

1. Please note I am not highly educated in the writing of representations so my comments/points might appear basic in their meaning.

I am strongly opposed to the Gypsy & Travellers site at position GTW5 for the following reasons.

2. Loss of a signed foot path from Homewood road towards Sneckyeat lane.
3. Loss of wild green space for children who play free in this area during the summer months within close proximity and safety of their homes, essential to develop their character and imagination in a wild outside area full of biodiversity.
4. Loss of a wild green space where local residents can walk their pets, some well-behaved pets during their walk can roam free safe from traffic and no danger to agricultural livestock. To lose this area would be especially sad for our elderly residents unable to take their pets on longer walks, pets to some are the only family they have.
5. The Hensingham site has been deemed inappropriate for residents allotments due to contamination as a result of infill after being a past quarry, current land drainage issues are still ongoing.
6. Government advice for Gypsy and Travellers sites, Location/selection of permanent sites is quite clear and states 'Sites should not be identified for Gypsy and Traveller use in locations that are inappropriate for ordinary residential dwellings, unless exceptional circumstances apply'
7. There is a Grade 2 listed building within 191 meters of the proposed GTW5 site, and a second Grade 2 listed building 300 meters from the proposed site, both buildings are **not** shown on the council site assessment.
8. West Cumberland Hospital is within a couple of hundred meters of the proposed site, WCH requires clear entry and exit for emergency vehicles, it has been suggested towing of caravans by vehicle or horses could impact on the emergency vehicles.
9. The proposed site adjoins a local industrial units site, a percentage of unit proprietors have stated they will relocate to Allerdale should GTW5 go ahead.
10. Access to the proposed GTW5 site is via Sneckyeat lane, a narrow carriageway, partly laid in tarmac and rough stone, currently used by pedestrians and single line vehicle parking, currently this would not be wide enough for the Towing of caravans.
11. Despite repeat emails from me to the CBC for more detail concerning Hensingham site known as GTW5 only automated acknowledgements have been returned.
12. The current Copeland infrastructure supports poor roads, pavements, social housing, schools, amenities, GP and Hospital appointments/treatments, lack of purposeful policing, low employment. The current financial increases on all households is contributing to a massive increase in the need of food banks. These are all issues that leave Copeland residents in despair, residents who have now read CBC are proposing the building of a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site to house people who are already permanently living locally in either their own Bricks and Mortar properties or council housing and have long standing permanent employment within the local area.
13. There has been no official liaison/information by CBC to the residents of Hensingham and surrounding area who are left totally in the dark regarding what a Gypsy and Travellers site would incur, resulting in negative speculation and frightened residents.

14. Information found on social media regarding Gypsy and Travellers sites in other parts of the UK portray a very disturbing image of, broken promises and misinterpreted assurances from local councils to the local population in what proposed G&TS would be.  
Truth being increased crime in the area of the G&TP site, a no-go area for council officials and general public, even the local constabularies keep a low profile when in the area of the sites. This is **not** what is needed in what is currently an area already struggling with points noted in 11 above.
15. At a local parish meeting organised by local resident to discuss the councils proposed GTW5, it was openly admitted by the family (present at the meeting) who are perusing a G&TP site, they identified the Sneckyeat site GTW5 as ideal to the council well before CBC came up with a criteria and 11 different sites that the majority did not even meet their own criteria?  
Should CBC widen their search area more potentially better placed sites will be available in West Cumbria.