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All present, who represented about 300 houses in the vicinity, objected in the strongest possible manner against the establishment of a site there for itinerants.

Cllr. Patrick Kiely, who attended, informed the meeting that he would put down a notice of motion for the next meeting of the City Council that the proposal for the site at the Old Pump House which is owned by the Corporation, be not proceeded with.

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Alarm

Several residents whose livelihood is bound up with market gardening also protested and are very alarmed at the proposal.

They complain that their gardens will be in danger of being damaged as has occurred in other areas where itinerants camped.

Mr. Brian Kelly, chairman of the Itinerant Settlement Committee, told a Limerick Leader reporter that it was a very difficult situation.

But he pointed out that in each of the two areas designated for camp sites there would be only four itinerant families involved.

Land

The land in each instance is owned by the Corporation and when I spoke to the City Manager he pointed out that you can throw a stone on either of these sites and you will not hit a house," he said.

He added that he had circularised all the residents' associations to meet the committee and discuss the problems with them.



Itinerants at the Old Pump House near St Patrick's Field in 1969