# Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document

Regulation 18 consultation

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### Introduction

- 1.1 This Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (GTDPD) forms an integral part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Test Valley. The LDF takes the form of a portfolio of documents which collectively deliver the planning strategy and policies for Test Valley.
- 1.2 The draft Revised Local Plan 2011 – 2029, once adopted will be the principal document that sets out proposed policies for determining planning applications and identifying strategic allocations for housing, employment and other uses. With regard to housing, the Council aims to ensure that everyone, including Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople has the opportunity to access a decent home.
- 1.3 The statutory duty for local authorities to provide Gypsy and Traveller sites was removed in 1994. On a national level, this has led to a lack of suitable accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers, an increase in unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller sites and tensions between the settled community and the Travelling population.
- 1.4 The Council has a responsibility to plan for the housing needs of all residents, including the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community. The 2004 Housing Act requires local housing authorities to assess the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in their area, as part of the wider assessment of housing needs through a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) and to produce a strategy on how these needs can be met. In response to this requirement, the Council's Test Valley Local Development Scheme (2014) proposes a GTDPD to accompany the Revised Local Plan.
- 1.5 The GTDPD will be a statutory document within the LDF and should be read alongside the Revised Local Plan, particularly Policy COM13: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

#### Process so far

The DPD preparation process has been undertaken in accordance with Section 38 (6) 1.6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). In 2012 – 2013 the Council undertook evidence gathering to quantify the level of need. Between December 2013 and January 2014, the Council conducted a 'Call for Sites' technical exercise where there was an opportunity for landowners to put forward potential sites within the Borough that may be available for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community. In addition to this, the Council has also reviewed sites that are within the Council's ownership.

#### **Supporting Evidence**

#### Sustainability Appraisal

- **1.7** The GTDPD is supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) with the preparation process running parallel to and have helped informed the preparation of the Gypsy and Travellers Development Plan Document. The purpose of the SA is to ensure that all Development Plan Documents are compatible with the aims of sustainable development. The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (June 2011) provides the framework for undertaking the Sustainability Appraisal, setting out the key factors to be considered.
- **1.8** The Council, through the SA, has appraised those sites submitted during the Call for Sites and has set out its preferred approach within this document. You can view the sites submitted in appendix 1 of the SA.

#### Habitat Regulations Assessment

**1.9** The Council has produced a Habitats Regulation Assessment<sup>1</sup> (HRA) which identifies where there may be an adverse effect on the integrity of any Natura 2000 or Ramsar site. This work has identified that mitigation may be required to address impacts on International Sites in line with Policy COM1 and E5 of the Revised Local Plan.

#### **Duty to Co-operate**

1.10 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a Duty to Co-operate, which is designed to ensure that all the bodies involved in planning work together on issues that are of bigger than local significance. The Council has worked with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the GTDPD. The Council, with eleven other Hampshire Planning Authorities, jointly commissioned a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) in order to quantify the level of need for pitches in Hampshire and within each authority area. All of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson accommodation needs will therefore be met within Test Valley. There is no reliance on neighbouring authorities to meet any of Test Valley's requirements and the Council has not been asked to help meet the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson accommodation needs of any neighbouring authorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, 2010 as amended.

#### What happens next?

- **1.11** Following public consultation the Council will consider the representations made. A further round of public consultation on the final version (Regulation 19) is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2015. The document will then be submitted to the Secretary of State. The timetable for progressing the GTDPD can be found within the Local Development Scheme (2014) which is available on the Council's website.
- **1.12** Once submitted, the Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector to hold an 'Examination in Public' to look at the soundness of the document. This will include whether the document has been:
  - a) Prepared in accordance with the duty to co-operate, legal and procedural requirements; and
  - b) Is 'sound', which means
    - **Positively prepared** the plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is practical to do so consistently with the presumption in favour of sustainable development;
    - **Justified** the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence:
    - **Effective** the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities; and
    - Consistent with national policy the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework

#### How the Gypsy & Traveller document will be used

**1.13** The Council is required to determine planning applications in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The document will need to be read in conjunction with the adopted Borough Local Plan (2006) and the submitted Revised Local Plan (2014). The policies and proposals should be read together along with the supporting text. The policies have been drafted to provide clear guidance on how the Council will respond to proposals for development.

### 2 Vision and Objectives

- **2.1** The Community Plan 'Your Test Valley' provides a vision of how the Borough sees itself. The vision is included in the GTDPD to provide a common link between the two documents.
  - "To create a Test Valley community where everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential and to enjoy a good quality of life."
- **2.2** The Community Plan identifies key themes to help deliver the vision with one of the themes being Local Communities. In order to meet this vision the theme will be pursued through the positive implementation of policies and proposals contained within the GTDPD. The following objectives have been identified and help establish the policy direction for this Plan:
  - 1) Providing for the future housing needs, types and tenures within the Borough.
  - 2) Promote appropriate scale of development in settlements in keeping with their size, character and function.
  - 3) Create sustainable communities, locating development where daily needs for employment, shopping, leisure, recreation, education, health and other community facilities are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.

# 3 Definition of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople

**3.1** The Council recognises that Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople are different communities. For the purposes of this DPD the definitions which are used are for Gypsies and Travellers as used in the 2004 Housing Act is applied. This defines the term "Gypsies and Travellers" as:

"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 or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of Travelling Showpeople or circus people Travelling together as such . . . ."

The term "Travelling Showpeople" means:

"Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not Travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependants' more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently", (but excludes Gypsies and Travellers).

- 3.2 There are three types of sites identified as required to meet Gypsy and Traveller needs. These are:
  - 1. **Permanent sites** these provide residents with a permanent home;
  - 2. Transit sites these are permanent sites that provide temporary accommodation for their residents, normally between 28 days and 3 months; and
  - 3. Emergency stopping places these are pieces of land in temporary use as authorised short term (less than 28 days) stopping places for all Travelling communities.
- 3.3 The Council is concentrating on the provision of permanent sites within this document. It is proposed that the issue of transit sites and emergency stopping places are to be the subject of a separate DPD once joint working has been completed with other Hampshire Local Planning Authorities. This joint working is scheduled to be completed by May 2015.

#### Why do we need to allocate sites?

- The failure to allocate sufficient land to meet the need for permanent pitches and plots has 3.4 a number of possible impacts including:
  - Unauthorised development and encampments, as well as tensions with the settled community:
  - Difficulty of ensuring stable access to all the support and services that Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities need:
  - Reinforcing the cycle of nomadism and homelessness for those Gypsies and Travellers who may prefer or need a more settled way of life, but cannot find a permanent site;
  - Applications for development being decided on appeal, which can result in sites being permitted that may not be the most suitable or sustainable locations for development;
  - Failure of the Council to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in contravention of its duty under the Housing Act 2004; and
  - Restricting the Council's ability to enforce against unauthorised development as our ability to enforce is related to our activity in meeting the need for new provision.
- The GTDPD therefore seeks to address these issues and to reduce the occurrence of 3.5 unauthorised sites by identifying sites to accommodate the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in Test Valley between 2013 - 2027.

# 4 Legal Framework

- 4.1 Section 225 of the Housing Act 2004 (the Act) places a duty on local housing authorities to undertake regular assessments of the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople either living in, or resorting to their area under the Local Housing Needs Assessment process as set out in Section 8 of the Housing Act 1985. The Act also requires local housing authorities to include the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in any housing strategy they produce in line with section 87 of the Local Government Act 2003 and to take any such strategy in to account when exercising their functions.
- **4.2** The definition of Gypsies and Travellers as referred to within Section 225 (5) (a) of the Act is that set out for the purposes of planning by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The definition was previously set out in Circulars 01/2006 (Gypsies and Travellers) and 04/2007 (Travelling Showpeople). Those Circulars were replaced in 2012 with the publication of the national planning guidance Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2012).
- 4.3 The Equality Act (2010) does not define race, however, case law has established that Roma Gypsies and Irish Travellers are covered by the protected characteristic of race for the Equality Act 2010. Local authorities and public bodies have a statutory duty under the Equality Act to actively seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and promote good race relations.

# 5 Planning policy context

- 5.1 In March 2012, the Government published a new Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), alongside the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out the Government's approach to planning for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites. The overarching aim of Government policy is to ensure fair and equal treatment for Travellers, in a way that facilitates their traditional and nomadic way of life, while respecting the interests of the settled community. To help achieve this, Government's aims in respect of Traveller sites are:
  - Local Planning Authorities making their own assessment of need as long as it is based on robust evidence, includes engagement and cooperation with Traveller and settled communities, and involves working collaboratively with neighbouring authorities.
  - Local Planning Authorities setting their own pitch and plot targets.
  - Identifying and updating annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets.
  - Identifying a supply of specific developable sites (those in a suitable location, with a reasonable prospect that they will be available and could be viably developed) or broad locations for growth, for 6 to 10 years and where possible, for years 11 – 15.
  - Using criteria to guide land supply allocations and help determine planning applications.
  - Ensuring Traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.
  - Strictly limiting new Traveller sites in the open countryside, away from existing

- settlements or outside areas allocated in the local plan.
- · Considering sites suitable for mixed use residential and business use wherever possible.
- 5.2 Consideration must also be given to the National Planning Policy Framework which sets out the Government's overarching planning policies with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.

#### **Local Planning Policy**

5.3 The Revised Local Plan proposes a criteria based policy, Policy COM13 'Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople', for considering Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson applications. The Revised Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination

#### Policy COM13: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

Development to accommodate gypsy, travellers and travelling showpeople will be permitted provided that:-

- a) it is located where services and facilities are accessible; and
- b) the potential occupants are recognised<sup>2</sup> as gypsies, travellers or travelling showpeople; and
- c) the proposal helps meet the identified need; and
- d) evidence is provided to justify the reason for the proposal to be located in the Borough; and
- e) The site is of sufficient size to provide for parking; turning; servicing and storage of vehicles and equipment.

Existing permanent authorised gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites should be retained for the use of these groups unless it has been established that the sites are no longer required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Meeting the definition as contained in 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' Annex 1, March 2012

# 6 Existing provision<sup>3</sup>

Within the Borough there are currently nine Gypsy and Traveller sites which contain 11 pitches. These sites all benefit from permanent planning permission. The proposed Revised Local Plan policy (Policy COM13) sets out that these sites should be retained unless it has been established that the sites are no longer required.

Address	Number of pitches
The Firs, Sarsons Lane, Weyhill	3
Love Acres, Newtown Road, Awbridge	1
Tree Tops, the Frenches, East Wellow	1
Land adjacent to Love Acre, Newtown Road, Awbridge	1
The Orchard, Wellow Wood Rd, West Wellow	1
Beechcroft, Andover Rd, Weyhill	1
The Stables, Salisbury Road, Lopcombe	1
Furb, Newtown Rd, Awbridge	1
Land at Steplake Cottage, Sherfield English	1

- **6.2** There are also several sites within the Borough which are unauthorised. These are not included within the above list. Those sites which are subject to current planning applications or planning appeals are included.
- **6.3** Regarding Travelling Showpeople sites, there are currently five sites each with a number of plots (or yards). All sites listed have permanent planning permission.

Address	Number of plots
Lakeside, Cooks Lane, Awbridge	1 plots
Land at Halls Copse, Gardeners Lane, Wellow	7 plots
Land at Walworth Rd, Picket Piece	6 plots
Land south of Halls Copse, Gardeners Lane, Wellow	2 plots
Land Adjacent The Firs, Walworth Road, Picket Piece	4 plots

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The number of pitches and plots are different to those contained within the GTAA as a result of recent planning permissions.

### 7 Evidence base

- 7.1 It is a duty under the Housing Act (2004) that local authorities assess the accommodation needs of the population in its area. Section 225(1) of the Act refers to the requirement to carry out an assessment of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers residing in or resorting to their district.
- 7.2 The Council, along with other Hampshire authorities, commissioned Forest Bus<sup>4</sup> to undertake the GTAA. Forest Bus were commissioned on the basis that they could demonstrate social research expertise, and had a track record of engagement with Traveller communities, including those in 'bricks and mortar' accommodation.
- 7.3 All Hampshire authorities were invited to take part in the accommodation assessment, including the National Park Authorities (New Forest and South Downs). Ultimately the following 11 authorities jointly commissioned the Travellers Accommodation Assessment for Hampshire:

East Hampshire	Havant Borough	Test Valley Borough
District Council	Council	Council
Eastleigh Borough	New Forest District	Winchester City
Council	Council	Council
Fareham Borough	New Forest National	Hampshire County
Council	Park Authority	Council
Gosport Borough Council	South Downs National Park Authority	

7.4 The outcome of the study was reported to the Joint Authorities' Gypsy and Traveller Panel (JAGTP). The JAGTP was originally set up by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIOWLGA) to develop and maintain a collaborative approach in relation to Travellers (including Gypsies & Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and their communities). The Panel endorsed the earlier Hampshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2006) and was particularly active during the partial review of the South East Plan and (2006). This JAGTP endorsed the Forest Bus report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Travellers Accommodation Assessment for Hampshire 2013 – Study Report. Forest Bus Ltd (April 2013)

### 8 Future requirements

**8.1** The Forest Bus GTAA identifies a current provision of 10 permanent Gypsy pitches in the Borough with an estimated existing need for 1.5 further pitches (rounded to 2 pitches). The GTAA calculates the cumulative future need (including the existing need for 2 pitches) as:-

Total by 2012 - 2017 = 4 pitches Total by 2017 - 2022 = 7 pitches Total by 2022 - 2027 = 10 pitches

- **8.2** To supplement the Forest Bus GTAA, the Council has undertaken additional research to consider other sources of potential Gypsy and Traveller need. This has included reviewing the number of unauthorised encampments within the Borough and considering the level of need arising from those Gypsy and Travellers residing within houses or flats (known as bricks & mortar). This additional work has not produced sufficient evidence to justify increasing the level of need.
- **8.3** The Forest Bus GTAA recognises that there is inadequate capacity of existing permitted sites within Hampshire for Travelling Showpeople. Based on the research undertaken the report recommends a need to increase plot provision by 2017. For Test Valley the report recommends an increase of four additional plots.
- **8.4** Additional research has been undertaken to supplement the Forest Bus report especially with regard to Travelling Showperson provision. It is uncertain whether the scale of need identified in the GTAA accurately reflects the current position. The Council has received recent planning applications for additional site plots whilst there also vacant plots within the Borough.
- 8.5 The existing plots have been vacant for a short period of time and there are no known planning reasons why they have not been used for their permitted purpose. Alternative uses have not been proposed and the Revised Local Plan policy COM13 looks to retain such sites. Whilst the plots are permitted, their availability, as required by Government guidance<sup>5</sup>, is uncertain. It is proposed that these plots could help to meet any future demand that should be identified.
- 8.6 However, to recognise a short term need, the preferred approach is to identify an additional site of a scale based on local evidence of meeting a demonstrated need arising from evidence from Travelling Showpeople rather than the recommendations of the GTAA. Identifying an additional site would provide greater flexibility in terms of bringing forward deliverable sites, as required by Government guidance.
- **8.7** Proposing an additional site would also provide opportunity for the Council to explore what measures it has under its control to help bring forward the vacant plots.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Policy B para 9 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2012)

### Site Assessment

- 9.1 In allocating sufficient sites to meet the needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community in Test Valley, the Council considers that land allocated must be acceptable in sustainability terms, satisfactory to both the settled and Travelling community, and capable of being delivered within the plan period.
- 9.2 In order to identify possible available sites within the Borough, the Council undertook a number of exercises. A call for sites exercise was carried out in December 2013 which involved contacting all those who had previously submitted sites to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment of less than 2.0Ha. In addition to this, the Council contacted major landowners to ascertain whether there was land available for consideration. A review of Council landholdings was also undertaken. The Council also appraised those sites which have been the subject of unsuccessful planning applications for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople.
- 9.3 It is proposed that potential sites should be assessed using a criteria-based approach in order to determine the suitability of each site. These criteria take into consideration national and local policy as set out in the NPPF, the national Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), the CLG Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites Good Practice Guide 2008 and the Revised Local Plan (2014). The PPTS requires Local Planning Authorities to ensure that Traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.
- Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs for accommodation are invariably 9.4 different to that of the settled community, but the consideration of location should be similar in many ways, and have regard to the potential health, welfare and social impacts that may be caused as a result of the location. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) appraises those sites that were promoted to the Council during the call for sites exercise and those sites that have been the subject of unsuccessful planning applications. The SA examines how each of the different approaches to meeting Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs in the Borough perform against a number of social, environmental and economic considerations.
- 9.5 There are a number of sites which have live planning applications. It would not be appropriate to pre-empt the planning process and make an initial assessment of suitability at this stage until the application has been determined. Should there be relevant planning history on these sites this has been taken into account.

### 10 The Preferred Sites

10.1 In order to meet the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson accommodation needs within the Borough, the Council proposes three allocations. For Gypsy and Travellers, Policy GT01 Land at Scallows Lane, West Wellow is proposed in the short term. In the longer term, Policy GT02 Land at Bunny Lane, Timsbury is proposed to be allocated. For Travelling Showpeople, Policy TSP01 Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow is proposed.

#### Policy GT01: Land at Wellow Way, Scallows Lane

- **10.2** The site is considered to be achievable as it is currently being used for this purpose. The site has a history of temporary planning permissions but is currently unauthorised. The allocation of this site would meet the personal needs of the current occupants. The continuation of access to services is also a matter to be weighed in favour of this site.
- **10.3** Given the distance to existing public open space the site would need to be designed in order to provide on-site play equipment to meet the needs of those living on-site.
  - Land at Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow is allocated for five Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The development will be permitted subject to (See Map A):
  - The retention and enhancement of soft landscaping to minimise the impact of the site on the landscape;
  - b) On-site Public Open Space provision to satisfy policy LHW1 of the Revised Local Plan (2014);
  - c) Satisfy the relevant policies within the Revised Local Plan (2014).

#### Policy GT02: Land at Bunny Lane, Timsbury

- **10.4** The site is owned by the Council and is therefore considered available. The site has previously been used as a landfill site for commercial inert waste but has since been restored to agricultural use. An initial survey indicates that there are no contamination issues which would prevent this site coming forward, however further investigations are required to confirm this. The nearest facilities are located at Braishfield, Timsbury or Romsey.
- 10.5 To the north of the site is an employment site, Casbrook Park. It will be necessary to provide a buffer along the northern boundary of the allocation to limit disturbance from the employment use. To the north—east of the site is a Gas Distribution site. The Health and Safety Executive have confirmed that the site can be allocated provided that the pitches are located on the south-western boundary.
- **10.6** Subject to the satisfactory completion of further survey work, the site can come forward during the plan period to help meet identified need.

#### Land at Bunny Lane, Timsbury is allocated for five Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The development will be permitted subject to (See Map B):

- a) The pitches being located at the south-western part of the site;
- b) The provision of a buffer on the northern boundary to limit the disturbance from nearby employment uses.
- c) The remaining area of the site being landscaped and retained in agricultural use.
- d) The retention and enhancement of soft landscaping to minimise the impact of the site on the landscape;
- e) A satisfactory land contamination assessment being completed;
- f) On-site Public Open Space provision to satisfy policy LHW1 of the Revised Local Plan (2014);
- g) Satisfy the relevant policies within the Revised Local Plan (2014

#### Policy TSP01: Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow

- **10.7** The allocation of land at Gardeners Lane allows for the expansion of an existing authorised Travelling Showpeoeple site which is at full capacity. The proposed allocation has been promoted by Travelling Showpeople and can be delivered in the short term.
- **10.8** The retention and enhancement of the existing boundary are required in order to provide a landscape setting for the development. This is necessary to ensure the impact of the proposal is minimised on the designations and the wider countryside.
- **10.9** Part of the site is within Hall Copse which is locally designated because of it being an area of Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland. In order to accord with Policy E5 in the Revised Local Plan (2014), development proposals will need to include measures to address impacts to biodiversity especially the loss of the Ancient Woodland and SINC habitat. This must be provided in accordance with any current guidance such as Natural England and Forestry Commission Standing Advice on Ancient Woodland.6
- **10.10** Development will also need to demonstrate how the adverse impacts to ecological connectivity to woodlands in the wider landscape will be addressed.
- **10.11** It would be necessary to limit any maintenance or storage of equipment on the southern boundary in order to limit the disturbance to existing occupants of the adjacent Showperson site.
- **10.12** The site falls within Embley Park, which is a Registered Historic Park and Garden. Any proposal would need to demonstrate that the setting of the heritage asset is not affected, in accordance with policy E9 of the Revised Local Plan (2014).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Standing Advice for Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees, April 2014

Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow is allocated for three Travelling Showpeople plots. The development will be permitted subject to (see Map C):

- a) The provision of mitigation to compensate for the impact on the semi-natural ancient woodland:
- b) The retention and enhancement of soft landscaping on the site boundary;
- c) The layout of the residential, maintenance and storage activities has regard to the adjoining Travelling Showperson site to the south;
- d) Satisfy the relevant policies within the Revised Local Plan (2014).

### 11 Monitoring

- **11.1** Regular monitoring and review is necessary to assess the effectiveness of planning policies and proposals. There is a requirement for all Local Planning Authorities to produce an Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR) on an annual basis which is to be made publicly available.
- **11.2** The Council will review the GTAA periodically to ensure there is a locally derived robust evidence base. The Council will work with other Hampshire authorities in updating the GTAA.

# **Appendix 1: Glossary**

**Permanent Pitch:** A pitch with planning permission where the residents have the right to remain on the site permanently.

Pitch: A pitch is the space required to accommodate one household and their caravans, parking space and enough room for the turning of vehicles.

**Plot:** A plot is a pitch on a Travelling Showpeople site (often called a 'yard'). This terminology differentiates between residential pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and mixed-use plots for Travelling Showpeople, which will need to incorporate space or be split to allow for the storage of equipment such as fairground rides.

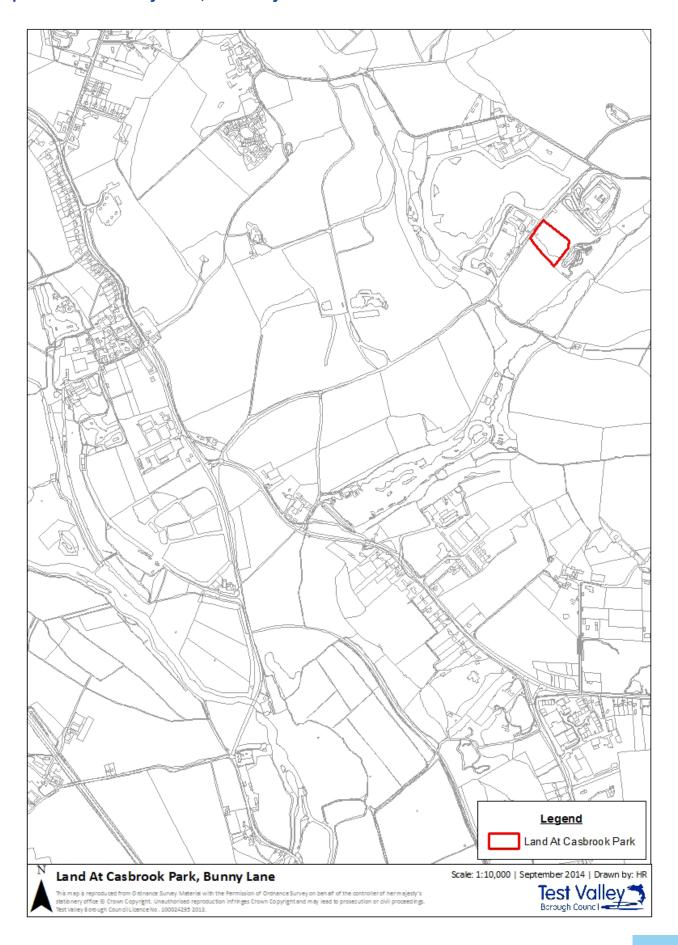
**Site:** A Gypsy and Traveller Site is the area where Gypsies and Travellers live. One site may be have a number of pitches and be home to a number of families.

Transit Pitch: A transit pitch is intended for short term use by Gypsies and Travellers on the move. The pitch is itself permanent, while its residents are temporary, with a maximum period of stay imposed.

Map A: Land at Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow

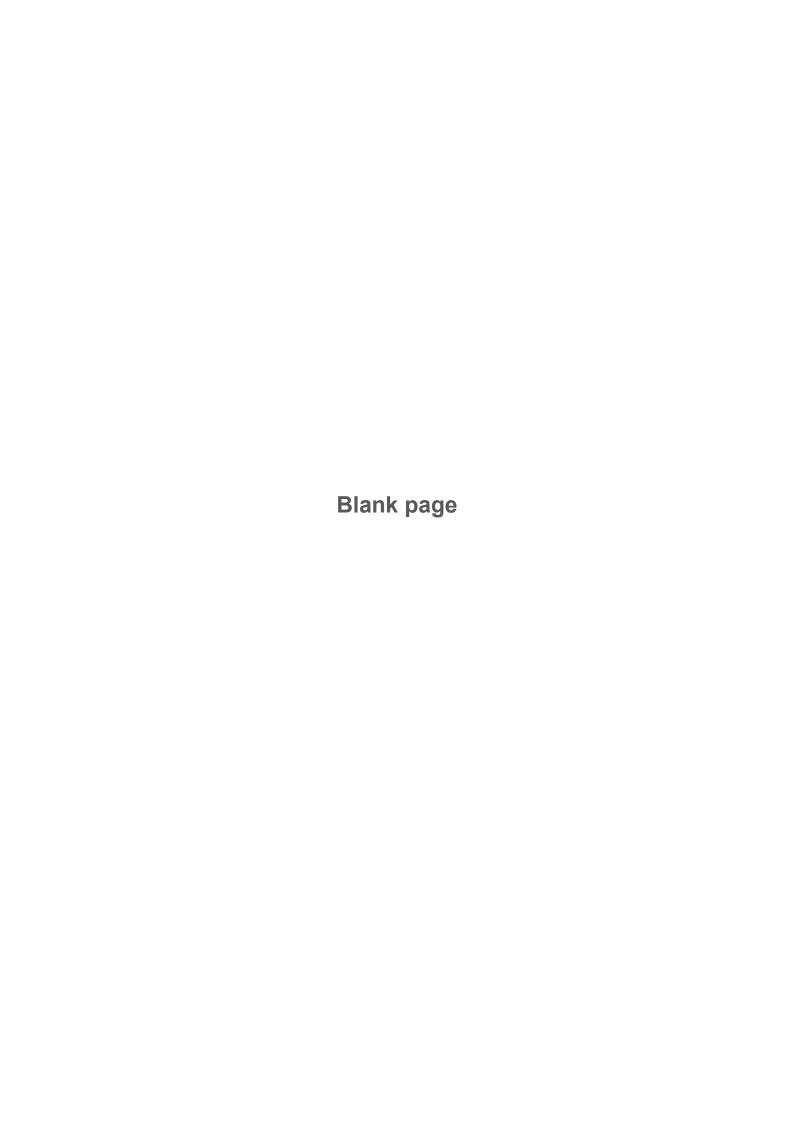


Map B: Land at Bunny Lane, Timsbury



Map C: Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow





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