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Dear Mr Thuaire

Planning Application 2010/2845/P Fairground Site, Vale of Health, London NW3 1AU

We are writing to object to the above planning application.

As I am sure you are aware this site is a very sensitive one as it is Metropolitan Open Land and Private open space.

We are neighbours in the Vale of Health and have lived here over 20 years. We walk past the site nearly every day. Our own observations are that the site has been used regularly as a fairground in the past and is still used to store and repair fairground rides and vehicles. A small part of the Northern section of the site is used to house members of the Abbott family. That is the only part that has been used continuously for residential purposes over the last 10 years. Over the last few years we are aware that more people have been living on the site but the caravans have come and gone and not been permanent fixtures there.

The vast majority of the site has been used to house a variety of fairground vehicles and caravans which we understand are there for people who help to work on the site and to repair rides and vehicles. We have seen rides being stored on the site very recently- certainly up to last month (see photos below).

If any certificate of lawfulness is granted it must have conditions associated with it such as having a parking space made available for each caravan as the street is full of residents' cars and an extra few cars will cause enormous difficulties in the street. Also there are not currently proper plumbing and sewage facilities and they would have to be created if anyone else is to become resident on the site.

We hope that the applicants will supply evidence that whichever section of the site is to gain a certificate of lawfulness has been used for over 10 years as a residential caravan site in order to allow for the certificate of lawfulness to be issued.

I attach below a photo, which a friend took, of fairground vehicles and of the goldfish stall, which were still operating in 2008 when he took the pictures.





We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

