

Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Preferred Options

Summary of Site Specific Representations

Site	No of Reps in Support	No of Reps Objecting	Other	Total	Summary of Objections
1. Cowling Farm, Chorley	31*	89 (1 of which is a petition signed by 327 people)	3	123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the most expensive option being considered. • Impact on The Spinners. • Impact on Cowling Farmhouse which is a Grade II listed building. • Few shops and services in the area and public transport is limited. • Road access is not suitable as they are narrow and winding and cannot cope with any extra traffic. • Negative impact on this area of beauty which is the gateway to Rivington and the West Pennine Moors. • Impact on house prices. • Use of Green Belt for access but Hut Lane is in Green Belt. This land is also subject to a restrictive covenant. • Value of remaining part of site allocated for housing and employment will diminish. • Impact on the Cowling community has not been considered. • Businesses on Moorland Gate Business Park will suffer. • The size of the site will attract more Gypsies and Travellers and would grow out of control. • Topography of the site makes it difficult and costly to develop. • Noise and disturbance from the site. • Site has poor drainage. • Improper use of taxpayers money.
2. Yarrow Bridge Depot, Chorley	0	47	2	49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on River Yarrow and adjacent woodland. • Impact on pub and hotel. • Impact on house prices. • Road safety issues – access is from the A6 which is already extremely busy and there is a bus stop in front of the site used by school children. • Contamination – the site has been used in the past to dump substances such as asbestos, fridge freezers and lamp posts. • There has been significant development in the area already e.g. Duxbury Manor, Myles Standish Way. • Site is in the Green Belt. • Potential flood risk. • Noise and disturbance from the site. • Lack of school places locally.

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3. Cabbage Hall Fields, Chorley	0	30	0	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and disturbance from the site. Loss of privacy as properties on Coltsfoot Drive back onto the site. Impact on house prices. It is the only green space in the area where children can play and acts as a buffer zone between Coltsfoot Drive and Chorley North Industrial Estate. It should be turned into a playground/park. There is only one access road into the estate and there are already issues with parking. Increased traffic will result in safety issues. Problems in the past with Travellers setting up camp illegally on the industrial estate.
4. Land off Westthoughton Road, Heath Charnock	1	5	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site is in the Green Belt. Potential contamination as the site has been used for storing chemicals and materials by LCC. Site is not available as used by LCC. Not a suitable site to have children on due to being between the A6 and the Leeds Liverpool canal and there is an approx. 20ft drop to the canal. Impact on the canoe club.
5. Land at Ackhurst Road, Chorley	1	1	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems in the past with Travellers setting up camp illegally on the industrial estate.
6. Land adjacent to Northgate Drive, Chorley	0	31 (1 of which is a petition signed by 187 people)	2	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on house prices. Access is unsuitable for large vehicles and caravans due to the road being narrow and congested with parked vehicles and it is a major route for children accessing St Joseph's primary school. It is the only green space in the area where children can play and acts as a buffer between Northgate Drive and the motorway. It should be turned into a play area. The trees on the site lessen the impact of noise from the motorway, if they are cut down noise would increase from the motorway and it would make the area unattractive.
7. Haworth Road (previously named Crosse Hall Lane), Chorley	0	32 (1 of which is a petition signed by 419 people)	0	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is named Crosse Hall Lane but the site is on Haworth Road. There are already traffic problems on Crosse Hall Lane due to the primary school and this will be made worse. Impact on house prices. The site is not big enough to accommodate five pitches. Will not be in-keeping with the Rivington View estate which has been landscaped and which residents pay a maintenance fee for. This site is ideal for St James' primary school to expand onto and seems a more useful purpose for the land. The road is unadopted and is being maintained by Morris Homes. Additional traffic will cause wear and tear and the expense of repairs would be borne by residents of the Morris Homes development.

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8. Harrison's Farm, Adlington	0	33	2	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the site is poor either via the bridge on Harrison Road which is a narrow Grade II listed structure or via Park Road due to parked vehicles on both sides of the road. • The site is widely used by walkers and cyclists on route to the canal towpath. • Rainwater drains have historically been a problem in the area. • Loss of good productive farmland. • Impact on house prices. • The land outlined on the map is not all owned by the Council. • The fields are home to an extensive range of wildlife.
9. Hut Lane, Heath Charnock	0	1	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is not suitable for this use due to a long history of conflict between the residents of the site and the adjoining settled community. • The site is in the Green Belt. • The site is unsustainable.

*23 reps were in relation to other sites but stated that they agreed with the preferred option.

Summary of General Representations

- Consultation inadequate and a breach of Localism Act 2011 as residents living adjacent to any of the sites being considered were not consulted.
- Selection of the preferred option cannot be justified due to inconsistencies and errors in the examination of the sites.
- Representation form is difficult to use.
- The document is illegal and unsound.
- Failure by the Council to follow a transparent, fair and proper process.
- The best site would be adjacent to the Hartwood/M61 roundabout.
- Do not see the point of moving the Gypsies/Travellers from the site they are currently living at.
- Sites put forward by the Traveller community have been dismissed because they are in the Green Belt but several sites suggested by the Council in the Green Belt have been considered.
- Concerns about the robustness of the GTAA published in January 2014.
- Objection from settled community in terms of engagement on Gypsy and Traveller issues and sites before the Preferred Options consultation.