NOTICE OF PARISH MEETING OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON

Friday 28 July 2023 6pm – 7.30pm, in All Saints Church, Granby

A public meeting to discuss the Traveller's Festival held in Sutton between 28 May – 2 June 2023.

AGENDA

- Welcome and opening remarks from Parish Council Chair, Councillor Stevenson
- Response from Nottinghamshire Police representatives to submitted questions (see Appendix A).
- Response from Rushcliffe Borough Council representatives to submitted questions (see Appendix A).
- Response from the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP to submitted questions (see Appendix A).
- Further questions or comments from the public present.
- Final remarks from representatives present.
- Final remarks and closing of the meeting by Parish Council Chair.

Appendix A

Questions submitted prior to the meeting to representatives from Nottinghamshire Police, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP.

1. What action did the Police and Rushcliffe Borough Council take (if any) when they were warned that this event was going to take place? Could this event have been prevented?

2. What permissions are necessary to hold a gathering of this nature with the numbers of people involved? Were any permissions or permits granted?

3. Was a risk assessment undertaken in relation to this event and if so, is it publicly available?

4. Why was the event allowed to take place without adequate toilet and water facilities being provided?

5. Why was Police response and presence so limited or if there was a presence why was it not visible?

6. How many calls did the Police receive reporting incidents?

7. Were any vehicles stopped by Police – if so, how many?

8. Do the Police have powers to remove people from this type of event? Which laws apply?

9. Has national legislation limited the response from Rushcliffe Brough Council or the Police?

10. What (if any) are the consequences of holding an event like this one without licences or permission? Who would face consequences – the organiser or the landowner?

11. Were there any concerns raised by either Rushcliffe Borough Council or Nottinghamshire County Council for public safety both of road users and people attending the event? What was done about these concerns?

12. What steps have Rushcliffe Brough Council taken to stop a similar event happening at this site in the future? What has happened with the plans to obtain an injunction to prevent a future event? Is Sutton's situation different from that in Bucks Hill, Hertfordshire where Three Rivers District Council obtained an injunction to prevent a further event happening?

13. What are the total costs incurred to the Police, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, funded through local taxes, for all aspects of the event and are these recoverable from the landowner or the event organiser? If these costs are yet to be fully itemised when will this information be available to the public?

14. Has an assessment of the impact on the local communities been undertaken – if so, is this publicly available?

15. Caravans have been on the site since January – why haven't they been removed?