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Dear Sirs, Madams,

Firstly, let me say I am in no way against Gypsy Pitches being set up in parts of the UK. However, I am against Gypsy pitches and camps being set up in areas where there is a list of objections that include the environment and safety of the public.

I am a retired Civil engineer who has spent over 40 years dealing with major Drainage issues. I have carried out work for Kent county council, Ashford council, Dartford council. The location of this proposed development is in one of the highest parts of Whitstable, which in itself raises issues with the drainage. The water pressure is only one of the issues. There are many other issues that have been experienced (and still are) with the construction of 400 new homes at Whitstable heights. Installing new drains would be a problem of its own. The drainage from this development would have to either have to run into existing manholes or new manholes constructed which would mean new main drainage, which would include new deep excavations of the existing land. These excavations would destabilize the existing ground and effect the existing drainage.

My other concern would be the amount of heavy traffic that would have to use the narrow existing road. Some examples would be the weekly /fortnightly refuse collection.

It is a well know fact that in many reported cases, most gypsy families are no different from anybody else. However, it is also well reported that many gypsy families obtain there income from many types of construction, including Tarmac drives, roof works and general works. This would mean that there would be lorries and machinery increasing the weight on the roads. They would need a storage area for materials and plant they would use during there work. The question would be, where are they going to dump rubbish and materials from the work they carried out ? the high probability may be illegal fly tipping that the council would have to clear up at the rate payers cost. It a known fact that Kent has a major problem with Pot-holes in the road, it is my professional opinion that any increase in heavy traffic in this area would 100% increase pot -holes and damage to the roads.

My third reason is that the location of this proposed development is a stones trow from properties with small children, which would mean the decision taken by Canterbury city council would have to consider the safety of the pedestrians. There is also a health risk which would need to be taken very seriously. An increase of daily rubbish, the sewerage affect and more.

For these reasons I totally object to this development being approved.

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Regards

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