

Dear Sir or Madam

My name is [REDACTED] I am the owner of [REDACTED] and the gypsy site at the same address, It is a small family site with three generations of the same family

This property means a lot to me because my [REDACTED] lives with me at this address my [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED] also and I raised [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED] also raised their children at this site

The main house had a burst pipe some years back, so we all live on the site behind it. The whole property is under a half acre. There are 9 caravans, 1 house and a building, and 11 vehicles. I have 2 dog kennels for my dogs, so it is very crowded

I am writing this statement with the help of my [REDACTED] because of a cpo order I received from [REDACTED] for The Leicestershire County Council (A511 Growth Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 [BK-BK.FID376994]

I was told in the order that the council wished to purchase some of my land and also take some of my land as a work depot but give it back to me when they done the work. And as me and my family and I use every inch of the site, I informed [REDACTED] that I did not want to sell or rent my land

but I was told that the council only want a small piece of my Land I have not received anything in writing from the council telling me exactly how much of my land that they want they have sent me a plan on the plan the part that they want there is 1 residential caravan my dog kennels are there and also some cars park

So the land is needed, and I have also submitted a planning application to the council for a residential mobile home on that part of the Land

But then I was advised if I did not sell to the council it would be taken from me anyway and I should negotiate with [REDACTED] so we tried to. We send a message through a third-party to [REDACTED] telling her we did not want money and there is a piece of land behind my property owned by a building company that is not going to be built on. That we would be willing to do a land swap. The small piece of land is owned by a building company I thought the building company would be open to make A deal because My Land was being claimed to make a new road so the building company could build. God knows how many houses behind my property then we got a message back from the Council saying no to the land swap because the council want to keep the land behind

mine but they will be willing to give £1000 for my property I thought that offer was very on fair because to be honest I couldn't replace my [REDACTED] Phone with the money so I definitely could not replace the property that [REDACTED] and the council wants to take from me

But to be honest it's not the offer they made that bothers me is the fact that they are going to take my property even if I don't want to sell

All I want is for the council to let me keep my property if they take the land away from me they will be taking it against my will My site is the only site in the Coalville Area for a Irish traveller family there is a shortage so I can I get my head around it instead of the council building sites they want to make the only site smaller

me and my family have lived in this area for over 20 years we keep ourselves to ourselves we do not cause any problems for anybody so for that reason I truly believe that the council will approve my planning application

In the public inquiry on the 11th of June I hope The planning inspector for the Secretary of State will take into account the number of people who lives on my site who have nowhere else to go and I know The planning inspector for the Secretary of State will know how hard it is to get planning permission for a traveller site so I hope they will support us I am not saying the council cannot have the land but they. Should replace it what they take from us because I do not want They money no matter how much they offer

I know the council will argue and say they only want a little bit of my property And the part they want has no planning permission but the part they want has been developed and used as a traveller plot for 7 years so my counter argument to that would be if you only want a little bit of my land then give me a little bit of the land to replace it [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Who is working for the council has already said that they are claiming Land right behind me not to build houses but to prevent flooding I find it hard to believe because the Land right behind mine is probably 1 m higher then the land beside it

And if anybody wants to come to my property for a site visit to look around and speak to the people who lives on it, they are more than welcome

Many thanks

[REDACTED]