

1. Plots 3,4,7 and 8 Pony Paddock, The Chairmakers Arms, Forest Road Worlds End, Hambledon, Waterlooville, Hampshire. PO7 4QX

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**Case Reference:** 17/00049/WKS

**Name of Appellant(s):** Mr William Hughes

2. I am the Gypsy Liaison Officer for Hampshire County Council. I have been asked by Winchester City Council planning (enforcement) department to establish the Gypsy and Traveller ethnicity of specific site family's resident on Plots 4, 7&8 relating to the above appeal.
3. At 10.30 hours on Wednesday 18th July 2018 I visited the above site which I now know as the Pony Paddock, with an entrance to the site located off Hipley Road where I met with the following families;

Plot 4 – Tommy Buckley /Hildon (22yrs), Star Hildon(21yrs)

Plot 7 – No one on site

Plot 8 – Bobby Knight (27yrs), Sarah Knight

4. On my arrival on site I went to Plot 8 and met with Sarah Knight who advised me that her husband Bobby was away from site and would be returning shortly and that she was off to the Doctors with her baby daughter who was not well.
5. Shortly after Sarah had left the site I met with her husband Bobby Knight. He informed me that he was born in the Camberley area and that the Knight families originated from northern England but were now all over the country. Bobby stated that he was married to Sarah nee Smith/Lamb who originated from the Slough area. The Smith and Lamb families are well know to me as Traveller families and I have had personal dealing with both families on permanent residential sites and also on encampments at the side of the road.
6. They have four children, a boy 6 years of age and three girls 4&2 and a one month old baby. The school age children attend school in the New Town school and all the children and their mother are registered with the local doctor's surgery in Denmead.
7. He advised that he was a ground worker and worked all over the country travelling and staying away from home especially in the summer months and visits doctors as and when required dependent on where he is working.
8. I spoke at length to Bobby about his family connections and any residence on local sites. I was advised that he has never lived on a council site but always on private sites or land. He told me that he is related to the Ayres and Madgewick families. From my own personal experience I have had the Ayes families' resident on Hampshire

County Council sites. I have also dealt with the Madgewick family for Gypsy and Traveller planning applications on private land in the local area.

9. It was apparent during the conversation that Bobby has visited a number of the former council owned permanent residential sites in the county and was able to discuss with me his relationships with specific on site residents although none of them were relatives.
10. He informed me that he travels widely for employment and stays away from home in touring caravans but will return home to visit his family regularly. The family wishes to settle down for the education and health of their children and for the stability of their children during their younger years.
11. I spoke to Bobby about his neighbours on Plot 7. He informed me that the residents on the pitch were a Charles Smailes(not sure about the spelling) and his partner Lennie Buckland who is a second cousin to his wife Sarah. He advised that they were away travelling and working for the summer and would not be returning until later in the year. I am aware of the Buckland families and have one such family resident on a council site in the north of the county.
12. I then made enquiries at Plot 4 where I met the resident Tommy Buckley/Hildon. I was advised that his wife Star Hildon was in the caravan. Tommy advised me that he was born in Westbourne near Havant. Tommy and his wife are trying to establish a settled family life for the future as there is no other suitable accommodation locally and life at the side of the road means constant moves and legal action being taken.
13. I was advised that Tommy is employed carrying out tree work and travels all over the country staying away for weeks at a time.
14. I specifically addressed the matter of family connections with Tommy and staying on sites in the local area. He informed me that he is related to Billy Hughes who has a private site in the Swanmore area and also had cousins on the former County Council site at Tynefield – the Hughes and Hildon families.
15. I am aware personally of the Hughes and Hildon families as they have lived on County sites in the past and I have dealt with encampments at the side of the road where these families have been resident.
16. I have had previous dealings with the Smith, Lamb and Hildon families together with the associated families of Madgewick , Ayres and Hughes families for planning and in general terms in Hampshire and when employed in a similar post in Wiltshire.

17. In light of my experience with the Gypsy and Traveller community in general including their lifestyle, history and traditions together with my own personal knowledge and as a result of my interview with the families on site I am of a view that they have a cultural lifestyle of living in traditional touring caravans and mobile homes and travel for economic purpose but would like to settle down for stability, health and the future education of the children and the families in general.
18. I conclude that after consideration of all the facts, my balanced view is that the family's residents on this site are of Gypsy and Traveller ethnicity.
19. I am personally aware that there are no vacancies currently on the Hampshire sites which were previously owned by the County Council and inevitably there are waiting lists on those sites. The one remaining Council site in the north of the County at Star Hill has six applicants on the waiting list and is in the wrong area to satisfy the accommodation needs of these families.
20. I am not by any means and do not profess to be an expert in planning and case law but I do have a limited knowledge of these matters and also practical expertise attained having dealt with matters and issues relating to the Gypsy and Traveller community over the last sixteen years.

Barry P. Jordan-Davis

Dated: 24th July 2018