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I would like to make for following comment:

HDC in their allocation of gypsy sites doc dated 2023 have themselves queried whether the access footpath to the site is viable

The access is by a public footpath and, as such, cars are not allowed to drive on a public footpath unless there is an easement allowing such car access. It is not owned by the applicants who therefore cannot exercise any control on the access

The HDC document states that there currently exists such an easement but that is for the user of the already existing dwelling [REDACTED] and not for future users such as the 4000 approx future car journeys proposed.

It is a criminal offence to drive a car on a public footpath and the law would require an application to change the Designated Map which is unlikely to succeed given the 2006 and 1998 laws restricting any further access by cars on footpath. It would also take many years.

An alternative public footpath could be proposed but one may not be viable and the applicants have not addressed any of these issues, first raised by HDC themselves

Until resolved, although the site is in the Local Plan, this issue raised has not been addressed. It may render the local plan unsound.

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