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Dear Darren,

Expansion of Eastbrookend Travellers Site

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposal by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD) and BeFirst to expand the Eastbrookend Travellers Site which is situated in Eastbrookend Country Park.

Since the announcement of LBBD's bid to your department to receive funding for the expansion, I have had many local residents contacting me expressing their concerns on the expansion of the site.

Their concerns include the damage this will have on the area's green belt land, which is cherished by not only people who live in Eastbrook & Rush Green but people across the LBBD and the London Borough of Havering, which the park borders.

This expansion will endanger the protected species that live in the park as their habitat will be partly destroyed by this proposed expansion of the Travellers Site.

This will have a much wider impact than just this piece of land where the proposed expansion is planned to be. This will impact the cemetery which is adjacent to the proposed site and the many outdoor activities which the park has to offer.

I am writing to you, not just to inform you of my own concerns but for the concerns of local residents. I am asking you if you could intervene on the matter and stop this expansion of the Travellers Site.

Kindest regards,

Ben Suter

Deputy Chairman (Political)

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