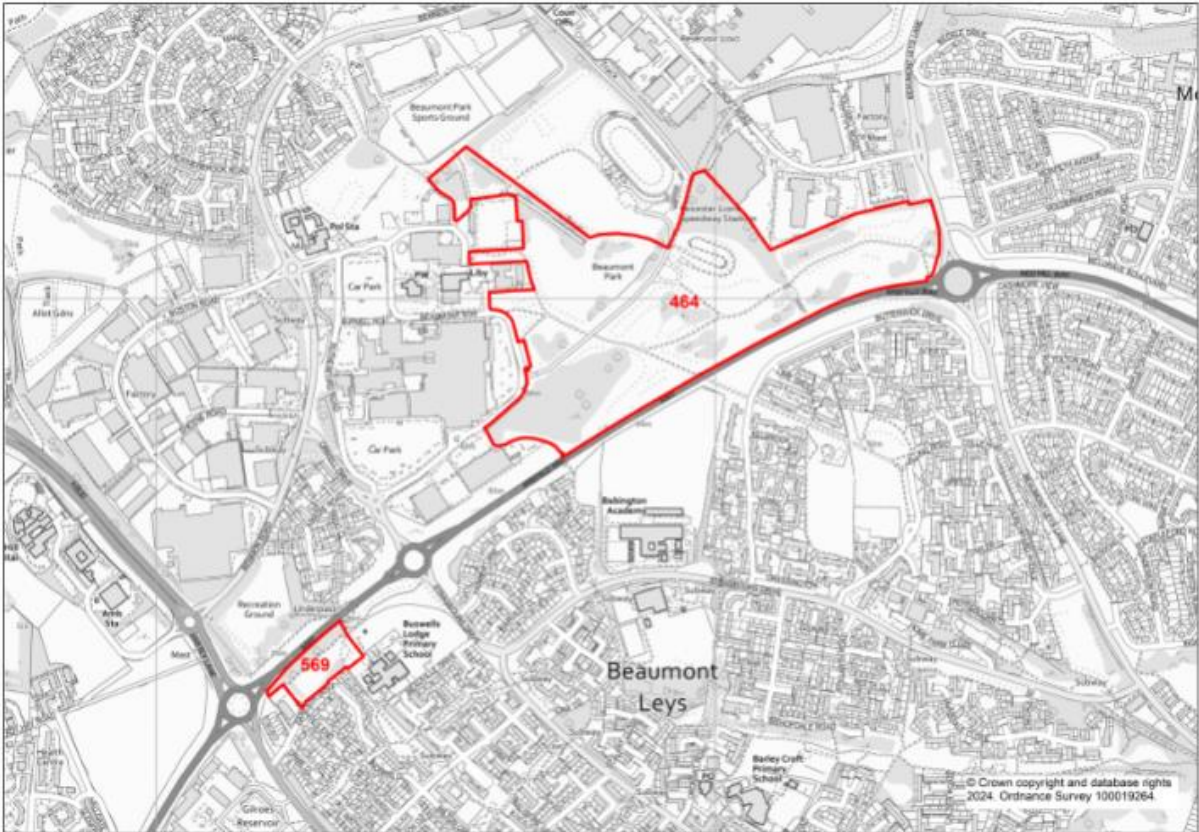


**Leicester Local Plan Examination Action 68**

*Action 68: Cllr. Bhatia to confirm which site/application he was referencing as previously have being refused permission for Gypsy & Traveller accommodation and Council to provide note in response.*

Cllr Bhatia has confirmed that the site he was referring at the Local Plan Hearing Session on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Matter 4: Employment – Policy E01 proposed gypsy and traveller transit site on Beaumont Park) was site 569. Darenth Drive/ Krefeld Way.

The map below shows the location of Site 569 in relation Site 464 Beaumont Park.



**Site History**

No planning applications in relation to gypsy and traveller accommodation have been considered for site 569.

## Local Plan Site Selection

As part of the Local Plan process the Council has considered the potential to develop site 569 for gypsy and traveller accommodation and housing and employment development. This is documented in the Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site Selection Paper 2022 (EB/HO/2b) and Housing Sites Methodology November 2022 (EB/HO/5).

The Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site Selection Paper 2022 (EB/HO/2b) lists site 569 Darenth Drive/ Krefeld Way as a site that has potential to accommodate gypsy and traveller transit provision. Notes for the site acknowledge that access is feasible but there are some environmental concerns identified in relation to the ring road. Of the 15 sites identified as having some potential to accommodate transit provision the Council opted to take forward Site 464 Beaumont Park and Site 687 Thurcaston / Hadrian Road Open Space as proposed Transit allocations.

It should be noted that the 15 sites that were considered to have potential to accommodate transit provision were not all of equal merit. The council had to be give consideration to which sites would operate most successfully, giving consideration to site constraints and the planning issues. Sites 569 and 464 are both adjacent to the ring road. The larger strategic site has greater opportunities to mitigate the environmental concerns in relation to the ring road, in terms of where the transit site is located, site design and appropriate landscaping etc. Site 569 is smaller and adjacent to residential houses and a school.

Site 569 is a proposed housing allocation see P35 of Non-Strategic Sites Proposed for Allocation in the Draft Leicester Local Plan 2023 (SD19).