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Dear Westhampnett Resident

Proposals for the redevelopment of Chichester District Council Depot, Stane Street – Consultation on the emerging design.

You may be aware from recent press coverage or local communications that Chichester District Council has proposed the creation of a small Gypsy and Traveller Transit site as part of the redevelopment of the Council owned Depot on Stane Street, Westhampnett. At its meeting in December, the Council agreed to allocate the resources to take forward a planning application, to allow the proposal to be determined through the normal democratic planning committee process.

In preparation for a formal Planning Application, Chichester District Council has appointed an independent team of Design Consultants to develop a design to redevelop the Depot site. The site will continue its main function as the base for the Council's Waste and Recycling fleet. However, new circulatory road layouts and a new access road from Stane Street; changes to the parking layout; demolition of redundant buildings; structural changes to existing buildings; and, a new exit road via the Waste Transfer Station would be introduced under the new plans. The redevelopment will create the space for a small Transit site, and the Design team will be developing specific proposals for that also.

As with any proposed development, we want to hear the views of local residents on the proposed layout and design of a site before submitting the finalised plans in a formal planning application. In order to provide that opportunity, an **exhibition of the emerging plans has been arranged for Thursday 6th February 2014, to be held at The March CE Primary School, Claypit Lane**. The exhibition will be open after school hours, **between 4 and 8pm**.

The exhibition provides an opportunity for you to understand what changes to the Depot are being proposed, and for the Design team to consult with you about the proposed design. Information will also be available about:

- the proposed timescale for submitting the formal application;
- the open process that will be followed for consultation with key stakeholders and for public comment; and,
- how the application will be determined by a public meeting later in the year.

In the meantime, information regarding the proposals for a Gypsy and Traveller Transit site, including a Question and Answer sheet from the last public meeting, can be found on Chichester District Council's website www.chichester.gov.uk. For ease, you can type "Transit Site" on the site search engine, or follow the link on the Westhampnett Parish Council website.

Yours faithfully,

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