

# **RUFFORTH with KNAPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **APPENDIX XI**

### **TRAVELLERS' SITE**

#### Appendix XII Travellers' Site

The City of York Local Plan Publication Draft (February 2018) Policy H5, pages 105- 107, Meeting Future Need..... Planning Applications states that development for Gypsy and Travellers' sites will be permitted where proposals:

- i) Do not conflict with the objective of conserving and enhancing York's historic and natural environment. This includes ..... Green Corridors and areas with important recreation function. The B1224 is part of one of the Green Corridors entering York and has the amenities of a bridleway and newly created cycle path which takes people out of the city into the countryside.
- ii) Ensure accessibility to public transport and services. There are no footpaths along the B1224. There is only an irregular bus service, which currently has no stops on either side of the road beyond the last residential property. There is no route for pedestrians or cyclists crossing the ring road, A1237. Local facilities and schools are on the far side of the A1237.
- iii) Are suitable in terms of vehicular access and road safety.... The B1224 carries huge numbers of HGV's from Harewood Whin, a Waste Transfer Station in City of York Council's Joint Waste and Minerals Plan. This road also carries large volumes of heavily loaded agricultural traffic. It has also become a link road between the industrial estates at Thorpe Arch and Tockwith, the Wetherby services on the A1 and York's ring road. Access and egress from most fields along the B1224 is difficult, due to poor visibility on the several bends through Rufforth and on the open road to the A1237.
- iv) Ensure that development does not lead to unacceptable levels of congestion, pollution and air quality. Queuing traffic is often a problem already, on the B1224.
- v) Ensure future occupiers would not be subject to significant adverse environmental impacts. The B1224 in the Parish of Rufforth with Knapton is dominated by what was the landform site at Harewood Whin, now a Waste Transfer Station. Pollution and air quality could become factors here.