

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES STATEMENT – OCTOBER 2024

APPLICATION SITE: LAND AT EAVES LANE, STOKE ON TRENT. ST2 8LY

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO A 2 PITCH FAMILY GYPSY & TRAVELLER SITE -
RETROSPECTIVE

APPLICANT: MR P QUINN

PLANNING AGENT: MR MIKE CARR MSc MRTPI – MAT DESIGN LIMITED

1. INTRODUCTION

This Personal Circumstances Statement has been prepared to accompany the planning application for a 2-pitch gypsy and traveller family site, day room and boundary treatment and semi-permeable surface (retrospective), within the jurisdiction of Staffordshire Moorlands Council.

The statement set out the personal circumstances attached to the family, which should be considered as part of the planning application and the planning balance when the Local Planning Authority (LPA) make their decision on the submissions.

As is set out in the Planning Statement, this application is presented as an appropriate form of development in the green belt, given that we say the proposed development seeks to make effective use of previously developed (brownfield), which was untidy for a considerable period (PPTS para 26(a)).

Furthermore, and taking this material consideration into account, we also consider that the proposed development complies (in principle) with the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023), particularly Section 13, paragraph 154 (g) in that the resulting development limited is the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed land, whether redundant or in continuing use (excluding temporary buildings) which would – not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development.

Taking this into account, we do not consider that Very Special Circumstances are required as there would be no material harm to the openness of the green belt in this location. However, we do think that it is essential that

the LPA are fully aware of the families' personal circumstances and associated medical conditions that affect the family's health and well-being. This information is listed below.

THE FAMILY GROUP

Patrick Quinn (Senior) - 16,10,1973 51 years old

Nora Quinn 25,2,1979 45 years old

Patrick Quinn {son} 23,1,2000 24 years old

Winifred Quinn 5,6,2003 21 years old

Terence Quinn 7,3,2006 18 years old

Kathleen Quinn 17,2,2010 14 years old

Lisa Quinn 10,11,2015 8 years old

PLACE OF BIRTH

Mrs Quinn and all the kids was all born in Stoke on Trent and have always lived and travelled from the area.

SCHOOLING AND HEALTH SERVICES

Lisa Quinn attends St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Mobberley Rd, ST6 5RN, which is the school that the family's other children also attended.

The family are registered at the Talke Doctors Clinic, High Street, Talke Pits. ST7 1QQ

The family are registered at the Kidsgrove Dental and Implant Centre, 79 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove ST7 4EW.

Terence and Kathleen wear glass and they are registered at the Vision Express Opticians, Hanley Potteries Centre, ST1 1PS.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Mr Quinn (Senior) has high blood pressure and is on daily medication.

All the family has been tested for haemochromatosis except Lisa, who will be tested later due to age. Kathleen cannot have a venesection yet but when she turns 17 or 18, she will have to start having this procedure done.

All the other 5 members of the family have tested positive for this disease, and if left untreated, places a high risk of liver problems such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. Part of the treatment requires regular blood tests and venesection under consultants at the Royal Stoke Hospital and the cancer support team who works in local clinics. This disease is inherited which means my children's kids will also have this as well.

Mrs Quinn has a sister with special need, who lives locally is who she cares for on a voluntary basis to provide regular rest bite for her other sister who cares for her on a full-time basis.