Viability Submissions Response – Ed Smiddy

I would like to thank the inspector for another opportunity to comment on the viability of the Cranbrook Expansion Plan.

I wish to make a short comment on the PSD 36, specifically the costings for the Gypsy and Traveller site at Treasbeare. It's seems to me that the £220,000 allocated to the provision of a 102 metre road, at what I believe to be a wholly unsuitable location as evidenced in previous representations, represents poor value. This sum is more that 10% of the budget for both sites. It is clear that this money could be spent providing better facilities for the Gypsy and Travellers or extra amenities for the community.

I believe that another location that provides direct access to London Road or Station Road is required. This would allow reallocation of this money as well as providing a better provision to the Gypsy and Travellers. Another viable option would be to deliver all pitches in Cobden as I have previously alluded too.