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Dear Councillor Collins

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as  
amended)**

Thank you for your letter of 2 June to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP requested the withdrawal of the Direction requiring the production of a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD). I have been asked to respond.

It is the view of this Government that local councils are best placed to meet the requirements of their residents, be they from the settled or travelling community. Despite the difficulties the Direction has placed on the authority you have shown that the Council has taken a responsible approach to meeting the accommodation requirements of travellers in the district. I do not hesitate, therefore, in agreeing to your request to withdraw the direction.

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 15(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and regulation 11(4)(a)(ii) of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended), the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government revokes the Direction of 17 September 2007 requiring the production of a Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

Yours sincerely,

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CC: Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP  
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