

Report of the Head of Planning

**PART 5**

Decisions by County Council and Secretary of State, reported for information

- **Item 5.1 – Land at Blind Mary’s Lane, Bredgar**

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

Another disappointing decision to grant planning permission for a traveller site within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where a previous appeal decision gave clear guidance on the way forward, even leading to the successful prosecution of the occupants and the granting of a High Court Injunction on 23 January (five days before this decision was published).

Whilst the permission is temporary for three years the act of granting permission allows time for additional planting to be undertaken, normally leading to a new application at the end of the temporary period with new circumstances.

Members ought to note the Inspector’s negative conclusions of site provision and five year site supply, which reflects the lack of any site allocations, and a reliance by the Council on windfall permissions, leaving us vulnerable to further new applications for gypsy and traveller sites across the Borough.

- **Item 5.2 – Evaluna, Plum Pudding Lane, Dargate**

**APPEALS DISMISSED**

Full support for the Council’s decisions.