

Statement from residents to be addressed at the meeting on the 29th September 2022

We are residents living nearby to the traveller site on Clifton Road carpark over the river and on North Leys. We wish our names and addresses to remain anonymous in any discussions at any meeting or in any minutes, due to our close proximity to the site.

We are struggling to cope with the travellers being on this site any longer and ask you to move them.

For the last 12 weeks we have been

- 1) Unable to enjoy the use of our gardens being on many occasions forced inside as the noise is so upsetting and constant.
- 2) On occasion unable to keep our windows and back doors open and enjoy the privacy of our home due to the noise.
- 3) Unable to sleep or are awakened at night (sometimes even when windows shut)
- 4) On occasions unable to enjoy peace and quiet in our own homes with all windows and doors shut as at times the noise is so loud we can still hear it.
- 5) Unable to enjoy the walk over the bridge to the doctors and chemist and enjoy the river view and footpath as the route is spoilt by rubbish and scrap having been dumped at the side of the footpath and the stench coming from this area is sometimes overpowering. Over the river is a conservation area and the footpath next to the car park is the boundary of this area. The rubbish and smell are therefore in this conservation area and the noise and unsightly look of the camp intrude and impact significantly with the conservation areas ethos of tranquillity and beauty.
- 6) Unable to sit in St Oswalds church yard and enjoy the peace we once had in this quiet area of town

The noises in particular are as follows: -

- a) There is a person shouting loudly throughout day. It is upsetting to hear. Sometimes it's extremely loud and distressed as if tormented or trying to escape or very angry, sometimes fighting with others who are also shouting. Sometimes its obscenities saying repeatedly You f... off, You f.... off. People stop and stare and the person is much worse after this.

The starting time is as early as 6 but usually it's about 7am. It is on and off all day until 7 or 8pm when it then stops. It's usually constant shouting for 2 to 3 hours and then a 30min to 60min break, then another 2 to 3 hours etc until evening. There is no set time though so you cannot plan to be in your garden in these breaks. The person is generally louder if a lot of people are passing by or a passer-by stops.

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- b) Dogs barking. The barking is very aggressive as they are chained up and are guarding the area. This is on and off all day as the area has many passers-by being surrounded by amenities and a school route. It does stop in the evening as the dogs are put in kennels.
- c) A loud generator is on for random periods in the day but mostly in the evenings, every evening, starting at 5pm until 11pm. *1:00 a.m. latest.*