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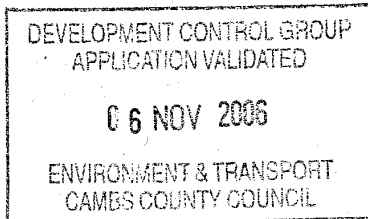
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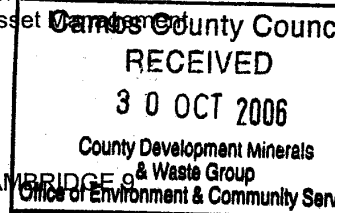
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Section 11 Supporting Statement

Willingham Emergency Stopping Place

The Emergency Stopping Place (ESP) is being proposed simply in order to relieve the local rights of way and verges from unauthorised encampments, whilst the District are not yet able themselves to offer an alternative. The ESP is being designed with a local family in mind and is not intended to provide for any more Travellers than are already in the area. The intended effect is that local residents experience fewer encampments, and that this Traveller family can reside somewhere legitimately and in partnership with the authorities for a temporary period.

The ESP area would be occupied on a temporary basis, according to existing local need and appropriateness, and not set out a minimum or maximum stay. Therefore, the time frames for encampments on the ESP are likely to be similar to those of encampments already on the byways, i.e. anything from 2 weeks to a couple of months at a time. If the family there keep the area well and residents are happy for them to stay longer, this can be arranged.

The one-family site will be managed as an unauthorised encampment is managed, and will be managed by the County Council in partnership with the District and in close consultation with local residents. [This is a completely separate arrangement from the previous use of the area as a residential site for 15 families, managed by South Cambridgeshire District Council, many years ago. County have no plans to re-open the site on that basis.]

If the encampment causes disproportionate disruption, then the County would remove the Travellers' permission for the stay and treat their encampment like any other unauthorised encampment on county land. Notice to vacate can be served within 24hrs. Failure to vacate by the date stated in the notice would lead to possession proceedings being brought in the County Court in accordance with the Council's current practices and procedures. The length of the possession proceedings will differ and range from being a matter of 5 days - 14 days + depending on County Court availability. The site would then be fully protected when not in use. The site already has a valid planning permission as a Traveller's site and this is its established use. This planning application would reduce the site from a site for 15 pitches to a layout for 1 pitch and for 1 family.

Signed *J Miller* 24/10/06