Staffordshire County Council

Gypsy Roma Traveller Advisory Teachers (GRT AT's)

To whom it may concern

I wish to support Mrs Joanne Price in her planning application. The family have been settled in their current location for ten years and I believe that if the family are forced to move, it will be to the detriment of the children on the site.

I am the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Teacher for the Checkley area and work with the children in school. All of the five school age children attend Hutchinson Memorial First School in Checkley. Their attendance is good and they are all achieving well. The family are strong supporters of education and try to limit their travelling to school holidays to ensure that the children are receiving continuity of education.

The children are well integrated in the local community and have strong friendship groups. The school caters for their needs and provides additional support for the children who need it. The children are accepted and able to celebrate their culture in a safe inclusive environment. If the family is forced to move, the children would have to move schools and integrate into a new community which because of their culture would prove very difficult.

Thank you for considering the points I have raised.

Sincerely

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