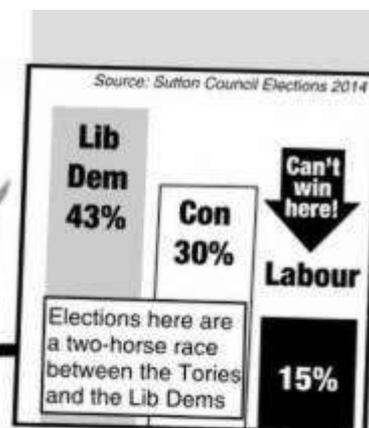


Sutton North Special **FOCUS**

News from Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron and Cllr Steve Penneck



SUTTON LOCAL PLAN AND CONSULTATION INTO TRAVELLERS' SITE IN ALCORN CLOSE

Following local concerns, your ward councillors would like to clarify this situation and assure residents that we will represent the local community's views.

What is a local plan?

The Council has to produce and update its local plan from time to time to take account of the increasing population and other changes in Sutton, as it provides the framework for land use within the Borough and policies against which planning applications are judged.

Why is a Travellers' site being proposed?

One issue that the government requires Sutton to consider is whether it should make further provision for members of the Gypsy and Travelling community who wish for a permanent home. Such provision would be for a fixed caravan site; not to accommodate transient travellers who sometimes occupy land illegally and cause huge disturbance to local residents. It is not clear at this stage whether any new permanent sites are needed. However, Council officers have identified part of the land at the corner of Kimpton Road and Sutton by-pass as one of two potential additional sites.

How likely is it that it will be built?

To be clear - there is no proposal for such a site at present and there are no funds to bring such a site into use. But the consultation is about identifying a site for future use should it become needed, as we are required to do by law. If we do not consider this, then it would be more difficult to refuse a planning application in future for such a site.

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Labour	1	2	3	4	5
Conservative	1	2	3	4	5
UKIP	1	2	3	4	5
Green	1	2	3	4	5

What are your top three local issues?

Education	St Helier	Crime
Parking	Planning	Environment
Transport	Traffic	Parks

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) how well do you rate the work of Lib Dem-run Sutton Council?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please use the space below to let us know your views on the issues raised overleaf or any other issues that concern you.

Can residents make representations yet ?

The current consultation invites residents' views, both on whether there is a need for a site, and where it could be located. The 'issues and options' paper www.sutton.gov.uk/sutton2031 sets out criteria for how a planning application for such a use would be decided, including impact on the local environment, character of the area and amenity of local residents. The document asks for residents' views on the need for the site and on the planning criteria.

To respond to the consultation please send your views via the consultation hub on the Sutton 2031 pages of the web site or by email to Dean.James@sutton.gov.uk or by writing to Sutton Local Plan Consultation, Civic Offices, Sutton, SM1 1EA by **8 APRIL**.

Following this round of consultation, a draft local plan will be issued and will itself be subject to further consultation in the autumn. Even if, in the future, the proposal for such a site was made, it would itself go through the planning process where residents and Councillors would be able to make further representations.

Ruth, Marlene and Steve

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