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Mr Dave Barber
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Dear Mr Barber

Re. Potential Sites for Gypsies and Travellers (GT02)

Following my conversation on Wednesday 24th July with your Lorna Coldicott, we are writing regarding the proposal to include our farm buildings and growing land currently used for the production of food for UK consumption in the above review - GT02 in your Public Consultation on the matter June/July 2013.

This proposal will take away 20% of our growing land, our source of borehole water for irrigation, 7500sq ft. of buildings, around 4 acres of road and hard standing storage areas and last but not least one of our two main entrances to our operation.

We employ around 37 people from the local area who value their employment all year round and 10 local seasonal workers.

This proposal would make the entrance system to our properties unworkable.

Our business began in 1970 at Bericote Road in Leamington Spa and this growing farm was purchased in 1992 as a base for all our outdoor growing operations which it successfully achieves. Our turnover is around £7m a year and we estimate we inject around £1.2m into the local economy. Considerable monetary cost has been injected into this site of around £2.5m over the last 21 years.

In summary if this proposal went ahead it would mean **closure** of our business and the loss of employment, revenue and food which is urgently needed currently in the UK.

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We would urge you to look at the whole situation regarding this proposal and find a suitable site or sites that are available that do not impact on our local area in the way that this one does.

Yours faithfully



Simon Cox (Partner)

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