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- The model of alternatives to eviction we are developing in Smithy Fen, Cambridgeshire

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ITMB Policy on Sites, Injunctions and Evictions

- To address the accommodation crisis for Gypsies and Travellers and community tensions over Travellers being forced to occupy unauthorised sites, it is the Government's responsibility to work with Travelling communities, Local Government and others to ensure the provision of adequate numbers of culturally appropriate sites for Gypsies and Travellers, with an emergency programme to be implemented over the next three years.

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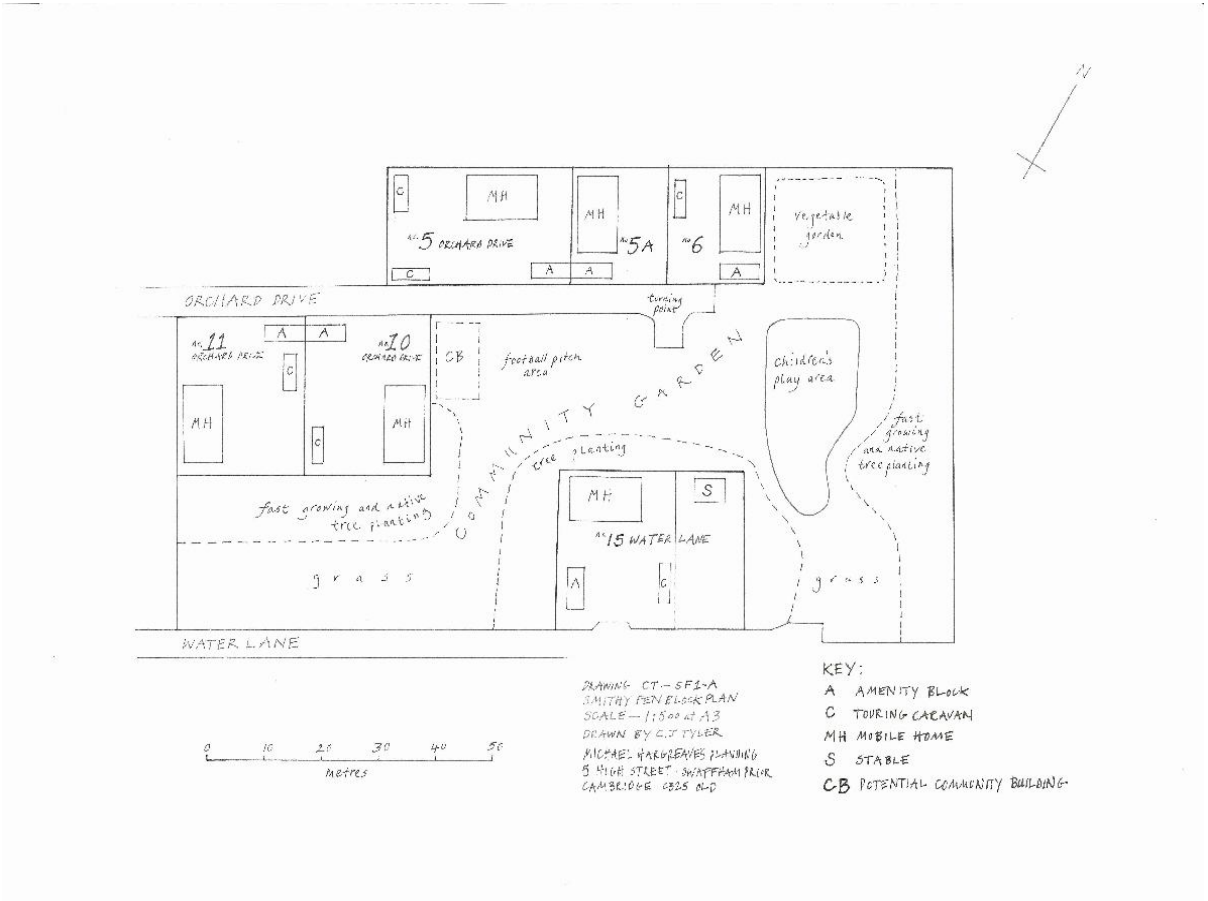
- Exclusion of Traveller communities from publicly owned land and land they own themselves is only acceptable where they are offered alternative, immediately available, culturally appropriate accommodation. Force is never justified.

Smithy Fen

Setchel Drove 1-12
Four Winds
Pine View
Injunction Granted 07/06/2006
The Orchard
Orchard Drive 1-16
Water Lane 1-24
Approved plots with planning permission
Land covered by injunction granted 06/04/2006
Land covered by injunction granted 22/09/2004
Land covered by injunction granted 17/06/2006

The Smithy Fen Planning Application



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