

North East Derbyshire Local Plan Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

13 March 2019 10am

- 1 Inspector's introduction
- 2 Participant introductions
- 3 Follow up/matters of clarification

Main Matter 15 – Whether or not the plan would make appropriate provision for gypsy and traveller accommodation over the plan period having regard to the evidence of need and proposed sites?

- 4 Has the consultation on gypsy and traveller sites met the requirements set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement?
- 5 Has the Council complied with the duty to co operate in respect of the assessment of need and provision of sites for gypsies and travellers? How has that co operation been undertaken and what outcomes have resulted from that process?
- 6 Is the assessment methodology in the GTAA robustly based and in line with national policy as set out in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015) (PPTS)? Does the PPTS have any implications for the assessment and would the definition of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople in the PPTS¹ have any implications for the level of need identified?
- 7 Does the GTAA appropriately identify the level of need for different types of accommodation in the plan area including permanent residential sites, transit sites and emergency stop over sites and for different types of tenure on residential sites?
- 8 Is any further joint assessment of the need for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation with other adjoining local planning

¹ *Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such'.*

authorities necessary and are there any firm proposals to undertake this work?

- 10 How would the needs of the wider community who reside in caravans or houseboats including people who are no longer classified as gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople be identified and addressed?
- 11 In assessing the level of need, has appropriate account been taken of:
 - Overcrowding on existing sites;
 - Newly forming households;
 - Future household formation from families moving out of bricks and mortar accommodation.
- 12 Have the affordable housing needs of gypsies and travellers been assessed as part of the mix of affordable housing provision? How would this need be identified and addressed?
- 13 Does the GTAA address the qualitative as well as quantitative need for additional pitches including in terms of site location, site size, access to services and facilities and site facilities?
- 14 Do the 5 authorised sites in the District referred to in the Gypsy and Traveller Topic Paper (EB – G&T2) (paragraph 3.13) have a permanent planning permission? In addition, are any of the permissions personal to the occupants and if so, can the Council please provide the necessary details?
- 15 Are any improvements to facilities and services on any of the existing authorised sites necessary and which policies in the plan would be used to assess such proposals?

Whether or not the proposed sites identified for gypsy and traveller accommodation would be soundly based in terms of their location and site specific impacts?

- 16 Is the site selection process soundly based and has it been informed by the consideration of relevant factors including site location, access to services and facilities, site size and other relevant constraints? How were the assessment criteria modified compared with those used in the assessment of general housing sites and is the approach justified?
- 17 Has the site selection process been informed by Sustainability Appraisal and is it clear how this has informed the identification of the sites proposed for gypsy and traveller accommodation?

In the light of the responses made to Questions 12 - 31 in the Matters, Issues and Questions, the Inspector intends to focus discussion at the hearing sessions on the following points for each site:

18 Site GT/06 – Greenway, Wingerworth

- The Council's position as landowner and the implications for the deliverability of the site
- Access onto the A61 having regard to the location of new development opposite the site and the implications for highway safety
- Any other relevant matters

19 Site GT/09 – Temperance Hill, Woolley Moor

- The accessibility of the site to services and facilities
- Site size
- The effect on landscape setting and the character and appearance of the area
- Connections to utility services including water, electricity, gas and drainage
- Access onto the adjoining highway and any implications for highway safety in the vicinity
- Location in relation to adjoining uses
- Biodiversity
- Deliverability
- Mitigation measures
- Any other relevant matters

20 Site CAL/2301T – The Old Potato Store, Dark Lane, Calow

- Planning permissions for the existing site
- Site size
- Location in relation to adjoining uses
- Access
- Connections to utility services including water, electricity, gas and drainage and position of high voltage electricity line
- Air and water quality, noise pollution, land stability and flood risk.
- Deliverability

- Mitigation measures
- Future capacity
- Any other relevant matters

21 Site NW/2301T – Dark Lane, North Wingfield

- Planning permissions for the existing site
- Location in relation to adjoining uses
- Access to site and any implications for the Public Right of Way and its users
- Connections to utility services including water, electricity, gas and drainage
- Air and water quality, noise pollution, land stability, flood risk and waste removal.
- Deliverability
- Mitigation measures
- Future capacity
- Other relevant matters

14 March 2019 9.30am

Whether or not the approach to assessing other proposals for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople’s accommodation would be soundly based and five year supply

- 1 Does Policy LC8 set out appropriate and clear criteria for the assessment of planning applications for other gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople’s sites that may come forward during the plan period? In particular:
 - How would proposals for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople’s sites within settlement development limits be assessed?
 - Criteria 3 of the policy states that *‘In the case that the provision of traveller sites has achieved the level recommended by the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, or the proposal is for a site of more than 5 pitches, then sufficient need will have to be demonstrated through an independent assessment’*. Is that approach justified and would it be consistent with national policy?

- 2 Will a five year supply of specific developable sites for gypsies and travellers be provided on adoption of the plan together with a supply of Will a five year supply of specific developable sites for gypsies and travellers be provided on adoption of the plan together with a supply of specific, developable sites for years 6 to 10? How would any shortfall be addressed?
- 3 Are any main modifications necessary for the soundness of the plan in relation to gypsy and traveller provision?
- 4 Future progress of the Examination including Main Modifications consultation
- 5 Any other business