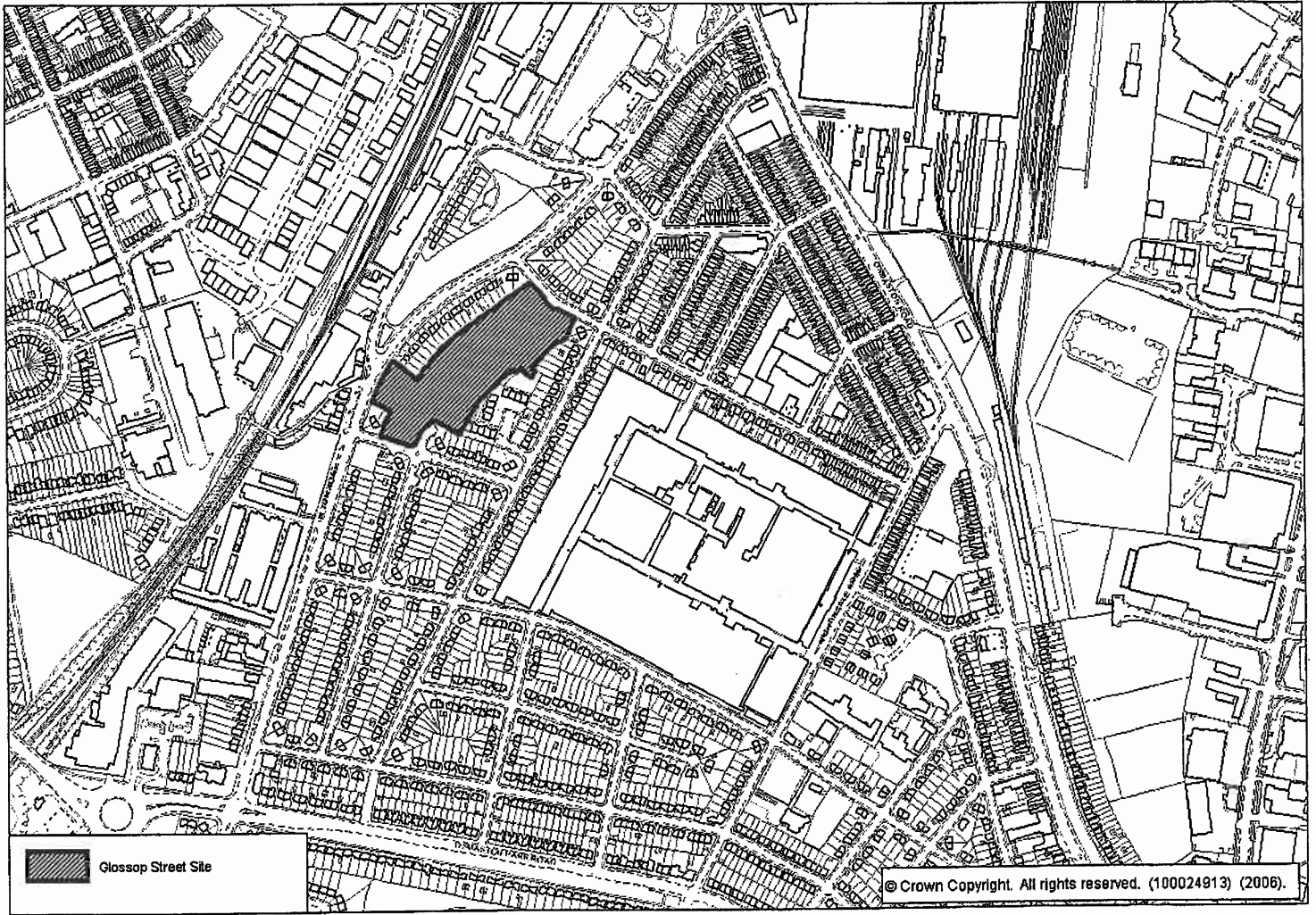
All information provided will be treated in confidence, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will only use this information and any contact details that you have provided to inform our decision on this development proposal and to send you information on the results and outcome of this consultation.

For further information about this consultation please contact:

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Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form.

Please return your completed form by **DATE**, using the freepost envelope supplied, you don't need a stamp.



 Glossop Street Site

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Glossop Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Davies, Phil
Sent: 08 November 2006 10:20
To: 'Ina Gibson'
Cc: Fullagar, Ian; 'Kendow'
Subject: RE: Glossop Street

Dear Ina

Thank you for your e mail. The contents are noted. This is a process that is being led by the Council who own the land concerned and have a duty to provide for traveller families.

Derby Homes has been asked to give its views on the proposals and we will be discussing this at the next Board meeting on 30 November at 6pm here in Cardinal Square. I have discussed this with Ken Whitehead and invited him to attend that meeting to put forward the view of the local community panel. I have also invited a council officer to attend to explain the issue.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ina Gibson [<mailto:inagibson@hotmail.co.uk>]
Sent: 07 November 2006 19:48
To: Davies, Phil; Davies, Phil
Cc: Williams, Richard (D&CS); Foote, Michael; Cowlshaw, Ray - Chief Exec DCC; Chera, Prem; Dhamrait, Hardial; Turner, Robin; Kendow@compuserve.com
Subject:

07 November 2006

ATTN: Phil Davies - Chief Exec - Derby Homes

RE: Glossop Street Travellers Site in Derby.

Dear Sir,

Firstly I would like to mention that the questionnaire I received from the council, asking the views of the residents in the area about the site, seems very bias, in favour of the travellers. I feel (along with other residents) that the Travellers needs are being given a higher priority than ours. I feel that in actual fact the Council should be giving the long standing, hard working, close knit community in our area a higher or better standard of support and understanding.

Why does the questionnaire not include the question " Would you prefer 55 houses to built on Glossop Street, as originally planned?" Surely it is only fair that the questionnaire gives residents another option. Many of the residents I have spoken to feel the questionnaire gives us no other option, like it has already been decided, and have lost a lot of confidence in the Derby City Council. Many of the residents feel betrayed after living here and paying Rent and Taxes, some of them for 30 years or more!

Secondly, I have complained continually to the Council for the last 4 years.

I have made complaints to Local Housing Offices including Addison Road and Bingham Street, about the inappropriate behaviour of the travellers. Every time I have complained, I have been informed "we have only had 2 or 3 complaints". I know this remark is not true, and still we are waiting for them to be moved on or relocated. I am left only to assume that the complaints that have been made have been ignored or not registered, or maybe even overlooked by mistake and feel that this is why the complaints are not being taken seriously. I strongly recommend that this is looked into, as I have many names and addresses of local residents that have made complaint after complaint to the Council and feel the same as I do. That the complaints we are making are not being recognised fairly.

After Ian Fullagar took the time to visit my home and some of the local residents last week, we were left with a positive impression that something would be done to reassure us that we are of equal importance and that our views of the encampment being made a permanent site being ridiculous, would be looked at properly. I think that has been an obvious misunderstanding as the 'new' questionnaire doesn't really differ from the old one. The questions that were included in the questionnaire relate only to the site being made permanent. There is no referral to the original plans and funding that was promised to be put into building new houses, play areas and greenery in our area to bring it back up to the same standard as other housing estates such as Littleover and Allestree. Why has the option for funding this not been mentioned in the questionnaire, when you have specifically mentioned the funding for the encampment? This is so wrong.

Glossop Street is an inappropriate site for Travellers. The majority of the local residents feel this way. Travellers have a completely different lifestyle to us and should be located to an area where they have no houses or residents overlooking

them. This way, we can all live our lives without offending and embarrassing others. At present the travellers have the choice to live in which ever manner they please, it is their freedom.

Unfortunately I (and many others) do not have any choice in the matter. We have no choice but to be subjected to this day in day out. It is not fair that my 13 year old daughter has no freedom in her own bedroom, no choice but to have her curtains drawn constantly while she does her homework from school, all because it is disturbing for her to see this.

I would like to re-iterate my greatest concern to you, about the many complaints that have been made and seem to have been ignored. I am more than happy for you to visit my home, at your convenience, and hear some of the residents opinions 1st hand. You can take a look for yourself through my windows, have a coffee and a chat and I'm sure upon reflection you will decide whether or not you and your family would want this on your back doorstep, PERMANENTLY!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully

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Derby
[redacted]

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	Michael Foote	DDC
	Ray Cowlshaw	DCC
	Ian Fullagar	DCC
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	Hardial Dhamrait	CLLR
	Ken Whitehead	Community Panel Chair

