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By email to: env.devcon@camden.gov.uk

Dear Mr Thuaire

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

We understand that the owners of this land have applied for a change of use from Showman's Site to Residential Caravan Site, on the claimed grounds that it has been used solely as a residential caravan site for the past 10 years.

We object to this application on the following grounds:

1. The site has the status of Metropolitan Open Land, which would be breached if it were to become a residential caravan park.
2. It is not true that the site has been used solely as a residential caravan site for the past 10 years. In 2004 Vale residents concerned about the growing number of caravans were assured by the Abbott family that all those living on the site were either family or fairground workers. We ourselves have seen fairground equipment on the site every year since we moved here in 1996. See a recent example in the fifth photo (taken 8 Jan 2010) on this link: <http://mondoagogo.com/2010/01/08/hampstead-heath-is-so-pretty-covered-in-snow/> - one of us (Brian) recalls seeing this vehicle at about this time. This photo and its caption are shown below. The photo shows the gaudily painted side of the vehicle above the snow-covered east fence of the site.
3. If this application were approved, the site could (and most likely would) become the seat of a substantial business, letting fixed or movable caravans to the public. The increase in traffic and parked cars which occurs when a fair is operating would become year-round at great inconvenience to Vale residents. Our home is on the spur road down to the fairground, so we would be particularly affected.

Please reject this very unwelcome application.

Yours sincerely

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Photo of vehicle on the North Fairground Site on 8 January 2010:



Caption:

Seeing the some of the fairground Winterovers at the Vale of Health, all covered in snow, was sort of amusing. This one is definitely not impressed!