

Theydon Bois Action Group

PROTECTING THE VILLAGE OF THEYDON BOIS

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Dear Eleanor,

TBAG wrote to you on 19th May and asked if, subsequent to the new coalition government, we might expect to hear officially that the proposals for G&T sites in Theydon Bois have been abandoned.

We understand that Eric Pickles has confirmed that the Regional Spatial Strategies that outlined various housing and other targets have been abolished. He is quoted in the Daily Mail of 6th July "*I promised to get rid of them and today I am revoking regional plans with immediate effect – hammering another nail in the coffin of unwanted and unaccountable regional bureaucracy. They were a national disaster that robbed local people of their democratic voice, alienating them and entrenching opposition against new development.*"

However until the 'Direction' has been withdrawn then the blight this has caused on residents' homes and their land continues. We understand that EFDC still await confirmation and that 'Direction' has been withdrawn and suspicions are surfacing that the delay in the confirmation signals bad news.

We ask for the second time if you could confirm what you stated at the TBAG organised 'Question Time' that the requirement for the district to provide an additional 34 Gypsy and Traveller sites by 2011 will be removed. If this is still the case can you confirm when we might expect to hear officially that the proposals for Gypsy and Traveller sites in our parish have been abandoned.

Your speedy response to this most urgent request is appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Sowerby
Chair
On behalf of TBAG