



# South Staffordshire Council

## **Information in relation to application no. 09/00652/COU – Land off Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge**

### **High Court Hearing 10 May 2010**

At the High Court in Birmingham the Council today renewed the injunction existing on the land off the A449 which has been the subject of an illegal traveller site. The injunction was due to expire on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

The injunction is in the same terms as before namely it prevents further building operations in connection with creation of hard-standing to make a caravan site and prevents any further caravans coming onto site. Breach of the injunction can amount to Contempt of Court. The potential punishment for Contempt of Court includes prison.

The injunction allows the existing caravans currently on site to remain there and to be occupied by the persons currently occupying them but no-one else.

The injunction preserves the planning position and lasts until the planning appeal process has been completed. If the application is refused by the Planning Inspectorate then the Council will need to make a separate application for an injunction to remove the existing occupants.

David Pattison – Director of Legal – 10 May 2010