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Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your letter dated 10th May in relation to Gypsy and Traveller matters in the borough.

I have noted the anticipated timescales contained in your letter but this still appears to be a rather drawn out process and the proposed modification gives little comfort in relation to the Council's commitment to undertaking the work and co-operating with adjoining authorities on the identification of sites to provide for the sub-regional need (which has previously been identified in the 2007 GTAA). The Council still appears to be taking the view that only need identified as arising in its borough is relevant.

I note that your letter of 10th May stated that you would update me on the results of discussions with consultants and I wonder whether further information is yet available on the potential for a shorter timeframe for production of the needs assessment? I have in mind the fact that Chorley have been asked to carry out the same work as soon as possible. Given your joint working arrangements, is it the intention to undertake the work together, possibly also including Preston? If that is the case, how does this affect the timescales currently suggested? How do the Councils intend to co-operate on ensuring that sub-regional need is provided for?

I would welcome your response to this letter by 31st May 2013.

Yours faithfully

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