

Kneesworth Community Group

Representing the interests of our Hamlet

Dear Kneesworth Resident,

You are probably aware that the land between the A1198 and the Kneesworth House Hospital has been offered by the landowner to South Cambridgeshire District Council as a potential site for a Gypsy/Traveller site.

The Kneesworth Community Group is a small group of residents who volunteered at the public meeting to represent the views and concerns of the Kneesworth community.

To this point there has been little activity, as South Cambridgeshire District Council waits for the Coalition Government to issue a new 'framework for policy' before setting targets and choosing sites. But it looks like this limbo period is coming to a close and we anticipate that the public consultation on the proposed A1198 site will start in **Mid September** and run for approximately six weeks.

At this point the Community Group has carried out the following:

- ✓ Established a website <http://www/kneesworthcommunitygroup.wordpress.com> to provide information and updates – please sign-up for email updates, so you'll get updates on progress without delay
- ✓ Identified areas in which to lodge objections during the consultation and started preparing the required documentation and evidence
- ✓ Responded to the consultation process run by the Department for Communities and Local Government on planning for travellers sites, highlighting that no one area should have an undue concentration of travellers sites; cultural differences between different Traveller and Gypsy groups should be made clear when deciding site location; the impact on the local population where the occupants of the sites are self employed
- ✓ Held meetings with the District and Parish Councillors on the proposals, and with the Spring Lane Action Group to discuss strategy
- ✓ Made contact with the media in the run-up to the consultation

We will issue regular updates on progress and how you can become involved, in the meantime – please check the website for further news or get in contact with us at kneesworthcommunitygroup@gmail.com (or stop anyone of us around the village).

KCG – 8th July 2011

About Kneesworth Community Group.

The group was founded after a public meeting in November 2010, to ensure that the interests of Kneesworth residents regarding the proposed Gypsy/Traveller site within the community are heard. Further details are available at: <http://kneesworthcommunitygroup.wordpress.com> and we can be contacted at: kneesworthcommunitygroup@gmail.com