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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council to assist in the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD), which will form part of the Test Valley Local Development Framework.
- 1.2 Sustainability Appraisals (SA) are intended to support the selection of options in the preparation of plans and to provide a mechanism of reviewing alternative options, not to make the decision on policy development¹.
- 1.3 The Council has a statutory duty to consider the sustainability of its plans through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). It also has to prepare an environmental report of its plans as a result of requirements contained in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004². The requirements of both pieces of legislation have been met by the Sustainability Appraisal Report. The Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared following Government guidance.
- 1.4 The Sustainability Appraisal report should be read in conjunction with the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document, Regulation 22 submission Revised Local Plan, Revised Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal (November 2013)³ and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report⁴.

Sustainable Development

- 1.5 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that DPDs are prepared with a view to 'contributing to the achievement of sustainable development' (Section 39(2)). Paragraph 6 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁵ also highlights that this is the purpose of the planning system as a whole, with paragraph 7 recognising the social, environmental and economic dimensions to sustainable development.
- 1.6 Section 1 of the Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Revised Local Plan (November 2013) provides further information regarding the widely accepted definition of sustainable development and the UK Sustainable Development Strategy.

¹ Local Development Framework Guidance on Sustainability Appraisal, PAS, 2007 & CLG Plan Making Manual, Communities and Local Government (CLG).

² This legislation is also referred to as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations.

³ <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/files/5583/SA-Main-Report.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/files/112/SustainabilityAppraisalScopingReport-June2011-.pdf>

⁵ The National Planning Policy Framework, DCLG, 2012

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 1.7 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) sets out the statutory duty to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal report for each DPD, stating that:

‘The local planning authority must also –

- 1 *carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the proposals in each development plan document;*
- 2 *prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal.’*
(Section 19(5) as amended by the Planning Act 2008)

- 1.8 Therefore the sustainability appraisal process forms part of the preparation of DPDs. It involves the assessment of the sustainability of different options and consideration of the social, environmental and economic effects of the proposals and policies from the outset.
- 1.9 This report has also been prepared in line with the requirements of Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations)⁶, which transpose the requirements of the SEA Directive⁷. This legislation requires the formal assessment of plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. Further detail on the SEA requirements are provided in Chapter 2 of the Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Revised Local Plan.
- 1.10 Guidance advocates that the requirements of sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment are combined. Therefore throughout this document, where reference is made to sustainability appraisal, it denotes sustainability appraisal under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended by the Planning Act 2008), incorporating the environmental information and covering the requirements of the SEA Directive and Regulations.
- 1.11 The role of Sustainability Appraisals (SAs) is also highlighted within paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which states that: ‘A sustainability appraisal which meets the requirements of the European Directive on strategic environmental assessment should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant effects on the environment, economic and social factors.’

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

- 1.12 The first stage of the sustainability appraisal process comprises of a scoping exercise and this has been undertaken separately through the production of a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (June 2011). This report should be read in conjunction with the Scoping Report.

⁶ The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004, No. 1633).

⁷ Directive 2001/42/EC on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment (known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive)

- 1.13 The Scoping Report provides contextual information, reviews other relevant plans and programmes, identifies local sustainability issues and constraints and sets out a series of sustainability objectives to be used to test the plan and its contribution to sustainable development.

Relationship with Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 1.14 The Conservation of Habitat and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) (known as the Habitat Regulations) transpose the requirements of the Habitats Directive into domestic legislation. Article 6(3) of the Habitat Directive⁸ states that:

‘Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site’s conservation objectives.’

- 1.15 Section 102 of the Habitat Regulations requires that land use plans which are likely to have a significant effect on European sites shall be subject to an appropriate assessment of the implications in terms of the conservation objectives of the sites.
- 1.16 The Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) process is separate to sustainability appraisal (and has a different methodology). However, the requirements, background evidence and some of the findings of HRA process have informed the sustainability appraisal process, including the appraisal of options (through the biodiversity related sustainability objective), identification of potential significant effects and necessary mitigation.

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites

- 1.17 National policy, Planning Policy for Traveller Sites⁹ (PPTS) sets out the Government’s planning policy for Traveller sites. Paragraph 11 of the PPTS requires that Traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.

Revised Local Plan Development Plan Document 2011-2029

- 1.18 Test Valley Borough Council has submitted its Revised Local Plan DPD 2011 - 2029 to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in public. The Revised Local Plan, once adopted, sets out the over-arching strategy and the long term vision for the Borough. The Revised Local Plan will be the main 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. The Revised Local Plan

⁸ Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.

⁹ Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, DCLG, 2012

proposes a criteria based policy (COM13) for the determination of applications for new Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and to safeguard existing permanent authorised sites.

Overview of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document

- 1.19 The Council is preparing a Local Development Framework to set out a long term strategy to manage development over the period from 2011 – 2029. The Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (which is the focus of this appraisal) will form part of this, providing allocations to accommodate the current and future needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople within the Borough. These allocations will support the delivery of the plan objectives (as below).
- 1.20 The Local Development Framework, including the Gypsy and Traveller DPD, provides a mechanism for supporting the delivery of the Test Valley Community Plan and the Test Valley Borough Council Corporate Plan (see below). Reflecting this, the vision for the Community Plan is included within the Gypsy and Traveller DPD to provide a common link between the two documents. Therefore, the vision included in the Gypsy and Traveller DPD is:

“To create a Test Valley community where everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential and to enjoy a good quality of life.”

- 1.21 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 Gypsy and Traveller DPD. The following objectives have been identified and help establish the policy direction for this DPD:

- 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.*

Structure of this Report

- 1.22 This report has been prepared taking account of the various stages that make up the sustainability appraisal process (for more information see Chapter 2) and the work that has been undertaken to date. Therefore, this Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Gypsy and Traveller DPD covers the following:
1. An overview of the sustainability appraisal process and the requirements of strategic environmental assessment;

2. An appraisal of the Revised Local Plan DPD objectives (the plan objectives) in terms of their compatibility with the sustainability objectives of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD (as set out in the Sustainability Appraisal Framework within the Scoping Report¹⁰);
3. A commentary on the options and alternatives that were considered during the preparation of the plan;
4. Appraisal of the options and reasonable alternatives considered to test their performance against the sustainability objectives with a more detailed appraisal linked to the identification of strategic sites for residential development;
5. Identification and evaluation of the likely significant effects of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD, including consideration of potential mitigation measures to minimise adverse effects;
6. An outline of the proposed monitoring strategy to measure the effects of implementing the Gypsy and Traveller DPD; and

2. Sustainability Appraisal Methodology

- 2.1 There are a number of stages to the sustainability appraisal process based on the legal requirements, these are:

Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding the scope

Stage B: Developing and refining alternative options and assessing effects

Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report

Stage D: Consulting on the draft plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report

Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the plan

- 2.2 The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has covered the requirements of Stage A and should be read in conjunction with this Sustainability Appraisal Report and the Sustainability Appraisal prepared for the Revised Local Plan. For information, a separate non-technical summary of the Scoping Report is available. Stage E is undertaken after the plan is adopted but there is consideration given to what topics should be monitored.
- 2.3 This report focuses of the tasks that fall within Stages B and C highlighted in yellow in Table 1 below.

¹⁰ <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/files/551/SustainabilityAppraisalScopingReport-June2011-Appendices.pdf>

Table 1: Stages and Tasks within the Sustainability Appraisal Process¹¹

Stage	Brief Description
A	Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope Task A1: Identifying other relevant plans, programmes and objectives Task A2: Collecting baseline information Task A3: Identifying sustainability problems / issues Task A4: Developing SA / SEA objectives (and the SA Framework) Task A5: Consultation on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal
B	Develop and refine alternatives, and assess effects Task B1: Test the plan objectives against the sustainability objectives Task B2: Developing strategic options / alternatives Task B3: Predict the effects of the draft plan Task B4: Evaluate the effects of the draft plan Task B5: Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects Task B6: Proposing measures to monitor the effects of the plan
C	Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report Task C1: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report
D	Consult on the draft plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report Task D1: Consult on the draft plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report Task D2: Assess significant changes Task D3: Make decisions and provide information
E	Monitor the significant effects of implementation of the plan Task E1: Develop the monitoring arrangements Task E2: Responding to adverse effects

Method for Appraisal of Options

- 2.4 Reflecting the legal requirements, along with guidance on preparing sustainability objectives to assist in the assessment of the plan, the appraisal process has involved an assessment of the compatibility and performance of options with the sustainability objectives (for more information see the Scoping Report¹², as well as consideration of likely significant effects relative to the baseline position (as well as likely evolution of the baseline position).
- 2.5 In summarising the performance of options against the sustainability objectives, a set of symbols has been used – these are set out in Table 2. These symbols represent the position without the identification of mitigation measures. These symbols should not be considered in isolation as they represent a broad indication of performance and need to be read in conjunction with the associated commentary and consideration of likely significant effects. In addition, while there is a temptation to sum up the symbols to indicate a ‘score’ - this is not appropriate¹³. However, they

¹¹ Based on A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, ODPM, 2005, pages 24 and 25.

¹² <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/files/551/SustainabilityAppraisalScopingReport-June2011-Appendices.pdf>

¹³ This is reflected in the guidance available in Chapter 6 of the Principles of Plan Making (PAS, 2013).

can give a simplified indication of the relative performance of options in relation to a specific issue as a starting point.

- 2.6 The SEA Regulations establish criteria for determining whether there is likely to be a significant effect on the environment within Schedule 1 of the legislation. These have been used to inform the identification significant effects, as set out within Appendix 1 of this report. Potential mitigation measures have been identified alongside the consideration of significant effects, where they have the potential to prevent, reduce or as a last option offset any significant adverse effects identified. It should be noted that the symbols used to summarise the performance in relation to the sustainability objectives do not account for mitigation measures discussed within associated commentary.
- 2.7 The information brought together through the assessment of options against the sustainability objectives and consideration of any significant effects has been used to gauge the scope for options to support sustainable development (including when accounting for potential mitigation measures). It has highlighted that in some cases options can have positive effects in relation to certain objectives, while performing less well on other matters. This provides a basis for considering the need to weigh up the implications of the effects with what the Council is seeking to achieve through the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document and identify mitigation measures where necessary.
- 2.8 As part of the process of appraising options, no specific weighing system has been developed. The NPPF recognises the need for economic, social and environmental matters to be considered jointly (paragraph 8). It was considered that the use of a standardised weighting approach may detract from the consideration of the detail that is behind the assessments. In addition, the relative importance of specific issues can vary within the appraisal (this has been identified where appropriate), for example depending on the matter under consideration and the area under consideration (when considering allocations). In some cases, protection or designation of specific features or assets may give an indication of relative importance, but this is not always the case. The designation of certain assets / features is also a factor in identifying whether an effect may be significant¹⁴.

¹⁴ This reflects the considerations identified in Annex II of the SEA Directive and Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations.

Table 2: Key to Appraisal Symbols

Performs very well	++
Performs well	+
Mixed performance	+/-
Performs less well	-
Performs poorly	--
Depends on implementation	i
Uncertain	?
No Effect	O

Commentary on the Production of this Report

- 2.9 The consideration of alternative options and their effects through the sustainability appraisal / strategic environmental assessment process has helped to inform the production of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. This sustainability appraisal process has also enabled a clearer approach to identification of the potential mitigation measures that could be implemented.
- 2.10 There were some difficulties experienced in the preparation of this report and the undertaking of the appraisal. There has been some difficulty in identifying the specific effects of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. As a result, in some cases it has been identified that the effects may be uncertain at this time, or the effects depend on implementation or that it is difficult to predict whether a significant effect is likely. The level of detail of the assessments within this appraisal was not the same as would be expected for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs). Therefore, particularly in relation to proposed allocations, more detailed assessment of effects would be likely to be identified through Environmental Statements in conjunction with planning application. This will also enable further consideration of appropriate mitigation measures.
- 2.11 Assumptions have had to be made in making assessments of alternatives and identifying likely effects. The consideration of options and identification of effects has also required a degree of judgement, including the consideration of the significance of effects. Where possible the assumptions have been based on baseline information (some of which has been provided by site promoters) and evidence based studies (which are referred to where relevant). For example, through the baseline information it has been highlighted that the main source of air pollution in the Borough is from road traffic, therefore, where proposals are likely to result in an increase in traffic levels; this is assumed to have the potential to result in an increase in air pollution. Professional judgement has also been used taking account of baseline information.

3. Setting the Context for the Appraisal

Task A1: Identifying other relevant plans, programmes and objectives

- 3.1 Appendix 2 of the Scoping Report identifies a number of policies, plans and programmes relevant to the production of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. These range from international to local level publications. This list has been updated within Appendix 1 of the Revised Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal, to include relevant plans and programmes published since the Scoping Report, and in particular the NPPF.

Task A2: Collecting baseline information

- 3.2 Chapters 4 to 12 of the Scoping Report provide baseline data. This has been used to inform the identification of the sustainability objectives. It provides an evidence base to support the appraisal (and development of) the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. It also acts as a base from which subsequent monitoring can be compared. This is based on a number of topics, including the issues highlighted in the SEA Directive.

Task A3: Identify sustainability issues / problems

- 3.3 This draws on the findings of both Stages A1 and A2 to enable the identification of the key sustainability issues. Sustainability issues were identified in Chapters 5 to 12 and summarised in Chapter 13 of the Scoping Report.

Task A4: Developing the SA/SEA objectives (and the Sustainability Appraisal Framework)

- 3.4 Chapter 14 of the Scoping Report provides the sustainability appraisal framework identifying the sustainability objectives as well as associated indicative tests, targets and indicators. These were produced drawing on the outcomes of the previous tasks. It is considered that these remain appropriate in light of more recent information for tasks A1 to A3 (as summarised above).
- 3.5 The sustainability objectives developed have been used to test objectives and policies of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD within this report.

The sustainability objectives are:

- **Objective 1:** Avoid and reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detrimental effects to public wellbeing, the economy and environment.
- **Objective 2:** Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.
- **Objective 3:** Improve the efficient use of land and conserve soil resources.
- **Objective 4:** Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources, whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste.
- **Objective 5:** Protect and enhance the water environment and ensure the sustainable management of water resources.
- **Objective 6:** Conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity.
- **Objective 7:** Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.

- **Objective 8:** Conserve and enhance the Borough's landscape and settlement character.
- **Objective 9:** Conserve and enhance the historic environment.
- **Objective 10:** Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home suitable to their needs.
- **Objective 11:** Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- **Objective 12:** Ensure the local economy is thriving with high and stable levels of growth. Raise levels of enterprise and productivity promoting a diverse economy (including tourism) with high value and low impact, whilst stimulating economic regeneration.
- **Objective 13:** Enable residents and visitors to have access to and enjoy a wide range of high quality cultural and leisure activities.
- **Objective 14:** Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport networks and the availability of sustainable modes of transport.
- **Objective 15:** Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.

Task A5: Consulting on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal

- 3.6 The Scoping Report was the subject of consultation (18th February to 25th March 2011) in line with the statutory requirements. The comments received were taken into account in developing the final version of the document, approved in June 2011. Chapter 2 and Appendix 1 of the Scoping Report contain more information.

4. Testing the Plan Objectives against the Sustainability Objectives

What the SEA Directive says (Tasks B1-B5 and C):

“...an environmental report shall be prepared in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated” (Article 5.1). Information to be provided in the Environmental Report includes “an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with” (Annex I (h))

“The environmental report shall include information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, [and] its stage in the decision-making process” (Article 5.2).

Information to be provided in the Environmental Report includes:

- “the likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects” (Annex I (f) and footnote)
- “an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with” (Annex I (h))
- “the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme” (Annex I (g))

4.1 The objectives of the plan (in this case the Gypsy and Traveller DPD), which underpin what the plan and the policies it contains intend to achieve, should be tested for compatibility with the sustainability objectives (as set out in the Scoping Report). This task helps to test whether there is compatibility between the plan objectives and the local sustainability objectives. This stage of the appraisal represents Task B1, with the assessment of compatibility presented in Table 4.

4.2 Where there are potential conflicts this can inform further work in the preparation of the Plan. It does not necessarily mean that objectives need to be amended. In some cases, adverse effects may be mitigated, and tensions between the objectives resolved. If development takes place in accordance with all of the strategic objectives, any potential incompatibility may not necessarily be an insurmountable issue.

4.3 As set out within paragraph 1.21 of this report, the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objectives are:

- 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.*

4.4 The appraisal of plan objectives is provided in Table 4. The appraisal consists of a matrix testing the compatibility of each plan objective with each sustainability objective. The key within these tables is explained in Table 3.

Table 3: Key to Compatibility Assessment of Plan and Sustainability Objectives

✓	Broadly Compatible – pursuing the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objective is likely to help achieve the sustainability objective
i	Depends on Implementation – by pursuing the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objective there may be mixed implications for the sustainability objective, depending on how it is pursued
X	Potential conflict – pursuing the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objective may work against or prevent the sustainability objective being achieved
	No relationship – the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objective is unlikely to have any direct influence on this sustainability objective

Table 4: Plan Objectives Compatibility Matrix

Gypsy & Traveller DPD Objectives	Sustainability Objectives (summary of objective; for full wording and indicative tests see SA Scoping Report, June 2011)														
	1. Flood Risk	2. Climate Change & Renewables	3. Land and Soil	4. Use of Resources	5. Water	6. Biodiversity	7. Air Quality	8. Landscape and Settlement Character	9. Historic Environment	10. Decent and Affordable Homes	11. Social Exclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Crime.	12. Economy	13. Culture and Leisure	14. Accessibility & Sustainable Transport	15. Education & Skills
1	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	✓	-	-		-	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
3	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-

- 4.5 The appraisal of the plan objectives has identified that in most cases the compatibility depends on implementation. There are some areas of potential conflict (e.g. plan objective 1 with some of the environment focused sustainability objectives as shown in Table 4). This is inevitable considering the need to balance social, economic and environmental objectives and to accommodate the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople whilst protecting the high quality of the Borough's environment. As noted above, the potential conflict between objectives is not necessarily an insurmountable issue, particularly when they are considered together.
- 4.6 In a number of cases it is difficult to judge the degree of compatibility between the sustainability and plan objectives as a whole given the broad level of detail and some uncertainty as to how they will be implemented. For example, development within the Borough has the potential to adversely affect the landscape if delivered in an inappropriate way, however, other objectives seek to conserve and enhance the landscape of the Borough.
- 4.7 Taking account of the general compatibility between the objectives, it is not recommended to make any changes to the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objectives.
- 4.8 The process of assessment of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD objectives against the sustainability objectives has highlighted where the Gypsy and Traveller DPD proposals need to have clear regard to the sustainability objectives and inform decisions around potential mitigation measures.
- 4.9 It is recognised that the weight given to objectives can vary significantly when taking account of the purpose of the plan / programme. It is also acknowledged that the Gypsy and Traveller DPD may also have a role in supporting the delivery of the objectives of some of the plans and programmes identified.

5. Appraising Plan Options

- 5.1 The next stage of the process involves appraising options that the Council has identified based on alternative ways of supporting the delivery of the plan objectives. This assessment has been undertaken based on the opportunities and constraints in the plan area, whilst also giving consideration to all reasonable alternatives.
- 5.2 Based on the stages of sustainability appraisal identified in Chapter 2, the tasks involved in this aspect of the work include:
- **B2:** Develop strategic options / alternatives
 - **B3:** Predict effects of the draft plan
 - **B4:** Evaluate the effects of the draft plan
 - **B5:** Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects
- 5.3 This is an iterative process, which makes use of the sustainability objectives and the assessment of the potential for significant effects on the environment, in

appraising the alternative options identified, to help inform the choices made in developing the plan (acting as a tool in the decision making process).

- 5.4 The following chapters provide a commentary of the appraisal findings and explain why some of the options were rejected and why others have been preferred.
- 5.5 It is acknowledged that there is a degree of subjectivity to the sustainability appraisal process; therefore the commentary provided attempts to highlight where assumptions have been made. The evidence base has been drawn on to inform the consideration of options; therefore assumptions made within these documents will have fed into this work. Similarly professional judgement has been used.
- 5.6 As was identified in Chapter 2, as part of the appraisal of options against the sustainability objectives, a summary of the performance is indicated through the use of symbols. These symbols represent a broad indication of performance and need to be read in conjunction with the commentary. They should not be ‘summed up’ to indicate a ‘score’. While consideration against the sustainability objectives and in relation to the baseline has considered the potential to provide mitigation measures to lessen the risk of adverse effects, this has not been reflected within the use of the symbols to summarise performance.

Developing the Alternatives (B2)

- 5.7 The Council is seeking the preferred approach of allocating sites to meet the current and future accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople within the Borough. Stage B2 of the Sustainability Appraisal process involves developing meaningful and reasonable alternatives. The appraisal of alternatives is an integral part of the SA process in order to provide the Council with a wider range of potential options. This SA tests the preferred approach (A) and other alternatives against the sustainability objectives.
- 5.8 The Council has developed the following reasonable alternatives:

Table 5: Reasonable Alternatives

Alternative	Description	Summary
A	Allocate sites to meet current and future need for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Identify suitable sites through the site assessment process to be allocated as pitches and plots.
B	Provision within major new developments	Make no provision from sites identified through the site assessment process, requiring instead provision to be made within the masterplanning for future major housing and employment sites identified through the Revised Local Plan.
C	Make no planned provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Make no provision from sites identified by the site assessment process but instead by individual planning applications coming forward.

5.9 The identified reasonable alternatives have been appraised against each Sustainability Appraisal objective. In completing the matrix the impact of each alternative was categorized according to the key set out in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Key to Appraisal Symbols

Key	
O	No effect
?	The relationship between the alternative and the SA is uncertain or there is not enough information to make an assessment
i	The impact on the SA objective is dependant on implementation
--	Alternative will result in a negative impact on the SA objective
++	Alternative will result in a positive impact on the SA objective

Table 7: Appraising Reasonable Alternatives

Gypsy & Traveller DPD	Sustainability Objectives														
	(summary of objective; for full wording and indicative tests see SA Scoping Report, June 2011)														
	1. Flood Risk	2. Climate Change & Renewables	3. Land and Soil	4. Use of Resources	5. Water	6. Biodiversity	7. Air Quality	8. Landscape and Settlement Character	9. Historic Environment	10. Decent and Affordable Homes	11. Social Exclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Crime.	12. Economy	13. Culture and Leisure	14. Accessibility & Sustainable	15. Education & Skills
A - Allocations	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	++	++	?	?	++	++
B – Major new developments	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	++	i	?	?	++	++
C – relying on planning applications	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	i	-	?	?	?	-

6. Predicting and Evaluating Cumulative Effects of the Plan

- 6.1 This section of the appraisal focuses on Tasks B3, B4 and B5 comprising the prediction and evaluation of the effects of the draft Gypsy and Traveller DPD, along with the identification of mitigation measures.
- 6.2 As set out within the SEA Directive, the consideration of effects needs to account for secondary (or indirect), cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects. Cumulative effects normally reflect situations where individual projects or proposals may not have a significant effect when considered on their own, but when considered in conjunction with other plans / projects, the sum of the smaller effects results in a more significant effect. Synergistic effects move a step further, whereby the combined projects / plans have a greater effect than the individual projects / plans. There is not always a clear distinction between these different types of effects.
- 6.3 In order to identify possible available sites within the Borough (to be assessed for their suitability as a Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling showperson site); 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.
- 6.4 It is proposed that potential sites should be assessed using a criteria-based approach in order to determine the suitability of each site against the Sustainability Appraisal objectives. 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.
- 6.5 Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs for accommodation are invariably 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.
- 6.6 This document 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 Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. 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. The assessment involves the prediction of the effects of each criterion against the SA objectives. Each reasonable option for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites has been appraised against the objectives that was developed through the SA process for the Revised Local Plan. The SA Scoping Report (June 2011) sets out how the SA objectives were developed. Some of the objectives have been amended to reflect the nature of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

6.7 Detailed appraisal matrices have been provided for each site considered which can be viewed in Appendix 1 to this document. Each matrix is supported by a summary of assessment. A number of symbols have been used in the appraisal of potential Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites which can be viewed in Table 8 below. The appraisal was undertaken using professional judgement, supported by the baseline data (SA Scoping Report June 2011) as well as being informed by a range of sources including desk top studies and information provided by the following consultees:

- Conservation Officer
- Landscape Officer
- Highways Officer
- Environmental Protection Officer
- Scientific Officer
- Hampshire County Council Ecologist
- Hampshire County Council Archaeologist
- Environment Agency
- Health and Safety Executive

The SA is informed by the best available information and data.

Table 8: Key to Appraisal Symbols

Performs very well	++
Performs well	+
Mixed performance	+/-
Performs less well	-
Performs poorly	--
Depends on implementation	i
Uncertain	?
No Effect	O

7. Mitigation Measures

- 7.1 Mitigation measures have been incorporated in the Plan and have been identified through the assessment of options for the Plan. The appraisal matrices in Appendix 1 also identify relevant mitigation measures where appropriate. A key form of mitigation includes avoiding vulnerable or sensitive locations. For example, the selection of strategic sites has taken account of biodiversity, heritage assets, landscape and settlement character and accessibility.
- 7.2 The Gypsy and Traveller DPD need to be read in conjunction with the Revised Local Plan. The Local Plan includes a number of policies that relate to specific matters all of which will need to be taken into account when determining applications.
- 7.3 As noted within the summary of assessment (Appendix 1), the development of greenfield land will result in an adverse impact on soil resources. One of the functions soil supports is the infiltration of rainwater and surface water at the same time it can provide water filtration. As a result, it would be recommended that sustainable drainage systems are considered to support the management of surface water and rainfall. When implemented, requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 will require the provision of sustainable drainage systems to help manage surface water and rainfall, which will need to accord with national standards – reference to this forthcoming requirement is proposed within the Revised Local Plan.
- 7.4 More detailed consideration of biodiversity value within sites should be taken into account as sites come forward. Ideally there should be no net loss of biodiversity and where possible a gain. Possible cumulative effects on habitat networks and corridors will also need to be taken into account for all applications, in line with the requirements of the proposed biodiversity policy.
- 7.5 It will be essential for sufficient infrastructure to be provided to support new development.
- 7.6 In some cases, while policies are included to flag up issues that need to be taken into account, individual mitigation packages will need to be developed as part of planning applications.
- 7.7 It is acknowledged that there will remain some residual impacts on the environment, which will not be mitigated. This includes the development of greenfield sites.

8. Monitoring the Significant Effects of the Plan

What the SEA Directive says:

“Member States shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of plans and programmes in order, *inter alia*, to identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects, and to be able to undertake appropriate remedial action” (Article 10.1).

The Environmental Report shall include “a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring” (Annex I (i)).

- 8.1 Monitoring of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD, as part of the Local Development Framework, allows the actual significant effects of implementation to be tested against those predicted as part of the sustainability appraisal process and can aid in the future identification of sustainability problems and issues. It also enables more accurate predictions of likely effects. Monitoring can also be used to inform the baseline information for future plans. The proposal of a monitoring framework represents Task B6 of the appraisal process.
- 8.2 Table 40 within the Sustainability Appraisal for the Revised Local Plan (November 2013) sets out the proposed strategy to monitor the implementation of the Revised Local Plan DPD, which includes net additional Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling showpeople sites. It also identifies which key bodies will be the source or provider of the monitoring information.
- 8.3 It is recognised that the information available for monitoring does not always align easily with the items identified as potentially being significantly affected by the plan. Therefore, where available proxies, or alternative indicators have been identified.
- 8.4 The indicators will be reported in monitoring reports produced on an annual basis; this will be through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). If some of the indicators are not available annually they will be updated as regularly as possible. The list of indicators for monitoring will be reviewed regularly with the potential for indicators and targets to be added or amended as appropriate to help measure the effects of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. Any changes will be reported and explained through the monitoring report.

9. Conclusions

- 9.1 This Sustainability Appraisal report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the SEA Regulations (and Directive). The report sets out how sustainability issues have been considered and used to help inform the production of the Council's Revised Local Plan DPD.
- 9.2 The sustainability objectives set out in the Scoping Report (June 2011), have been used as a basis for appraising options and the effects of the proposals that the Council has identified.
- 9.3 Sustainability issues relevant to the Gypsy and Traveller DPD have been identified and the Plan objectives have been tested to demonstrate their compatibility with the sustainability objectives. While some areas of potential conflict were identified, this was to be expected.
- 9.4 For a number of the policy areas identified, there were no reasonable alternatives available that were sufficiently distinct to enable testing against the sustainability objectives, particularly when accounting for national guidance and evidence base studies.
- 9.5 In general, the sustainability appraisal identified that none of the site assessed outperformed all the others in all regards. In addition, none of the sites were absolutely ruled out by any of the constraints. However, there were factors that resulted in some sites being considered to be less suitable, for example, as a result of ecological interests, flood risk, landscape effects and accessibility. Appendix 1 provides a details assessment and summary of the appraisal outcomes for the sites that were considered through the sustainability appraisal.
- 9.6 The sustainability appraisal process informed the identification of a number of sites to help meet the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. For Gypsies and Travellers, Land at Scallows Lane, West Wellow is proposed in the short term. In the longer term, Land at Bunny Lane, Timsbury is proposed to be allocated. For Travelling Showpeople, Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow is proposed.
- 9.7 It was recognised that these sites were not free from constraint. It will be important for all these sites to be planned carefully to include measures to reduce the potential impacts on the environment, this includes conserving areas of highest biodiversity value on site, providing sufficient infrastructure to support new residents and promoting opportunities for more sustainable modes of travel.
- 9.8 The Sustainability Appraisal process has been drawn on throughout the production of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. The consideration of options and potential effects has enabled the identification of mitigation measures which have been included within the Gypsy and Traveller DPD, which should also be considered in the determination of planning applications. The importance of ensuring appropriate infrastructure is available to support new development and future occupiers have been highlighted.

- 9.9 A monitoring framework has been proposed to help measure the implementation of the Plan.
- 9.10 This report has been published for consultation alongside the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

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01: Land at Little Meads, Castle Lane, North Baddesley Ward: Chilworth Size: 1.06 ha						
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)		Summary of Performance			Notes & Commentary	
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?		++			<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Risk Zone 1.</p> <p>No Flood Risk</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	
					<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.		i			<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is relatively close to North Baddesley and is also on a bus route to Eastleigh and Romsey. Castle Lane is also served by a footpath linking the site to the A27 (Botley Road) which is the primary road serving North Baddesley. Castle Lane is also served by an off road cycle route. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of some of the village facilities however it is likely that vehicle use from the site will still be made. The effects depend on implementation. New development, if not designed appropriately, could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>	
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?		--			<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent</p>	

		negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources? Will it support the appropriate re-use of contaminated land (and can risks associated with historic contamination be adequately addressed)?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site does not fall within a Mineral Consultation Area. There is no record of previous potentially contaminative land uses.</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>		<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, River Itchen SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar</p> <p>The site lies outside the 10km buffer of the Mottisfant Bats SAC.</p> <p>Development in proximity to SAC/SPA/Ramsar sites has the potential to increase recreational use of these designations.</p>
6. Does the site contain any features of biodiversity value?	+/-	<p><i>SSSI</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>SINC</i></p> <p>The site is adjacent to Land at South of Great Covert SINC designated for its important grassland habitat. However the SINC is unlikely to be</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is adjacent to Ancient Woodland; there are no known notable habitats on site. However aerial photographs suggest the site is a matrix of open grassland, scrub, trees with likely more diverse / ecologically notable habitat interfaces. There are no records of species however habitats present suggest potential for reptiles, bats, dormice and nesting birds. The site is considered to be well connected to adjacent notable habitats especially Ancient Woodland so there is higher potential to support a wide range of species. No ponds seem to be present within 500m so</p>

			affected by development at the site.	possibly no potential for Great Crested Newt, however this should be checked should an application for development be submitted.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The likely effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	-	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>		<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 2 – Pasture & Woodland associated with Heathland.</p>
		<p><i>Comment:</i> This site falls within an area identified as being of medium landscape sensitivity (Countryside, 2007). The site is located within a Local Gap as defined by Policy SET 05 of the BLP and proposed Policy E3 of the Revised Local Plan, therefore development of this site has the potential to reduce the distinction between settlements (North Baddesley, Chilworth and Valley Park). An ancient woodland (Misslebrooks Copse) that has been replanted is adjacent to the south of the site. There are SINC designations located within close proximity to the site to the north and west. Potential landscape impact is likely to be mitigated subject to buffering around the ancient woodland. The existing access is small and overgrown. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, access for showman’s vehicles is likely to be quite wide and may be intrusive into the landscape. Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, there are no Tree Preservation</p>		

		Orders present on site. There are mature trees to the frontage which restrict ease of gaining access. These trees are worthy of a TPO if the site is developed.
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	+	<i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i> The site is not within or adjacent to a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity. There are potential non-designated heritage assets in the immediate vicinity with terrace 1 – 4, Castle Lane. The terrace appears on historic OS maps of late 19th Century. A historic assessment would be required as to the impact of any potential development on their setting should any proposals come forward.
		<i>Archaeological Significance</i> There are no archaeological sites currently recorded at this location and there are few archaeological sites recorded in the immediate vicinity. Archaeological work associated with development in the landscape suggests that that the site has moderate archaeological potential (although it is of a relatively small size).
		<i>Other comments</i> There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of North Baddesley. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and

		Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage provision is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there will be a significant effect on environmental health. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within North Baddesley and the wider area, including other areas within Eastleigh, Chandler's Ford, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in the local area, as well as the facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site is relatively close to North Baddesley and is also on a bus route to Eastleigh and Romsey. Castle Lane is also served by a footpath linking the site to the A27 (Botley Road) which is the primary road serving North Baddesley. Castle Lane is also served by an off road cycle route. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of some of the village facilities however it is likely that vehicle use from the site will still be made.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been promoted through the Call for Sites exercise as well as through the SHLAA. The SHLAA (2014) sets out that the site has been promoted by the landowner and is therefore considered available. The SHLAA sets out that the site has potential to link with the existing pedestrian, cycle and public transport network and is bordered on two sides by existing development. However it is

		separated from the main built up area of North Baddesley and is within a sensitive location where it is sought to prevent the coalescence of settlements.
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Summary:

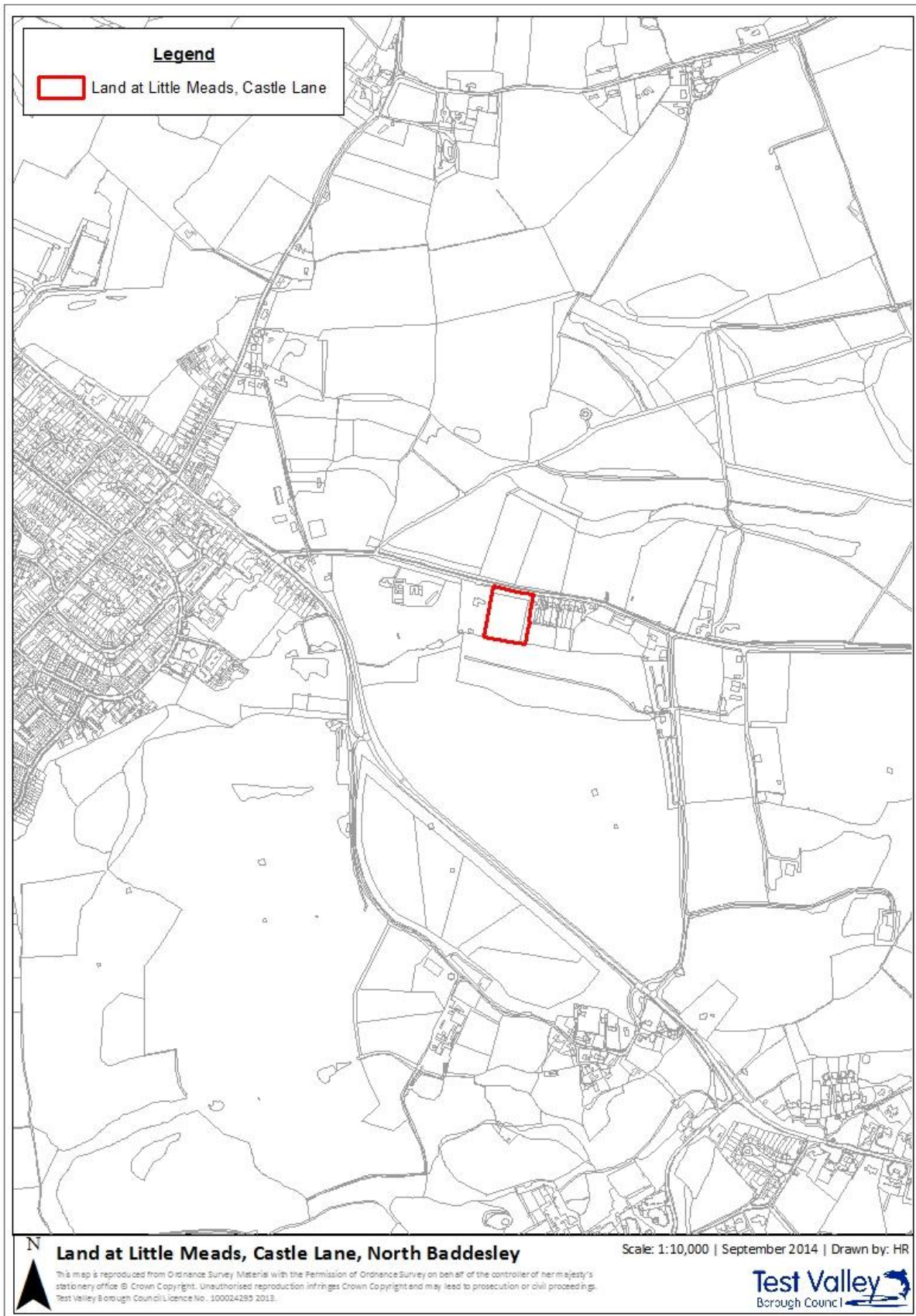
The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk. This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being adjacent to an Ancient Woodland and in close proximity Land at South of Great Covert SINC. However it is unlikely that the SINC will be affected by development. There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). This option could have a potential effect on the historic environment. There are potential non-designated heritage assets in the immediate vicinity with terrace 1 – 4, Castle Lane. The terrace appears on historic OS maps of late 19th Century. A historic assessment would be required as to the impact of any potential development on their setting should any proposals come forward. This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the settlement character and local landscape including retaining separation between settlements.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

01: Land at Little Meads, Castle Lane, North Baddesley



02: Land south of Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow				
Ward: Blackwater				
Size: 0.5122ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Whilst the site is in the countryside and rural in character, it is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in both Sherfield English (1 mile), West Wellow (0.8 mile) and Romsey (6 miles). The site is approximately 1.5 miles from the A36. Scallows Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at West Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Sherfield English or West Wellow therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be 'reasonably close to facilities' and in a sustainable location' (07/03482/FULLS). The distance from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to</p>		

		<p>the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green.</p> <p>The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>No site specific information is available for agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for soft sand (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. There is no record of potentially contaminative uses.</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</p> <p>Yes</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the</p>
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				latter. Aerial photographs suggest that the site does not support good bat foraging habitat so development is unlikely to have an effect on the Mottisfont Bats SAC.
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	+	SSSI No	SINC No	<p><i>Comment:</i> The closest site noted for its ecological value (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation) is 270 metres to the north from the existing Gypsy site.</p> <p>Aerial photographs suggest that the site is heavily grazed pasture so it is unlikely to support on-site notable habitats. Habitats suggest limited potential to support protected species. There are several ponds within 500m, however aerial photographs suggest limited suitable terrestrial Great Crested Newt habitat on site.</p>
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles</p>		

		(painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	-	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p> <p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 4 – Mixed Farmland and Woodland.</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site stands on high ground and may be visible from Romsey Road/ Foxes Lane, Grover’s Down and the Public Right of Way that crosses land to the south of the site. This view is seen in the context of the existing fruit growing enterprise and the existing Gypsy site. Given the low height of structures and the ability to screen with new planting and control external lighting, these views are of medium sensitivity and the residual effects could be small. Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, there no Tree Preservation Orders on site. There are mature trees positioned to the north west of the site fronting the road. These trees are considered to be a constraint to access and to internal layout.</p>
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	++	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>There are no archaeological sites currently recorded at this location, nor in the immediate vicinity. The site has low archaeological potential.</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the south of an unauthorised private gypsy site. It would be anticipated that the occupants of the site would link into the community of West Wellow, Sherfield English and Romsey. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford</p>

		Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be 'reasonably close to facilities' and in a sustainable location' (07/03482/FULLS). The distance from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green. It is unlikely that any significant new facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines are adhered to, it is unlikely that there will be significant effect on health and wellbeing. The site sits in proximity to a small number of residential properties. The residential curtilages of these properties do not immediately abut the boundaries of the site and benefit from mature boundary screening. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey, and the wider area including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in West Wellow as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.

<p>16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Whilst the site is in the countryside and rural in character, it is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in both Sherfield English (1 mile), West Wellow (0.8 mile) and Romsey (6 miles). The site is approximately 1.5 miles from the A36. Scallows Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at West Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Sherfield English or West Wellow therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be 'reasonably close to facilities' and in a sustainable location' (07/03482/FULLS). The distance from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green. Any new access would have a detrimental impact on the trees and hedges on the existing road frontage. Access to the site would need to be via the existing access of the Wellow Way Gypsy site.</p>
<p>17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.</p>
<p>18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p>The site has been promoted through Call For Sites by a willing landowner.</p>
<p>Summary: The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk. This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being subject to a number of international designations. There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). It is unlikely that this option could have a significant effect on the historic environment. This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the settlement character and local landscape however the residual effects could be small.</p>		

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

02: Land south of Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow



03: Land at Cupernham Lane, Romsey Ward: Romsey Extra Size: 1.44ha					
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)		Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?		++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.		i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Cupernham Lane is reasonably close to Romsey town centre which offers a range of amenities and facilities including retail, education and medical services. There is no current bus route along Cupernham Lane past the site, there is however an on road cycle route along Cupernham Lane which will link back to the town centre along Canal Walk, and to Romsey School along Fishlake Meadows, once schemes linked to the Abbotswood development are in place. The site is within walking distance of a bus stop at Cupernham Lane / Fishlake Meadows operating a bus service serving Romsey-Halterworth-Braishfield/ Ampfield. The site is not within short walking distance to the town centre and railway station therefore occupants of the site will be reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to</p>		

		have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<i>Comment:</i> No site specific survey information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site does not fall within a Mineral Consultation Area. There is no record of previously contaminative land uses.
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, River Itchen SAC, The New Forest SAC, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter. There is unlikely to be a significant effect on Emer Bog – the site is outside the area of discharge constraint and it is unlikely to generate significant numbers of visitors to the SAC.</p> <p>The site is within the 7.5km foraging consultation zone for Mottisfont Bats SAC and includes habitat which may be important as the site includes areas of woodland and is</p>

				close to a watercourse. The watercourse to the west of the site may be used as a commuting route as this is linked to the River Test. There are records of barbastelle bats a short distance north of the site near Timsbury.
6. Does the site contain any features of biodiversity value?	-	SSSI No	SINC No	<i>Comment:</i> Site appears to be partly pasture (the majority) while the western portion appears BAP Habitat woodland. Close to a SINC to east, known to support Great Crested Newts, so these may potentially be present at this site. Woodland / scrub may be good bat foraging habitat and mature trees may support bat roosts. Potentially good reptile habitat in some of the rougher grassland / scrub / woodland interface areas. Close to River Test SSSI (but not adjacent).
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i			<i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i			<i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.

<p>9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and the New Forest National Park.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>5B: Middle Test Valley Floor, a small portion to the south is also within an urban area (Test Valley Community Landscape Project, 2004).</p>
<p>10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the vicinity. There are potential non-designated heritage assets within the immediate vicinity. An assessment would be required as to the impact of any potential development on their setting.</p>	<p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>There are no archaeological sites recorded at this location. However the location on the flank of the valley where archaeological remains have been found both to the north and south suggests that the site has a high archaeological potential (that is, the potential that development at this site might encounter archaeological remains which are as yet unrecorded).</p>

		<p>However it is unlikely that such remains would prove to be overriding.</p> <p><i>Other Comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Romsey. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+/-	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site is in close proximity to the built up area of Romsey. The site is bordered by residential properties to the north and south. Abbotswood development is to the south east of the site. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for significant loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.</p>
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>This site has access to a range of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Southern Test Valley, Eastleigh, Chandlers Ford and Southampton.</p>

15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	++	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Romsey as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> Cupernham Lane is reasonably close to Romsey town centre which offers a range of amenities and facilities including retail, education and medical services. There is no current bus route along Cupernham Lane past the site, there is however an on road cycle route along Cupernham Lane which will link back to the town centre along Canal Walk, and to Romsey School along Fishlake Meadows, once schemes linked to the Abbotswood development are in place. The site is within walking distance of a bus stop at Cupernham Lane / Fishlake Meadows operating a bus service serving Romsey-Halterworth-Braishfield/ Ampfield. The site is not within short walking distance to the town centre and railway station therefore occupants of the site will be reliant on vehicle use.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	++	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+/-	The site has been promoted through Call For Sites by a willing landowner. However, given that there are local Great Crested Newts population in the area, a higher level of ecology input will be required.

Summary:

The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk.

There is the potential for this site to have a significant indirect adverse effect on the Mottisfont Bats SAC through the potential loss of foraging habitat for the barbastelle bat. This would need to be given further consideration should the site be taken forward. There is also the potential for an adverse effect on on-site biodiversity, including BAP priority habitat and the potential for protected species to be present on site. Again, further consideration may need to be given to these matters. The proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan provides a framework for seeking to avoid and then lessen adverse effects. There is unlikely to be a significant effect on the historic environment associated with this option. The site has the potential of an adverse effect on

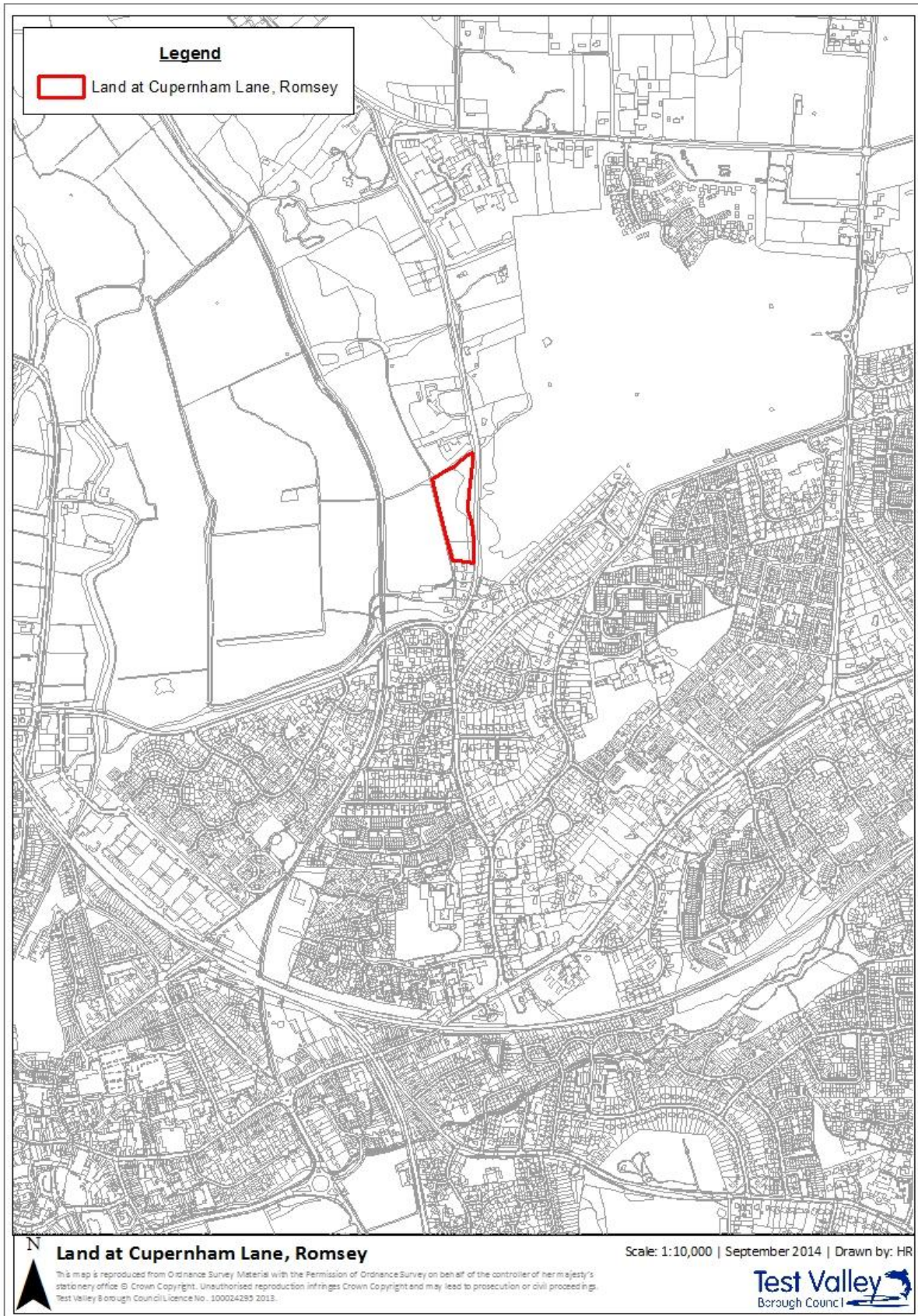
the settlement character and the landscape character in the locality, with the site being quite prominent (tree cover within the site also play a role). There may be scope to lessen the extent of this effect through the design; layout and use of appropriate landscaping of this site (also see proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on landscape and high quality development).

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction, as well as traffic generated). The proposed Revised Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

03: Land at Cupernham Lane, Romsey



04: Land at Maury's Mount, West Wellow Ward: Blackwater Size: 1.2ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
<p>1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?</p>	+	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>No Flood Risk.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
<p>2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.</p>	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is located within the village of West Wellow and within easy walking distance to a number of village facilities. The site is within close proximity to the A36 linking West Wellow to Salisbury (approx. 12.7 miles) and Romsey (approx. 6.4 miles). West Wellow is also on a bus route to Salisbury and Romsey. Slab Lane is served by a footpath linking the site to the village. This will help reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The effects depend on implementation. New development, if not designed appropriately could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high</p>		

		quality design.		
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site does not fall within a Mineral Consultation Area. There is no record of previous potentially contaminative land uses.		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km? Yes	<i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter. The site is within the 7.5km foraging consultation zone for Mottisfont Bats SAC. Most on site habitats appear of lower value to bats (pasture) although there are some areas of woodland.	
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	+/-	SSSI No	SINC No	<i>Comment:</i> There are no habitats recorded on site. Aerial photographs suggest that the site is largely grazed pasture to the northern / central

				portion (lower ecological interest). The pasture areas have limited potential to support protected species. There are also areas of trees/scrub/rougher grassland also appear to be potentially present in the southern portion. These areas may support reptiles, bats, nesting birds and possibly dormice (although there is no known record in the wider landscape).
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	--	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 2 - Pasture & Woodland associated with Heathland.</p>	

		<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is located in a prominent position and it is quite important in terms of the settlement pattern in that it breaks up the developed part of the village. It may be possible to have a small Gypsy site in a discrete part of one of the paddocks but the larger site is likely to be unacceptable in landscape terms. Power cables cross the site which act as a constraint to the provision of landscaping. The access improvements could be destructive to the frontage vegetation making it even more visible in the short term. Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, there are no Tree Preservation Orders on site. However there are large individual mature oak trees positioned around the site perimeter and within the site that are considered worthy of a TPO and therefore would need to be subject to a TPO if future development took place on the site. These trees are a constraint to site layout planning and will restrict the developable area of the site in order to meet the requirements of Policy DES08: Trees and Hedgerows. The trees would need to be surveyed with the constraints accurately plotted. There are also mature trees located at the frontage of the site which would restrict the provision of access. Widening the existing access will result in the loss of trees which will have a potential impact on amenity.</p>
<p>10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area. However there are Listed Buildings in close vicinity and non-designated heritage assets in the immediate vicinity including Maury's Mount which appears on late 19th century OS maps. As such, it would be expected that a heritage assessment is carried out to assess the impact of any potential development on their setting.</p>

		<p><i>Archaeological significance</i></p> <p>This site lies within an area of dispersed settlement of medieval origin. There are no archaeological sites currently recorded at this location and few archaeological sites recorded in the immediate vicinity. The archaeological potential is limited and based on the dispersed nature of the settlement surrounding.</p> <p><i>Other comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
<p>11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of West Wellow. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities. The scale of the site will have an impact on West Wellow.</p>
<p>12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>

<p>13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site lies within the countryside but is within the built up area of West Wellow. The site is bordered by residential properties to the east, south and west. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for significant loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.</p>
<p>14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site has access to number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.</p>
<p>15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in West Wellow as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.</p>
<p>16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is located within the village of West Wellow and within easy walking distance to a number of village facilities. The site is within close proximity to the A36 linking West Wellow to Salisbury (approx. 12.7 miles) and Romsey (approx. 6.4 miles). West Wellow is also on a bus route to Salisbury and Romsey. Slab Lane is served by a footpath linking the site to the village. This will help reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions.</p>

17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+	The site has been promoted through Call For Sites by a willing landowner.

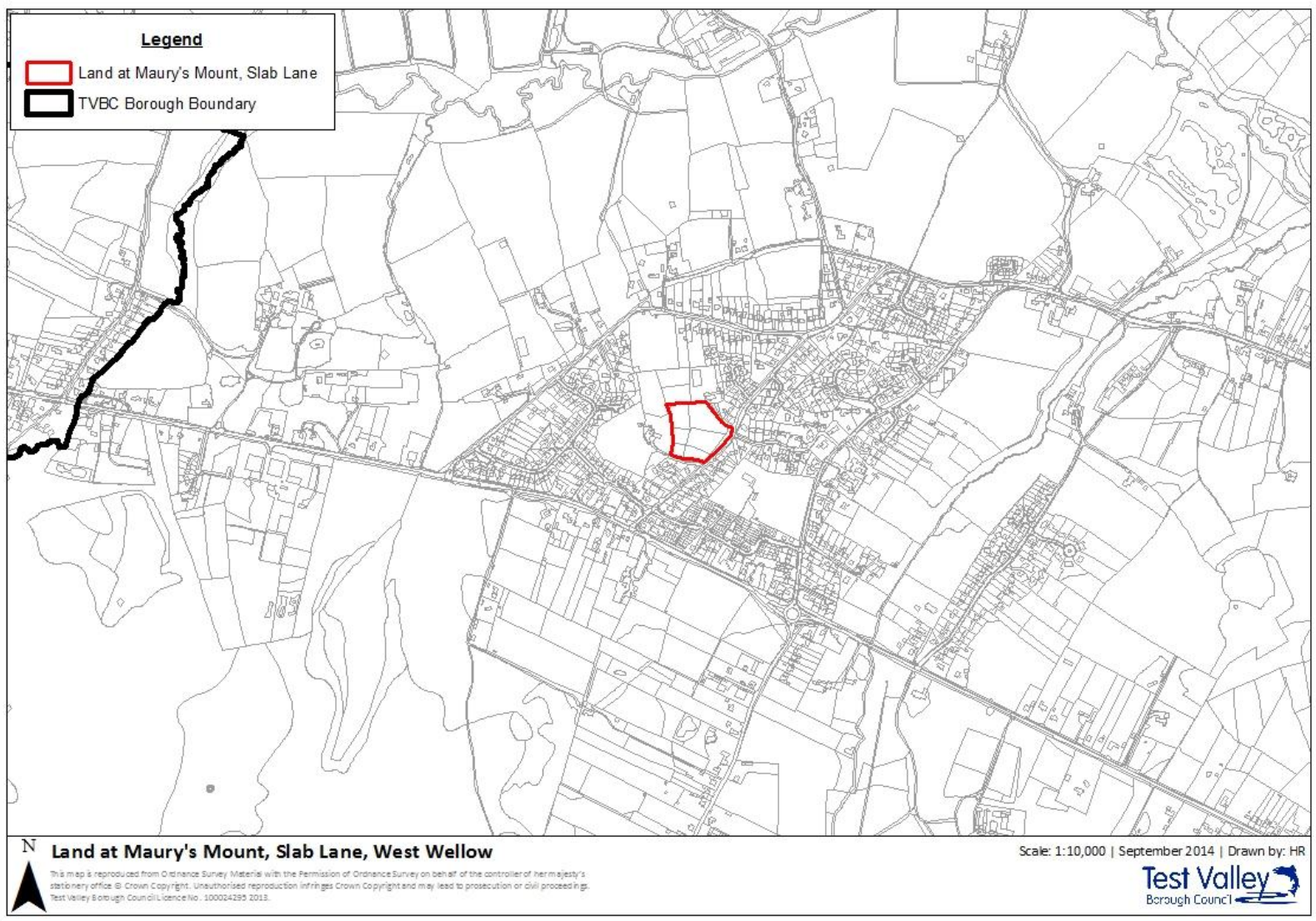
Summary:

The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk. This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity. Although there are habitats recorded on site, aerial photographs suggest that the site is largely grazed pasture to the northern / central portion (lower ecological interest). The pasture areas have limited potential to support protected species. There are also areas of trees/scrub/rougher grassland also appear to be potentially present in the southern portion. These areas may support reptiles, bats, nesting birds and possibly dormice (although there is no known record in the wider landscape). There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). This option could have a potential effect on the historic environment. There are Listed Buildings in close vicinity and non-designated heritage assets in the immediate vicinity including Maury's Mount which appears on late 19th century OS maps. As such, it would be expected that a heritage assessment is carried out to assess the impact of any potential development on their setting. This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the landscape and settlement character given that the site is in a prominent position which helps to break up the developed part of the village. There are large individual mature oak trees on the perimeter of the sites which are worthy of a TPO. There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E2 in the Revised Local Plan.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward). This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

04: Land at Maury's Mount, West Wellow



05: Land opposite Casbrook Park, Bunny Lane, Timsbury Ward: Kings Somborne & Michelmersh Size: 3ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
<p>1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?</p>	++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
<p>2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.</p>	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Bunny Lane is reasonably well related to the local settlements of Timsbury (approx.1 mile), Braishfield (approx.1 mile) and has good access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (approx. 2.7 miles). Bunny Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Timsbury and Braishfield although the stops are on an irregular bus service route to Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Timsbury, Braishfield or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		

3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>	
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel. HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. The site is a former commercial inert waste landfill site. Further survey work would need to be carried out to ascertain the ground conditions for any contamination.</p>	
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC.</p> <p>Aerial photographs suggest that on-site habitats are of lower value for barbastelle bats.</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the</p>

				latter.
6. Does the site contain any features of biodiversity value?	-	SSSI No	SINC No	<i>Comment:</i> Aerial photographs suggest that part of the site is lower-interest grassland although there are areas of trees / woodland. There is a known population of Great Crested Newts in the general wider area. The site appears to have good terrestrial Great Crested Newt habitat and there are ponds located within 500m of the site. On site habitats suggest potential bats (trees), nesting bird and possibly reptiles. Protected species will need to be addressed and a high level of ecology input will be required.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	+	<i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park</i>	<i>Landscape Character</i> The site falls within Landscape	

		Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.	Character Area 4 - Mixed Farmland & Woodland.
		<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is well contained on all sides with trees / woodlands. The frontage hedge has recently been replanted as part of the restoration works. Provided that the site access can be kept reasonably narrow and rural then the site is capable of accommodating the development with very little harm to visual amenity. Sloping land which will require works to make site suitable for use. Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, there are no Tree Preservation Orders on site. Woodlands adjacent to the south east of the site should be retained and respected as a constraint to the eastern boundary of the site. Woodlands within the site boundary could be removed without any impact to public amenity. It would be desirable to retain boundary trees and hedges to the north east and south west of the site in order to define the site boundary; therefore this would need to be seen as a constraint. There is mature hedging to the road frontage which is devoid of significant trees therefore there are no constraints to access provision.</p>	
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	++	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no designated or non-designated heritage assets within the immediate vicinity.</p> <p><i>Archaeological Significance:</i></p> <p>Extraction of the site would have removed the archaeological levels from the site.</p> <p><i>Other comment:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Park and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>	
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i> It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Timsbury, Braishfield and Romsey. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development</p>	

		may support existing community facilities.
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	i	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site is a former commercial inert waste landfill site. Investigation studies would need to be carried out to ascertain any potential for ground contamination and gas. The site is located to adjacent noisy land uses (household waste recycling centre at Casbrook Park to the north of the site and Gas Distribution Depot to the east of the site). The potential impact is likely to be mitigated or low level. Landscaping and layout of the site can help to provide visual and acoustic privacy. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Michelmersh & Timsbury, Braishfield as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.

<p>16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Bunny Lane is reasonably well related to the local settlements of Timsbury (approx.1 mile), Braishfield (approx.1 mile) and has good access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (approx. 2.7 miles). The nearest primary school is located in Braishfield and the nearest GP surgery is in Romsey. Bunny Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Timsbury and Braishfield although the stops are on a irregular bus service route to Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Timsbury, Braishfield or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use.</p>
<p>17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting development of a skilled workforce.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.</p>
<p>18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site has been promoted through Call For Sites and it is Council owned land. Any application for this site will require a higher level of ecological input to support any development.</p>

Summary:

The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk. This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being subject to a number of international designations as well as potential for protected species to be found in the area (known population of Great Crested Newts in the wider area). The site could be suitable if protected species issues are addressed. However local Great Crested Newts population will mean that a higher level of ecology input will be required. There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). It is unlikely that this option could have a significant effect on the historic environment and landscape character.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is

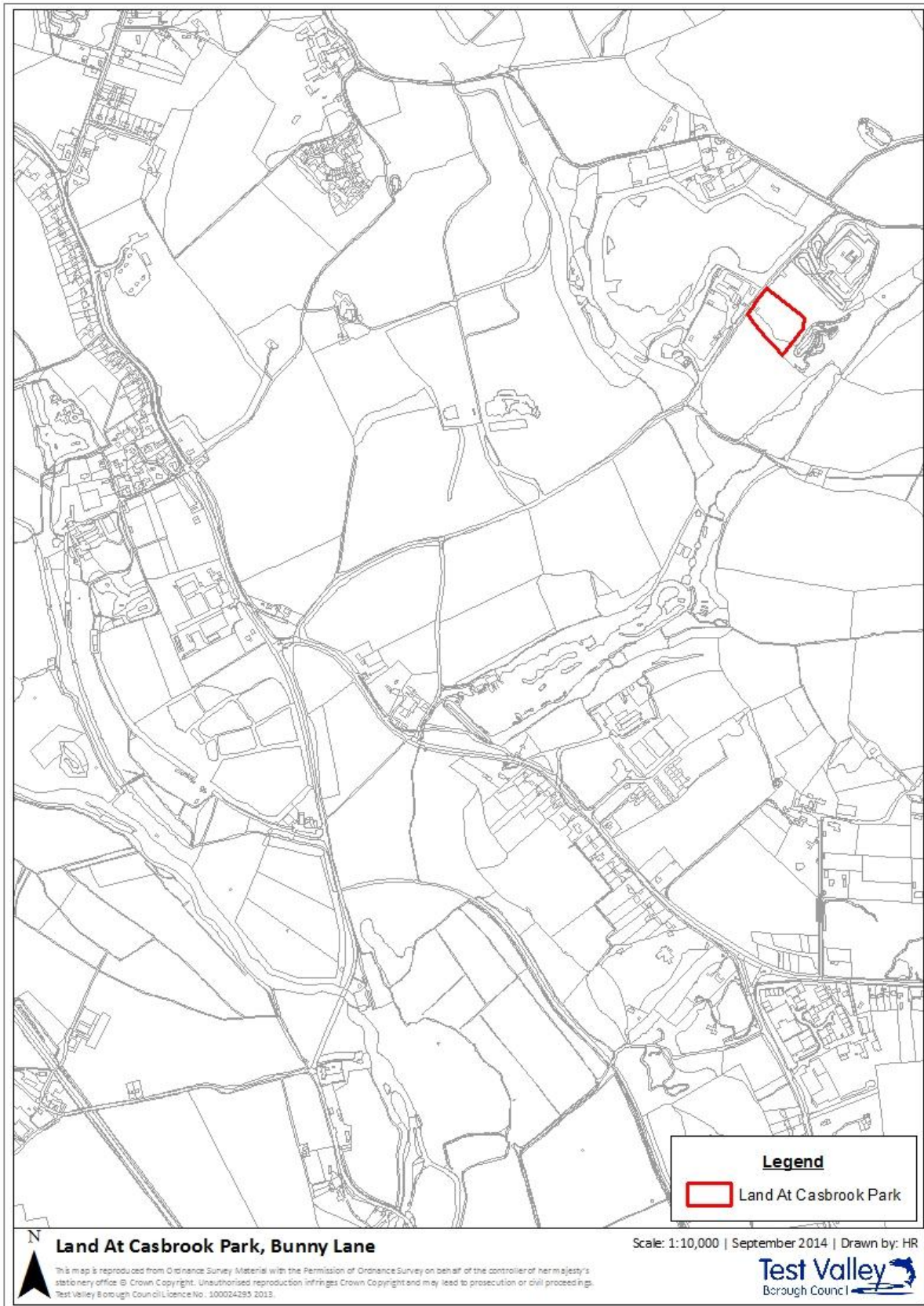
considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

There is potential to have an effect on health and wellbeing given the site's former use of an inert waste commercial landfill site. Further information is required through the use of studies to ascertain any potential contamination.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

05: Land opposite Casbrook Park, Bunny Lane, Timsbury



06: Land south of Upton Lane, northwest of junction 3 of M27 and east of Station Road, Nursling
Ward: Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams
Size: 0.04ha

Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
<p>1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is located within an area as determined by the Environment Agency to be at low risk from extreme flooding (i.e. Flood Zone 1), albeit with the remaining land sitting within an area at higher risk. As such, there is no requirement for the site to be accompanied by any flood risk assessment.</p> <p>As there is a historic landfill and evidence of contamination in the perched groundwater on the site this will need to be considered by Environmental Health.</p> <p>Future development</p>

will require a permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 from the Environment Agency.

<p>2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.</p>	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is well related to (approx. 1 mile) to the local settlement of Nursling and had good access to the M27 connecting the site to Southampton city. Upton Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route with the nearest bus stop being located at Nursling providing a service to Romsey and Southampton. The site is not within easy walking distance of Nursling therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects are depend on implementation. New development if not designed properly could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>
<p>3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?</p>	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>
<p>4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?</p>	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site has been used for grazing purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. The site is in proximity to Lee Lane Landfill site therefore work is being carried out by HCC Waste and Resource Management Team to ascertain any leachate on the adjacent stream and the possibility for off-site migration of ground gas.</p>

<p>5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>		<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, River Itchen SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter.</p>
<p>6. Does the site contain any biodiversity value?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>SSSI</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>SINC</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> No likely impacts upon designated sites, priority or other notable habitats or legally protected or notable species has been identified to warrant further investigation.</p>
<p>7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste</p>	<p>i</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
<p>8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.</p>	<p>i</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>		

<p>9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 3 – Mixed Farmland and Woodland.</p>
<p>10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a Conservation Area. A group of Grade II listed buildings and the Grade I listed building at Grove Place exist approximately 270 metres away to the north of the site.</p>	<p><i>Archaeological significance</i></p> <p>No known archaeological issues. Further information is required from HCC Archaeologist.</p> <p><i>Other comment:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Park and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>

<p>11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that the occupants of the site would link into the community of Nursling and Rownhams and Southampton. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
<p>12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
<p>13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p>--</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site is in proximity to Lee Lane Landfill site therefore work is being carried out by HCC Waste and Resource Management Team to ascertain any leachate on the adjacent stream and the possibility for off-site migration of ground gas. The site is within close proximity to motorway and railway line will result in the occupiers being subject to unacceptable noise levels which, due to the siting and type of accommodation proposed, cannot be adequately mitigated as to ameliorate the impact to an acceptable level. Caravans are a form of housing which are more vulnerable to noise, since usual noise mitigation measures in the form of high specification insulation or windows/mechanical ventilation cannot be built in to enable the impact to be ameliorated to an acceptable level.</p> <p>The site is approximately 230 metres from the nearest residential property (Church Farm to the north west of the site). Other nearby residences sit within Station Road to the south, and to the north at Casa Aquila Farm and Grove Place. The residential curtilages of the nearby properties, whilst in proximity, do not immediately abut the boundary of the site. The</p>

		separation distances and intervening vegetation is such that the proposed use of the land is not likely to have any new significant or unacceptable impact on the amenities of local residents in terms of loss of privacy, loss of light or overshadowing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Nursling and Rownhams and the wider area, including other areas within Eastleigh, Chandler's Ford, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in the local area, as well as facilities in nearby towns and facilities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> The site is well related to (approx. 1 mile) to the local settlement of Nursling and had good access to the M27 connecting the site to Southampton city. Upton Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route with the nearest bus stop being located at Nursling providing a service to Romsey and Southampton. The site is not within easy walking distance of Nursling therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning application which was refused.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk, however given the site's proximity to Lee Lane Landfill site there is evidence of contamination in the perched groundwater on the site this will need to be considered by Environmental Health. There is potential for the site to have an effect on the landscape character given that the site is prominent in views from the adjacent motorway and Upton Lane. There may be scope for</p>		

mitigation through Policy E2 in the Revised Local Plan. It is unlikely that this option could have a significant effect on biodiversity and the historic environment.

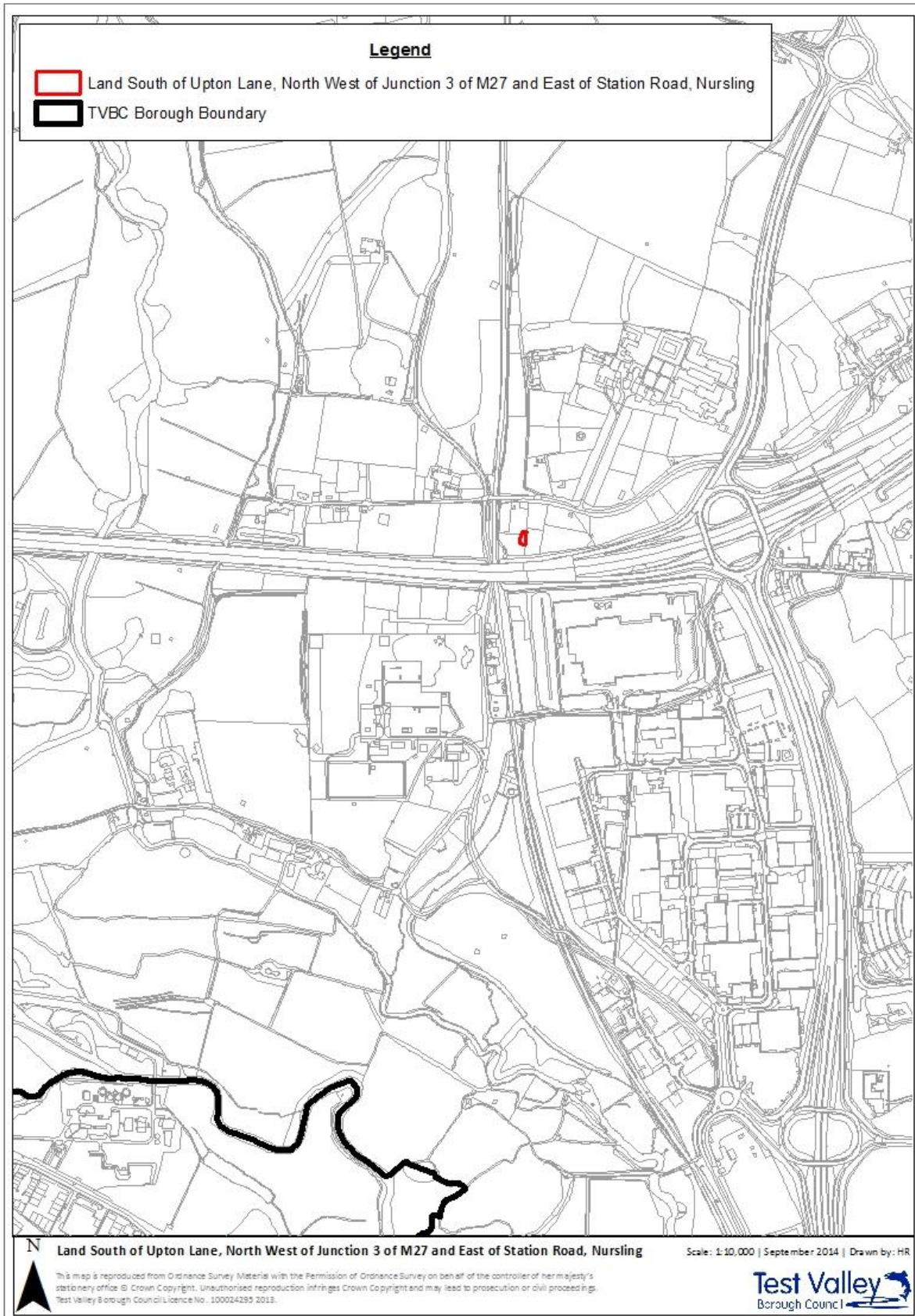
Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

There is potential to have an effect on health and wellbeing given the site's proximity to Lee Land landfill site. Work is being carried out by HCC Waste and Resource Management Team to ascertain any leachate on the adjacent stream and the possibility for off-site migration of ground gas. By virtue of its location adjacent to the M27 and a railway line, will result in the occupiers being subject to unacceptable noise levels which, due to the siting and type of accommodation proposed, cannot be adequately mitigated as to ameliorate the impact to an acceptable level.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

06: Land south of Upton Lane, northwest of junction 3 of M27 & east of Station Road, Nursling



07: Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow Ward: Blackwater Size: 0.57ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Gardeners Lane is approximately 3 miles to the local settlement of West Wellow and has access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (2.4 miles). Gardeners Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Whinwhistle Corner, East Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within easy walking distance of West Wellow or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		

3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The sites falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel (Source: Mineral Consultation Areas GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. There is no record of previous potentially contaminative uses.</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	-	<p>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter.</p>	
6. Does the site contain any features of biodiversity value?	--	<p>SSSI</p> <p>No</p>	<p>SINC</p> <p>Yes – Halls Copse (North) SINC</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The majority of the application site is within Hall Copse (North) Site of Importance for Nature Conservation</p>

			<p>(SINC) designated for its Ancient Woodland habitat. The entire site is also within an area designated as Ancient Semi- Natural Woodland, listed in the Ancient Woodland Inventory. Development on this site would result in an impact on the designated Ancient Woodland and SINC. Development would also result in further reduction of the connectivity of habitats across this landscape, with the increasing intensity of development along this road steadily eroding and isolating these woodland habitats. The site supports a small population of slow worm. The site is in an area of old coppice woodland with significant areas of sweet chestnut (a recognised food source for Dormice) as well as bramble and other species that may be utilised for food. Information would be required to ascertain whether dormice, their breeding sites and resting places are present within the area. Sufficient information would need to be provided to determine the potential impacts of development to legally protected species or that proposed avoidance, mitigation or compensation measures to address identified impacts are acceptable.</p>
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the	i	<i>Comment:</i>	The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet

sustainable management of waste.		with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.	
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>	
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	--	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 2 – Pasture & Woodland associated with Heathland</p>
		<p><i>Comment:</i> The majority of the site forms part of Halls Copse (North) Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The whole of the site is woodland and it is designated as Ancient Semi-natural Woodland. Should development result in the loss of the woodland this would be contrary to paragraph 118 (bullet point 5) of the NPPF. Ancient woodland is a nationally scarce resource and cannot be replaced or recreated. The importance of the woodland and its contribution to the character of the landscape is described in the Test Valley Landscape Character Assessment and LCA2A Embley Wood and Heathland. The site is also within an area of woodland which forms the boundary and wooded landscape setting of Embley Park, a Grade II listed historic garden. LCA2A identifies Embley Park as a strong influence within this landscape and extensive areas of woodland in association with parkland as key elements. Development could result in further erosion of the woodland character in a cumulative effect with the existing site at Forest Edge Park, north of Hallswood.</p>	

		Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, all the trees present on site are protected by virtue of a TPO.
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	-	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p><i>Archaeological significance</i></p> <p>There are no archaeological sites currently recorded at this location.</p> <p><i>Other comments:</i></p> <p>The site is situated within Embley Park which is a Grade 2 Registered Historic Park and Garden. The provision of access and space could potentially result in a significant and suburbanising impact for the character of the land which will have an impact on the rural character and appearance of the overall Registered Historic Park and Garden.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the north of an existing and lawful Travelling Showperson site which has permission for use for 7 Travelling Showpeople pitches and associated storage; and which in turn is also adjacent to another site that has planning permission to provide a further 2 Travelling Showpeople pitches. It would be anticipated that the occupants of the site would link into the community of West Wellow and Romsey. It is unlikely that any significant new facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health</p>

		inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Given the site's position along Gardeners Lane, the only neighbours likely to be affected by the proposed development are those living at the adjacent TSP site at Forest Edge Park. Landscaping and retention of woodland to use as a buffer could be used to safeguard amenities of both future occupants and the adjacent Travelling Showpeople site. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in West Wellow as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> Gardeners Lane is approximately (3 miles to the local settlement of West Wellow and has access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (2.4 miles). Gardeners Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Whinwhistle Corner, East Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within easy walking distance of West Wellow or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to		<i>Comment:</i>

deliverability of this site?	+	The site has a history of planning applications and is within the control of Showmen family. Any application for this site will require different levels of ecological and landscape input to support any development.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. It is noted that the site is not within an existing area of flood risk. This option would have a significant adverse effect on biodiversity with the site being classified as Ancient Woodland and SINCC The site is also subject to a number of international designations as well as protected species being found. Mitigation would be required regarding the impact on biodiversity and loss of Ancient Woodland. The site will also have a significant affect on the historic environment and landscape character given that the site is located within a Registered Historic Park and Garden.</p> <p>Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.</p> <p>This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction a as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).</p> <p>This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. The site is owned by a Travelling Showmen family therefore the site performs well on deliverability.</p>		

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



08: The Atchen Tan, Netherton Road, Netherton, Andover				
Ward: Bourne Valley				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	-	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>Part of the site is within fluvial Flood Risk Zone 2/3.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site covers an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Approximately half of the site is within an area at increased flood risk as defined on the Environment Agency Flood Maps. Environment Agency (EA) advice is that part of the site is within fluvial flood zone 2/3 and that the use (permanent residential caravans) constitutes highly vulnerable development as set out within the technical guidance to the NPPF (at table 2). As a result of the recent adverse weather conditions (January 2014) the site had partially flooded to a depth of approximately 17cm.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is an isolated location in the countryside. In terms of proximity to local towns, and villages, and services and facilities, the site is located approximately 1.5km to the north of Hurstbourne Tarrant, the nearest</p>		

		defined settlement for planning policy purposes and 7km from Andover, the nearest conurbation. Vernham Dean C of E Primary School is approximately 4.5km to the west. There is a doctors surgery at St Mary Bourne approximately 5.5km to the south east. There is no bus service and cycle facilities in the area are poor with no lighting, footways or cycleways. Therefore occupants of the site will be significantly reliant on vehicle use therefore having a significant adverse effect on climate change. The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources.	
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.	
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<i>Comment:</i> Natural England Agricultural Land Classification Maps show the area to be of moderate to good quality in terms of agricultural land. It is considered that the change of use to accommodate pitches will not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. There is no record of potentially contaminative uses.	
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	++	<i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km?</i> No	<i>Comment:</i> There are no designations within 10km of the site.
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	-	SSSI Yes	SINC Yes <i>Comment:</i> The site is in close proximity to the Sidley Wood SSSI and Rushmore and Conholt SSSI. The site is identified as a Site of Importance for

				Nature Conservation. The site supports grassland which had become impoverished through inappropriate management but which retained sufficient elements of relic unimproved grassland to enable recovery. The habitat may have potential to support reptiles such as slow worm and common lizard which are protected species. There is extensive scrub, bramble, woodland and coppice vegetation immediately surrounding the site which would appear to provide good habitat for dormice, also a protected species.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	-	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park</i></p> <p>The site is situated in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>LCT6 - Enclosed Chalk And Clay Woodland</p>	

		<p><i>Comment</i></p> <p>It is considered that development is severely detrimental in its impact in the AONB and detracts significantly from the local landscape particularly in the view from Netherton Road where it has an undue impact on the character and visual amenity of the area and detracts from the natural beauty, scenic character and quality of the landscape in this part of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p>
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	++	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a conservation area. There are no listed buildings within the vicinity of the site.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>Not known.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Other Comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Park and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Hurstbourne Tarrant. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security</p>

crime and the fear of crime.		which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site is over 350 metres from the closest house and it is therefore not considered that this development would have any significant impact of any residential properties in the area. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to number of employment sites within Andover and the wider area, including other areas within Newbury and Northern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Hurstbourne Tarrant as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site is located approximately 1.5 km to the north of Hurstbourne Tarrant, the nearest defined settlement for planning policy purposes (within the Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2006) and 7.0 km from Andover, the nearest major conurbation. The Clere School in Burghclere is approximately 10 km to the north east and Vernham Dean C of E Primary School is approximately 4.5 km to the west. There is a doctors surgery at St Mary Bourne, approximately 5.5 km to the south east. There is no bus service and pedestrian and cycle facilities in the area are poor, with no lighting, footways or cycleways. Because of the location, limited public transport and local road conditions, journeys to/from the site would be by motor vehicle but, following consideration of the relevant matters contained at paragraph 11 of the PTTS, including the benefits of a permanent base, the spread and location of the services that the family require, as set out above, and comparison with other gypsy sites relative to facilities, it is considered the necessary distances are quite modest and acceptable for the site's location. Though

		lacking useful public transport, the site for development is in a sustainable location in terms of their access to local services and facilities.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Shopenople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has a history of planning applications. Any application for this site will require different levels of landscape input to support any development.

Summary:

The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. The site is considered to have a potential significant effect on flood risk given that the site is within an area of Flood Risk Zone 2 and 3.

This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being in close proximity to the Sidley Wood SSSI and Rushmore and Conholt SSSI. The site is identified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The site supports grassland which had become impoverished through inappropriate management but which retained sufficient elements of relic unimproved grassland to enable recovery. The habitat may have potential to support reptiles such as slow worm and common lizard which are protected species. There is extensive scrub, bramble, woodland and coppice vegetation immediately surrounding the site which would appear to provide good habitat for dormice, also a protected species. There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the landscape character as the site falls within North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E2 within the Revised Local Plan DPD. Paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework applies a presumption in favour of sustainable development. However, restrictions apply concerning development proposals in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations

should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

08: The Atchen Tan, Netherton Road, Netherton, Andover



09: Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow Ward: Blackwater Size: 0.38ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
<p>1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?</p>	++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
<p>2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.</p>	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Whilst the site is in the countryside and rural in character, it is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in both Sherfield English (1 mile), West Wellow (0.8 mile) and Romsey (6 miles). The site is approximately 1.5 miles from the A36. Scallows Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at West Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Sherfield English or West Wellow therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be 'reasonably close to facilities' and in a sustainable location' (07/03482/FULLS). The distance</p>		

		<p>from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green.</p> <p>The effect depends on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	++	<p><i>Comment:</i> This site is an unauthorised private Gypsy site.</p>		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for soft sand (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. There is no record of potentially contaminative uses.</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</p> <p>Yes</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter. Aerial photographs suggest that the site does not support good bat foraging habitat so development is unlikely to have an effect on the Mottisfont Bats SAC.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter. Aerial photographs suggest that the site does not support good bat foraging habitat so development is unlikely to have an effect on the Mottisfont Bats SAC.</p>
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6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	+	SSSI No	SINC No	<i>Comment:</i> The closest site noted for its ecological value (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation) is 270 metres to the north from the existing Gypsy site. Aerial photographs suggest that the site is heavily grazed pasture so it is unlikely to support on-site notable habitats. Habitats suggest limited potential to support protected species. There are several ponds within 500m, however aerial photographs suggest limited suitable terrestrial Great Crested Newt habitat on site.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	-	Within/adjoining AONB or National Park Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park	<i>Landscape Character</i> The site falls within Landscape Character Area 4 – Mixed Farmland and Woodland.	<i>Comment:</i> The site is most conspicuous in views from the south east and through the open access. Given that there is potential for the site and its assortment of

		structures to become apparent in the landscape, it will be necessary to seek the retention of the now matured boundary vegetation to protect the wider landscape. This approach will ensure that no new harm arises to the character of the area and visual amenity.
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	++	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>There are no archaeological sites currently recorded at this location, nor in the immediate vicinity. The site has low archaeological potential.</p> <p><i>Other Comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that the occupants of the site would link into the community of West Wellow, Sherfield English and Romsey. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be ‘reasonably close to facilities’ and in a sustainable location’ (07/03482/FULLS). The distance from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green. It is unlikely that any significant new facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health</p>

		inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines are adhered to, it is unlikely that there will be significant effect on health and wellbeing. The site sits in proximity to a small number of residential properties. The residential curtilages of these properties do not immediately abut the boundaries of the site and benefit from mature boundary screening. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey, and the wider area including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in West Wellow as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> Whilst the site is in the countryside and rural in character, it is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in both Sherfield English (1 mile), West Wellow (0.8 mile) and Romsey (6 miles). The site is approximately 1.5 miles from the A36. Scallows Lane is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at West Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within short walking distance of Sherfield English or West Wellow therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The Inspector of the 2009 appeal for Travelling Showpeople at nearby Plaitford Green recognised that most journeys in this rural area would be made by car and considered the site to be 'reasonably close to facilities' and in a sustainable location' (07/03482/FULLS).] The distance from the Scallows Lane site is not considered to be significantly dissimilar to the conclusions drawn for Plaitford Green.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet

acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.		existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	++	<i>Comment:</i> The site is an unauthorised private Gypsy site and has a history of temporary planning permissions.

Summary:

This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being subject to a number of international designations. There may be scope for mitigation and potentially enhancement of biodiversity (see proposed biodiversity policy within the Revised Local Plan DPD). It is unlikely that this option could have a significant effect on the historic environment. This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the settlement character and local landscape however the residual effects could be small.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

09: Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow



10: Paddock, Winchester Road, Ampfield Ward: Ampfield & Braishfield Size: 0.12ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	++	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is relatively close to Ampfield and benefits from being in very close proximity to a bus stop serving the site to Romsey and Winchester. The site is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in Romsey (4.5 miles), Chandler's Ford (2.9 miles) and Winchester (7.3 miles). Winchester Road (A3090) is also served by a footpath linking the site to Ampfield. The Cycle Strategy (2009) proposes an off road cycle route passing the site. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of Ampfield which has a pub and restaurant however vehicle use will be required to travel to larger settlements nearby. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately, could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet</p>		

		with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for soft sand (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. There is no record of potentially contaminative uses.
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The River Itchen SAC, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar site, Mottisfont Bats SAC</p> <p>The site is also within the identified 13.6km point buffer for the New Forest SPA, SAC and RAMSAR.</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and Ramsar) and Solent (SPA and Ramsar) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the</p>

				latter.
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	+	SSSI No	SINC Adjacent to a SINC	<i>Comment:</i> The site itself is not located within an area designated for its ecological importance; however the site is adjacent to a SINC to the highway verge with further such designations (SINC/SSSI) in the wider vicinity. However it is unlikely that the SINC will be affected by development at this site.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	-	<i>Within /adjoining AONB or National Park?</i> Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.	<i>Landscape Character</i> The site falls within Landscape Character Area 4 – Mixed Farmland and Woodland.	

		<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>This site falls within an area identified as being of medium – high landscape sensitivity (Countryside, 2007). The site, whilst in the countryside, is not located within the boundary of any national landscape, conservation, ecological or other such designation. Locally however the site is positioned within an ‘important view’ as defined within the Ampfield VDS with this view extending along the A3090 between Ratlake and St Mark’s Church. These views are of gently rolling countryside containing pockets of mature woodland that together separate clusters of development. These clusters have their own character and setting and, as described within the Ampfield VDS, provides ‘each one with a sense of space and tranquillity’. The VDS also states that this ‘unspoilt pastoral nature of the landscape, its attractiveness, its fine views and its seclusion are all highly valued’ with the gaps between the clusters of development providing views from which people can take enjoyment of the setting. The resultant appearance could therefore be an incongruous interruption within the views of this particular area of the rural landscape, and be even more apparent within the spring, autumn and winter months when vegetation is depleted. It is therefore considered that development could have a significant effect resulting in a discordant and intrusive feature in the landscape which would significantly erode the character and appearance of the area. It will form a prominent addition to the landscape with specific reference to views from the A3090 Winchester Road giving rise to demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the area and visual amenity. Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation, there are no Tree Preservation Orders present on site.</p>
<p>10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site itself is situated approximately 470m outside of the Ampfield Conservation Area with the closest listed building (Oakwood) sited approximately 320m to the north east of the site with intervening boundary vegetation. Given this intervening distance, it is considered that there will be no significant effect between the site and the setting of the listed building and the setting of Potters Heron Cottage as a non-designated heritage asset.</p>

		<p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>No known archaeological issues.</p>
		<p><i>Other comments</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Ampfield and Romsey. It is unlikely that any new facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage are adhered to, it is unlikely that there will be a significant effect on health and wellbeing. The site sits in proximity to a number of residential properties. The closest dwelling is Potters Heron Cottages set approximately 35m to the west at its closest point and whilst in proximity, does not immediately abut the boundary of the site. The separation distance and intervening existing and proposed vegetation is such that the introduction of a new residential use on the site is not likely to</p>

		have any unacceptable impact on aspects of privacy or loss of light.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey, and the wider area including other areas within Winchester, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh and Southampton.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Ampfield as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site is relatively close to Ampfield and benefits from being in very close proximity to a bus stop serving the site to Romsey and Winchester. The site is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in Romsey (4.5 miles), Chandler's Ford (2.9 miles) and Winchester (7.3 miles). Winchester Road (A3090) is also served by a footpath linking the site to Ampfield. The Cycle Strategy (2009) proposes an off road cycle route which passes the site. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of Ampfield which has a pub and restaurant however vehicle use will be required to travel to larger settlements nearby. All movements to and from the site would be taken from the existing access from Winchester Road which crosses the wide highway verge that contains mainly ground level vegetation enabling views to be gained in both directions along the highway. Whilst the use of the access would increase, this level of activity generated by the site is not considered to be of demonstrable harm to the safety of other highway users.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning application which was refused.
Summary: The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated		

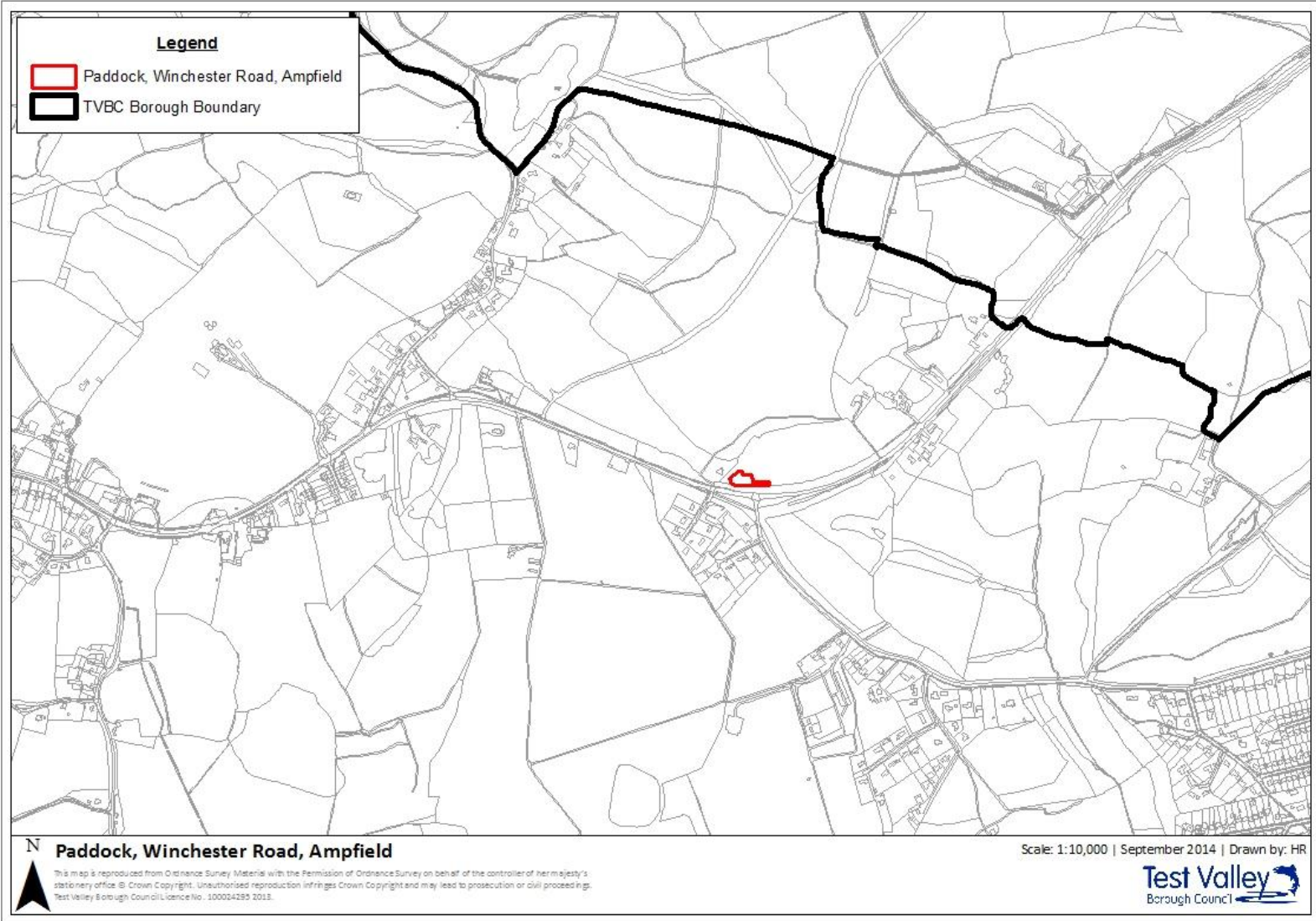
non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. There is potential to have an effect on landscape character as the site falls within an area identified as being of medium – high landscape sensitivity (Countryside, 2007). There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E2 within the Revised Local Plan DPD.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

10: Paddock, Winchester Road, Ampfield



11: Plot 1A, Land east of South Holmes Copse, Ampfield Hill				
Ward: Ampfield & Braishfield				
Size: 0.61ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	+/-	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1. However the site is immediately adjacent to the east of an area of Flood Zone 2 and 3.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is relatively close to Ampfield and is located near a bus stop on a bus route to Romsey and Winchester. The site is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in Romsey (3 miles), Chandler's Ford (4.2 miles) and Winchester (8.4 miles). Winchester Road (A3090) is also served by a footpath linking the site to Ampfield. The Cycle Strategy (2009) proposes an off road cycle route which will pass the site. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of Ampfield which has a pub and restaurant however vehicle use will be required to travel to larger settlements nearby. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately, could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		

3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>	
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel (Source: Mineral Consultation Area GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage.</p>	
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The River Itchen SAC, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar site, Mottisfont Bats SAC</p> <p>The site is also within the identified 13.6km point buffer for the New Forest SPA, SAC and RAMSAR.</p> <p>Development in proximity SAC/SPA/RAMSAR sites has the potential to increase recreational use of these designations. Without mitigation being provided, the site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and RAMSAR) and Solent (SPA and RAMSAR) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project</p>

				in relation to the latter.
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	--	SSSI	SINC Yes – Tadburn Meadows SINC	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site falls within Tadburn Meadows SINC. This SINC is designated for its unimproved grassland and fen-type grassland habitats. Historic survey reports held by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) indicate that the SINC is likely to support a diverse assemblage of invertebrates, is likely to provide a valuable habitat for amphibians (see also comments regarding Great Crested Newts (GCN), below), and is used by barn owls. Impacts to these species (and any other protected or notable species potentially present as assessed by the ecologist) would need to be properly assessed (including survey work as necessary) in any ecological work to support the application. The site is an ecologically-rich area of wet meadow, likely to provide good quality terrestrial habitat for GCN (as also suggested by comments in the HBIC survey report). It would also appear to provide good reptile habitat (for example for slow worms, common lizard and grass snake).</p> <p>There are no identified GCN records within 500m of the application site,</p>

			<p>although there are records of GCN in ponds further away to both the south west and north east of the site. There is also a pond adjacent to the application site to the east, and a further pond approximately 400m to the south. Given that GCN are present in the surrounding landscape, that there is likely to be good terrestrial GCN habitat on the site, and that there are ponds in close proximity to the site therefore there is a reasonable likelihood that GCN would be present at the site.</p> <p>Development could result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.6ha of potential terrestrial GCN habitat and reptile habitat. If present on the site then the construction work would potentially kill or injure these animals. At an application stage, sufficient information will need to be provided to either confirm that GCN and / or reptiles are unlikely to be present at the application site, or, if present, that sufficient measures are in place to ensure that impacts will be avoided / mitigated / compensated for as appropriate.</p>
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is</p>	

		likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.	
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>	
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	+/-	Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?	Landscape Character
		Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.	The site falls within Landscape Character Area 3 – Mixed Farmland and Woodland.
		<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is in quite a rural location in the gap between Ampfield and Romsey where the land is agricultural in character and not developed. This is a prominent site next to the main Romsey/Ampfield road (A3090), one of the main approach roads to Romsey. The site is clearly seen from the road and the footway which passes the site frontage. There is an overgrown hedge on the road frontage, which softens views to some extent, although the site will be clearly seen through gaps and entrances, and from the adjacent bus stop, as well as more generally in the 6 months of the year when the deciduous vegetation has no foliage.</p> <p>Whilst not a landscape / settlement character designation there are no Tree Preservation Orders on site.</p>	
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	+	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site lies outside Ampfield Conservation Area with the nearest Listed Building (The Old Farmhouse) being three hundred metres to the north east of the site.</p>	

		<p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>No known archaeological issues.</p>
		<p><i>Other Comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the immediate vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Ampfield and Romsey. It is unlikely that any new facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is a significant effect on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.</p>
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey, and</p>

		the wider area including other areas within Winchester, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh and Southampton.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Ampfield as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site is relatively close to Ampfield and is located near a bus stop on a bus route to Romsey and Winchester. The site is considered to be in close proximity to a number of local services in Romsey (3 miles), Chandler's Ford (4.2 miles) and Winchester (8.4 miles). Winchester Road (A3090) is also served by a footpath linking the site to Ampfield. The Cycle Strategy (2009) proposes an off road cycle route which will pass the site. This will help to reduce the amount of additional vehicle miles generated by site occupants and therefore limit the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. The site is within walking distance of Ampfield which has a pub and restaurant however vehicle use will be required to travel to larger settlements nearby.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning application which was refused. Any future application for this site will require different levels of ecological input to support any development therefore having a significant effect on deliverability.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. There is potential to have a significant effect on biodiversity as the site falls within Tadburn Meadows SINC. Development could result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.6ha of potential terrestrial Great Crested Newts (GCN) habitat and reptile habitat. If present on the site then the construction work would potentially kill or injure these animals. At an application stage, sufficient information will need to be provided to either confirm that GCN and / or reptiles are unlikely to be present at the application site, or, if present, that sufficient measures are in place to ensure that impacts will be</p>		

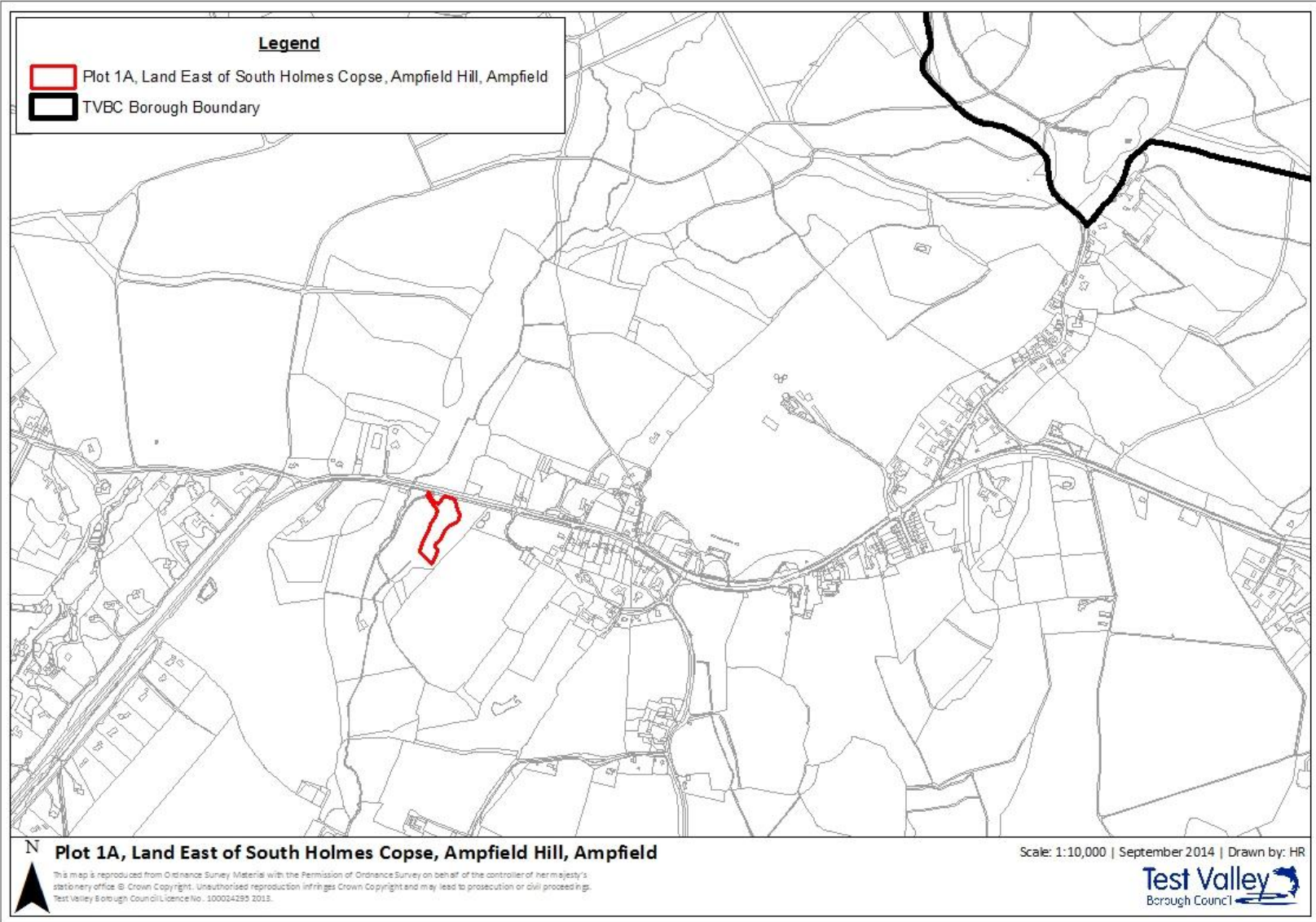
avoided / mitigated / compensated for as appropriate. There is potential to have an effect on landscape character. There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E2 within the Revised Local Plan DPD. It is unlikely that the site will have a significant effect on the historic environment.

Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.

This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).

This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

11: Plot 1A, Land east of South Holmes Copse, Ampfield



GT012: Bridle View, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury, Romsey Ward: Kings Somborne & Michelmersh Size: 0.22ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	--	<i>Flood Risk</i> The site is located within an area of Flood Zone Risk 2 and 3. (Using information from the Environment Agency)	<i>Groundwater</i> The site does not cover an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1; however the site does within an area identified as Groundwater Source Protection Zone 2. (Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency).	<i>Comment:</i> Bridle View is located within an area as determined by the Environment Agency to be at risk from extreme flooding. A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would need to be submitted as part of any application for the site.
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<i>Comment:</i> The site is well related to the local settlement of Timsbury and has access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (2.3) miles. The site is within close proximity to a bus stop however the bus route is on an irregular bus service to Romsey. The site is within short walking distance of Timsbury however there are very limited facilities and services available in the village. It is therefore recognised that future occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the		

		requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.		
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site is not used for agricultural purposes. The site falls within a Mineral Consultation Area for sharp sand and gravel (Source: Mineral Consultation GIS layer). HCC Minerals and Waste department will need to be consulted at a planning application stage. The site was a former historic landfill site (using GIS information from the Environment Agency).</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, The New Forest SPA, The New Forest RAMSAR, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water RAMSAR, Mottisfont Bats SAC</p> <p>Without mitigation being provided, this site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and RAMSAR) and Solent (SPA and RAMSAR) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter.</p>	
6. Does the site contain any features of biodiversity value?	+	<p>SSSI</p> <p>No</p>	<p>SINC</p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is not in or adjacent to any statutory or non-statutory sites of nature conservation importance. The habitats present on site are not identified as Biodiversity Action Plan</p>

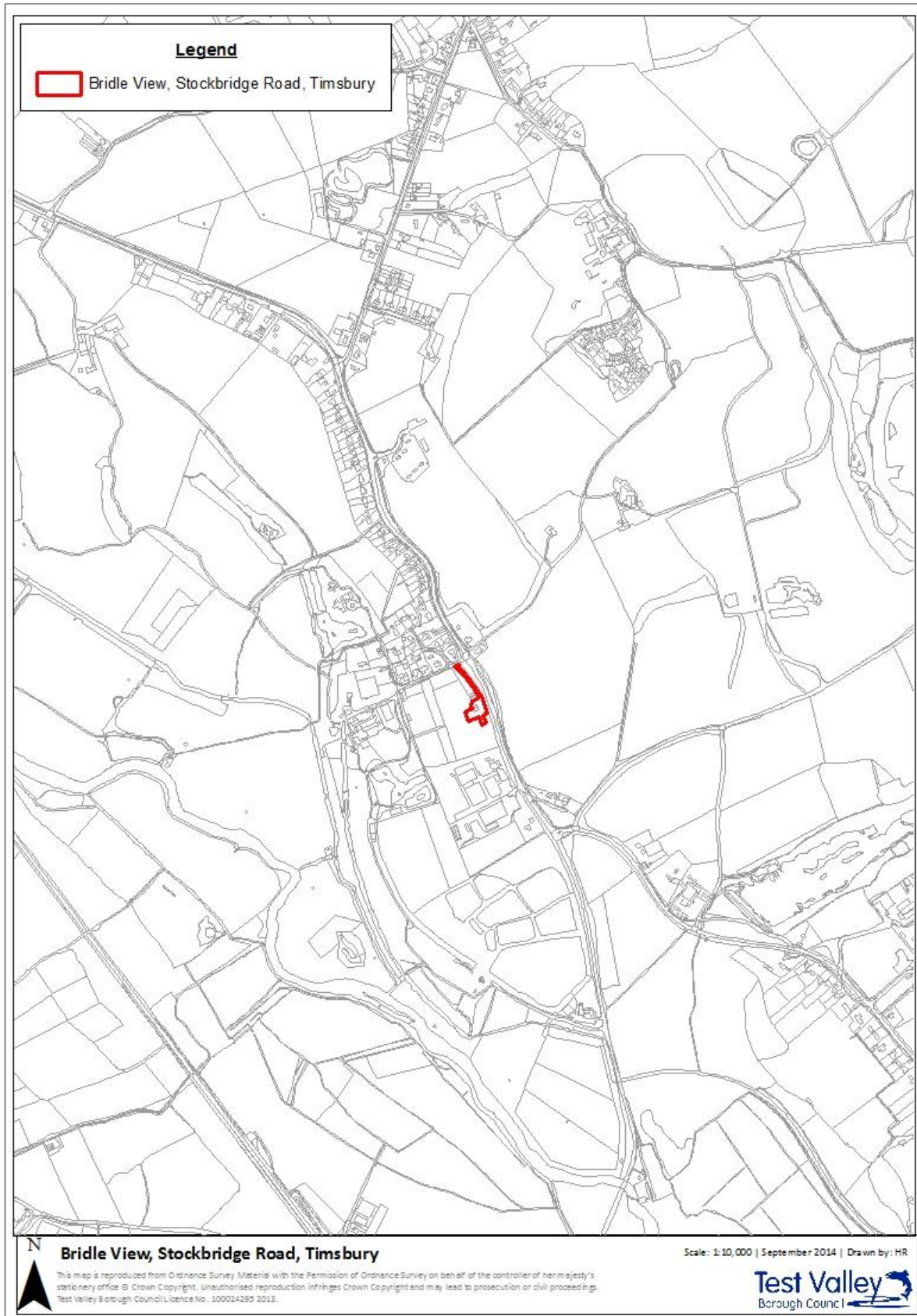
				habitats. The site is unlikely to support any legally protected or notable plant or animal species. The site is unlikely to have any adverse effects on biodiversity.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should the maintenance</p>		
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	--	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park</i></p>	Landscape Character	
		<p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>	<p>The site falls within Landscape Character 5 – River Valley Floor</p>	
		<p><i>Comment:</i> The Inspector for Bridle View (12/02318/FULLS) recognised within the Inspectors Report “It is considered that there will be a significant affect on the landscape character given its attractive appearance, the views into and across it, its contribution to the valley landscape and therefore provides significant importance to the character and appearance of the locality. The appearance of caravans and domestic items would be incongruous and alien in this open, rural location. Together, these characteristics of intrusiveness, visual dominance and incongruity would result in serious harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area.”</p>		

<p>10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Archaeological significance</i></p> <p>There are no known archaeological issues.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Other comments:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Parks and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
<p>11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?</p>	<p>+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Timsbury and Romsey. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities. The residential curtilages of the nearby properties, whilst in proximity, do not immediately abut the boundary of the site. The separation distances and intervening vegetation or structures (i.e. barn) is such that the change to a permanent residential use is not likely to have any new significant or unacceptable impact on the amenities of local residents in terms of loss of privacy, loss of light or overshadowing. The proposal for a single pitch therefore does not numerically dominate the number of existing properties in the village, nor is the extent of land (0.22 ha) given over to the proposed pitch disproportionate in size in relation to existing curtilages within the wider area.</p>
<p>12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>

<p>13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and fire precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is a significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.</p>
<p>14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley.</p>
<p>15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Michelmersh and Timsbury as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.</p>
<p>16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> In considering the location of Bridle View, the site is not seen to be significantly more disadvantaged in its location as compared to other gypsy sites in rural areas, for instance in Newtown Road, Awbridge or The Frenches, East Wellow. All these sites are remote from local services and facilities, all being mainly or wholly reliant upon private vehicles to provide access to meet daily needs. With this site providing for only a single pitch, it is also considered that any increase in demand upon the local infrastructure would be minimal with the occupants being no more disadvantaged in their access to facilities as those occupiers of existing and new housing development in the village.</p>
<p>17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet</p>

acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.		existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning appeal which was dismissed.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. Bridle View is located within an area as determined by the Environment Agency to be at risk from extreme flooding. A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would need to be submitted as part of any application for the site. There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E7 in the Revised Local Plan. There is potential to have a significant effect on landscape character and result in serious harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. It is unlikely that the site will have a significant effect on the historic environment and biodiversity.</p> <p>Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.</p> <p>This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).</p> <p>This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.</p>		

12: Bridle View, Stockbridge, Timsbury, Romsey



13: Oakdene Farm, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow				
Ward: Blackwater				
Size: 1.9ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	+	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Risk Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using information from the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site does not cover an area identified as a principal aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency)</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Whinwhistle Road is reasonably well related (1.5 miles) to the local settlement of West Wellow and has good access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (5.4 miles). The site is within close proximity to the A36 linking the site to Salisbury (approx. 14.2 miles). Whinwhistle Road is served by a footpath. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Whinwhistle Corner, East Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within easy walking distance of West Wellow or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high</p>		

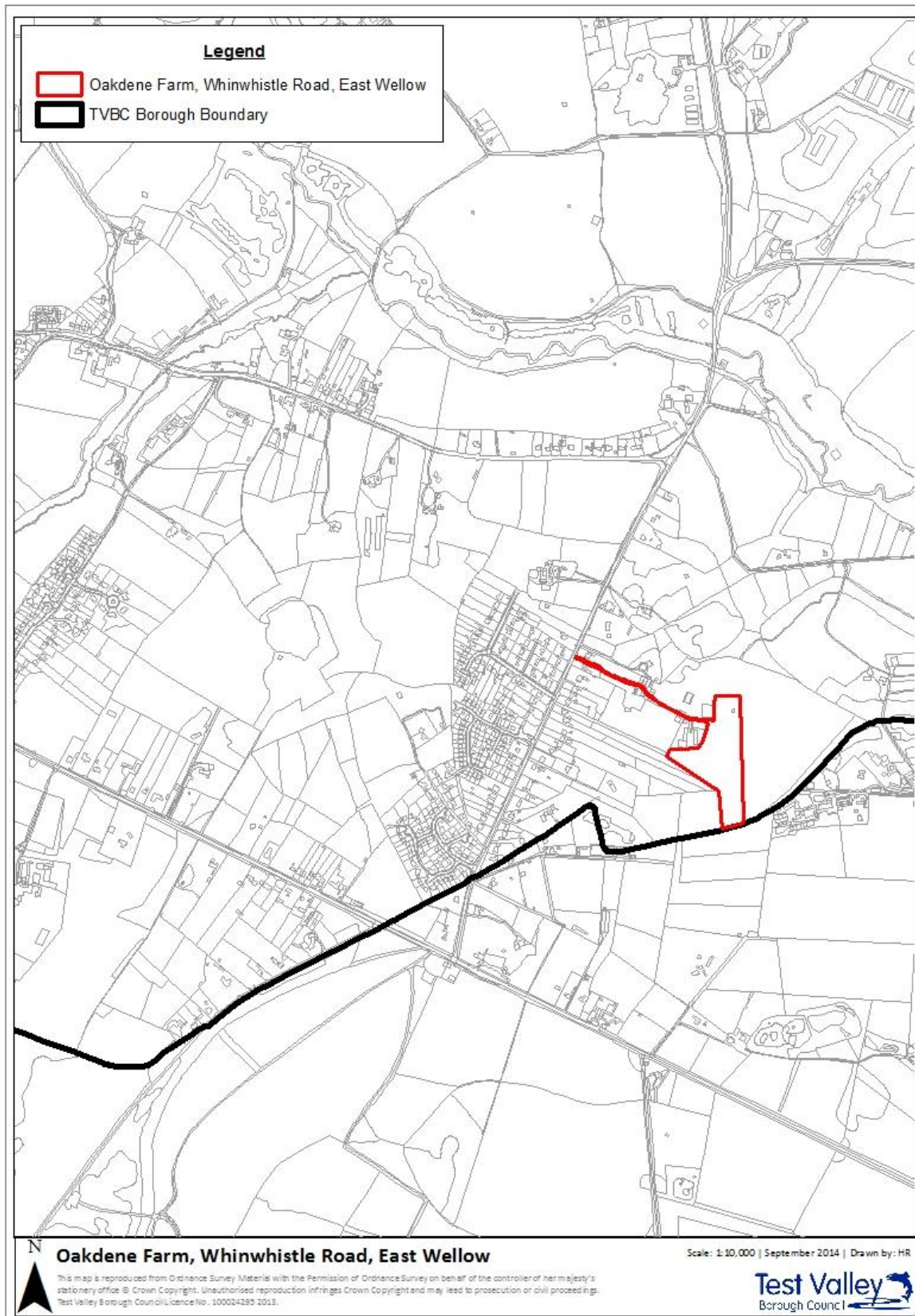
		quality design.		
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	++	<i>Comment:</i> The site is used for storage, industry and forestry.		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources? Will it support the appropriate re-use of contaminated land?	?	<i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site does not fall within a Mineral Consultation Area. There is no record of previous potentially contaminative land uses.		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/RAMSAR site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Emer Bog SAC, The New Forest SAC, New Forest SPA, New Forest RAMSAR, Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water RAMSAR, Mottisfont Bats SAC, River Avon SAC</p> <p>Development in proximity SAC/SPA/RAMSAR sites has the potential to increase recreational use of these designations. Without mitigation being provided, the site has the potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure, including on the New Forest (SPA and RAMSAR) and Solent (SPA and RAMSAR) designations. Evidence is evolving through the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project in relation to the latter.</p>	
6. Does the site contain any biodiversity value?	?	SSSI/ No	SINC A SINC to the east of the site is located in the wider vicinity.	<i>Comment:</i> There is potential for habitats for protected species such as bats to be located on site. A full detailed protected species survey would need to be submitted as part of any planning application.
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use		<i>Comment:</i>		

of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste	i	The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.	
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles (painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.</p>	
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	?	<p><i>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park</i></p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p>	<p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 2 – Pasture and Woodland associated with Heathland</p>
		<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Not known</p>	
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	+	<p>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings in the immediate vicinity.</p>	
		<p><i>Archaeological significance</i></p> <p>No known archaeological issues.</p>	

		<p><i>Other comments:</i></p> <p>There are no Registered Historic Park and Gardens within the immediate vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of East Wellow, West Wellow and Romsey. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support existing community facilities.</p>
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.</p>
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. The site is adjacent to a Timber Merchant Yard company with facilities including a full timber cutting and machining service. The potential impact of noise on future occupants will require careful consideration through the use of landscaping and layout of the site to provide acoustic and visual privacy. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.</p>
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site has access to a number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and</p>

		Southern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in West Wellow as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport	+	<i>Comment:</i> Whinwhistle Road is reasonably well related (1.5 miles) to the local settlement of West Wellow and has good access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (5.4 miles). The site is within close proximity to the A36 linking the site to Salisbury (approx. 14.2 miles). Whinwhistle Road is served by a footpath. The site is not on a bus route however the nearest bus stop is at Whinwhistle Corner, East Wellow providing a service to Salisbury and Romsey. The site is not within easy walking distance of West Wellow or Romsey therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting development of a skilled workforce	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning application which was refused.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>It is unlikely that the site will have a significant effect on landscape character and the historic environment. Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.</p> <p>This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).</p> <p>This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.</p>		

13: Oakdene Farm, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow



14: Thruxton Down Camp site, Topliss Hill, Thruxton, Andover				
Ward: Penton Bellinger				
Size: 0.94ha				
Criteria (developed based on sustainability objectives)	Summary of Performance	Notes & Commentary		
1. Does the site contain areas of high or moderate flood risk? Does the site fall within a principal aquifer and does it fall within a groundwater source protection zone?	+/-	<p><i>Flood Risk</i></p> <p>The site falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information from the Environment Agency).</p>	<p><i>Groundwater</i></p> <p>The site covers an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. The site does not fall within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.</p> <p>(Using GIS information provided by the Environment Agency).</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site does not include any areas of high or moderate flood risk. The site lies within Groundwater Source Protection Zone 3 and covers a Principal Aquifer.</p>
2. Support the mitigation against and adaptation to climate change. Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>For a rural location, it is considered that the site is adequately related to facilities. Shipton Bellinger village is approximately 4 miles away which has facilities including a school. Thruxton Road is approximately 2.5 miles to the local settlement of Thruxton. The site has good access to the A303 linking the site to Andover (approx.8 miles) and Salisbury (14 miles). Thruxton Road is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route with the nearest bus stop being located in Thruxton and Quarley. The site is not within short walking distance of Thruxton therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use. The effects depend on implementation. New development if not designed appropriately, could have the potential to have an effect on climate change. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design.</p>		

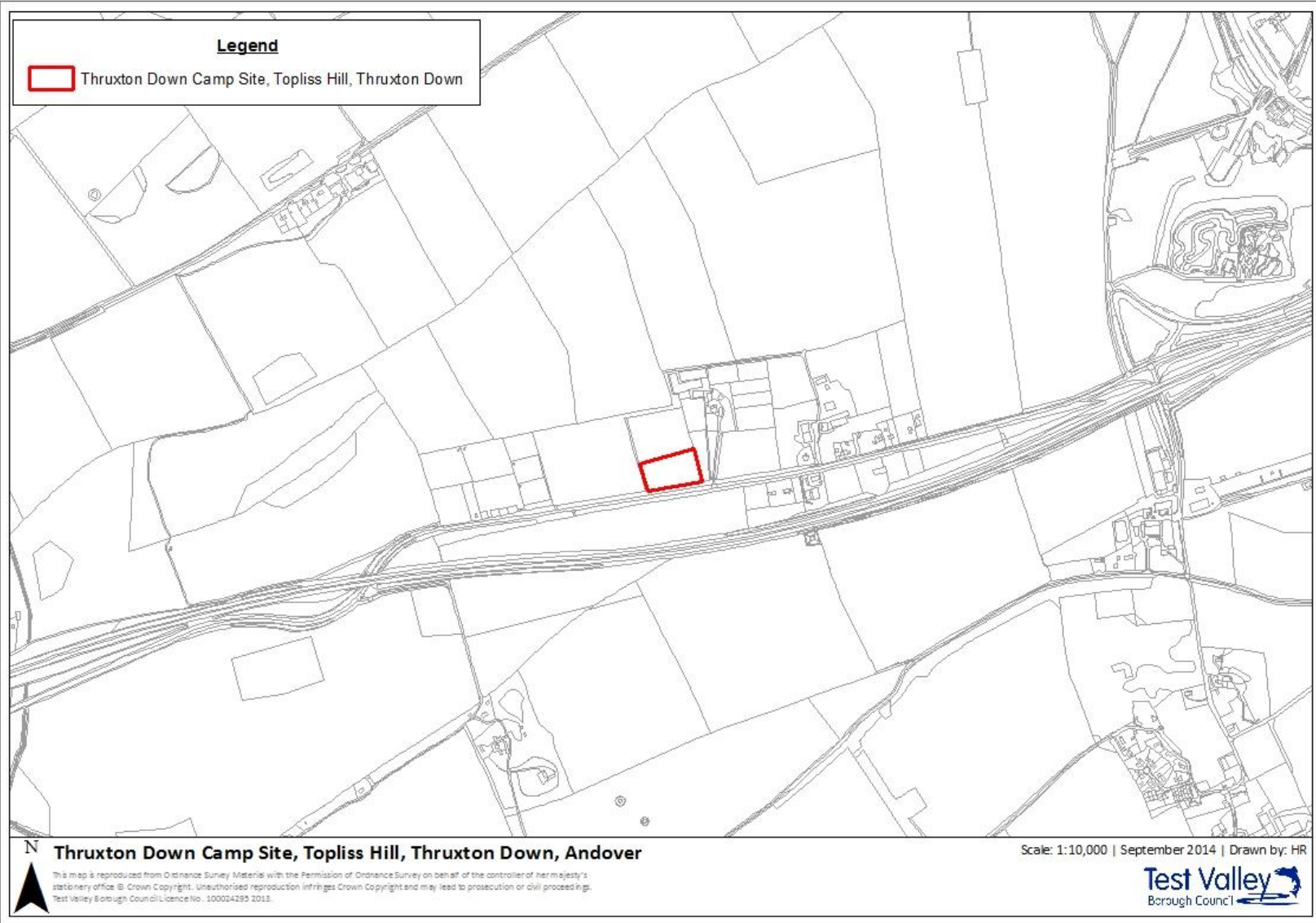
3. Does the site have potential for the use of previously developed land (PDL)?	--	<p><i>Comment:</i> This is a greenfield site; as such there is no opportunity for the use of previously developed land. The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural surfacing.</p>		
4. How would development of the site impact on soil and geological resources?	?	<p><i>Comment:</i> No site specific information is available for the agricultural land classification of this site. The site is used for agricultural purposes. The site does not fall within a Mineral Consultation Area. There is no record of previous potentially contaminative uses.</p>		
5. Is development of the site likely to have a significant effect on a European or International site of nature conservation importance (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site)?	+/-	<p><i>Is there a SAC/SPA/RAMSAR Site within 10km?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Sites within 10km: Salisbury Plain SAC, Salisbury Plain SPA, Porton Down SPA</p> <p>Development in proximity SAC/SPA/RAMSAR sites has the potential to increase recreational use of these designations. Without mitigation being provided, the site has potential to contribute to cumulative recreational pressure.</p>	
6. Does the site contain any features of Biodiversity value?	?	<p><i>SSSI</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>SINC</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><i>Comment:</i> Not known.</p>
7. Promote the efficient and sustainable use of resources whilst ensuring the sustainable management of waste.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The effects depend on implementation. All new development should meet with the requirements of national planning policy and building regulations by achieving high quality design. The construction of new development is likely to require additional resources. The Revised Local Plan does not propose any specific policies on the sustainable use of resources. Also given the small scale of the development, it is considered unlikely to create significant additional waste.</p>		
8. Reduce air pollution and ensure air quality is maintained or enhanced.	i	<p><i>Comment:</i> The site is unlikely to generate any air quality impacts, so long as generators are not routinely used to provide power to the site (emitting diesel fumes). However should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for an effect on air quality should maintenance of vehicles</p>		

		(painting, welding etc) be carried out. Careful site layout could be a way of minimising any potential effects.
9. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the landscape / landscape character?	--	<p>Within / adjoining AONB or National Park?</p> <p>Not within or adjoining AONB and New Forest National Park.</p> <p><i>Landscape Character</i></p> <p>The site falls within Landscape Character Area 11 – Chalk Downland Ridges.</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The site stands on a ridge about 120m to the north of the former A303. At Planning Appeal (09/02391/FULLN), the Inspector considered that the site would appear as alien and intrusive in the countryside. The landscape character of the area is described as a mix of arable farmland with a weak hedgerow structure, and groups of hedgeless fields creating larger open expansive areas, and pasture with gently rising land (Test Valley Community Landscape Project, 2004). There are views of the site from Snoddington Road to the north and the site is widely visible in the open landscape. It is considered that there would be a significant effect on the landscape.</p>
10. What is the likely impact of development of this site on the historic environment?	+	<p><i>Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas</i></p> <p>The site is not within a Conservation Area and there are no designated or non-designated heritage assets within the immediate vicinity.</p> <p><i>Archaeological Significance</i></p> <p>No known archaeological issues.</p> <p><i>Other comment:</i></p> <p>There are no registered Historic Park and Gardens within the vicinity.</p>
11. Does development of this site have the potential to create / sustain vibrant communities?	+	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>It would be anticipated that occupants of the site would link into the community of Thruxton and Andover. It is unlikely that any significant new community facilities would be provided. The development may support</p>

		existing community facilities.
12. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home suitable to their needs.	++	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area.
13. Reduce poverty and social exclusion, whilst maintaining and seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, particularly in areas of deprivation within the Borough. Reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in tackling the causes of poverty and social exclusion. Provision of permanent pitches provides long term security which can assist in tackling the causes of health deprivation and health inequalities faced by Gypsies and Travellers. Should the site be occupied by Travelling Showpeople, there is potential for some degree of loss of amenity due to noise associated with the testing, repair and maintenance of fairground equipment. Provided that generators are not used for power supply, suitable foul drainage is made and precautionary guidelines (spacing of caravans etc.) are adhered to, it is unlikely that there is significant effect on health and wellbeing. The closest neighbouring property, Racedown House is set approximately 90 metres northeast of the development with other properties at least 170m away to the east. There are no neighbours to the north or west and properties to the southwest are over 600m away. At such separation distances, the development would not result in any loss of light, privacy or overbearing impact. There is no effect anticipated with crime and fear of crime. Any effects are normally addressed by other agencies.
14. Is the site close to a range of employment opportunities?	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to a number of employment sites within Andover and the wider area including other areas within Salisbury and Northern Test Valley.
15. Enable residents to have access to and enjoy a high quality cultural and leisure activities.	+	<i>Comment:</i> The site has access to leisure and cultural facilities in Shipton Bellinger, Thruxton as well as facilities in nearby towns and cities.
16. Improve access to all services and facilities, whilst improving the efficiency	+/-	<i>Comment:</i> For a rural location, it is considered that the site is adequately related to

and integration of transport network and the availability of sustainable modes of transport		facilities. Shipton Bellinger village is approximately 4 miles away which has facilities including a school. Thruxton Road is approximately 2.5 miles to the local settlement of Thruxton. The site has good access to the A303 linking the site to Andover (approx.8 miles) and Salisbury (14 miles). Thruxton Road is not served by a footpath nor a cycle path. The site is not on a bus route with the nearest bus stop being located in Thruxton and Quarley. The site is not within short walking distance of Thruxton therefore occupants of the site will be heavily reliant on vehicle use.
17. Raise educational achievement levels and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills they need throughout life, supporting the development of a skilled workforce.	+	<i>Comment:</i> Development in this location has the potential to provide pitches to meet existing and future need of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the area which can assist in providing connectivity to existing settlements and access to services particularly schools and education.
18. Are there any issues relating to deliverability of this site?	-	<i>Comment:</i> The site has been subject to a planning appeal which was dismissed.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The use of this greenfield site would result in the permanent negative impact on soil resources, primarily associated with the built footprint and associated non-natural hardstanding surfacing. These effects are unlikely to be significant alone, but there would be a more significant effect when considered in combination with other development / changes to the soil environment within and beyond the Borough. This change in surface has the potential to affect drainage patterns and potential levels of surface runoff (likely to be in the medium to long term), this could be mitigated through the use of sustainable drainage systems. The site covers an area identified as a Principal Aquifer. There may be scope for mitigation through Policy E7 in the Revised Local Plan. There is potential to have a significant effect on the landscape character. It is unlikely that the site will have a significant effect on the historic environment.</p> <p>Additional development is likely to result in additional traffic levels. As the main source of air pollution in the Borough is road traffic, there may also be cumulative (indirect) effects on air quality, particularly in the medium to long term. There is an opportunity to encourage more sustainable travel patterns (including the use of more sustainable modes) through proposed policies within the Revised Local Plan DPD on managing movement; however it is considered that this option may have less scope than some of the others to deliver more sustainable travel patterns.</p> <p>This site is likely to contribute in a small way towards an increase in the use of resources (including energy and water) and the generation of waste; this is unlikely to be significant in isolation. This may also have an effect in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (through construction as well as traffic generated). The proposed Local Plan DPD includes a policy seeking to reduce water consumption and planned changes in the requirements of Building Regulations should increase the energy efficiency of new development (subject to when it is brought forward).</p> <p>This site would support the provision of additional pitches for those in need as well as improving access to health and wellbeing and educational facilities levels for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.</p>		

14: Thruyton Down Camp site, Topliss Hill, Thruyton, Andover



Summary of Council's Reasoning for Rejecting Options / Identifying Preferred Option

(Preferred options shown in bold)

Site	Reasons Rejected / Preferred
01: Land at Little Meads, Castle Lane, North Baddesley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option is considered to have a potential adverse effect on the settlement character and local landscape including retaining separation between settlements.
02: Land south of Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the settlement character and local landscape however the residual effects could be small.
03: Land at Cupernham Lane, Romsey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option is considered to have a potential significant indirect effect on the Mottisfont Bats SAC through the potential loss of foraging habitat for the barbastelle bat. - There is also potential for an adverse effect on on-site biodiversity, including BAP priority habitat and the potential for protected species on site. - The site has the potential of an adverse effect on the settlement character and the landscape character in the locality, with the site being quite prominent (tree cover within the site also play a role).
04: Land at Maury's Mount, West Wellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity. Although there are habitats recorded on site, aerial photographs suggest that the site is largely grazed pasture to the northern / central portion (lower ecological interest). The pasture areas have limited potential to support protected species. There are also areas of trees/scrub/rougher grassland also appear to be potentially present in the southern portion. These areas may support reptiles, bats, nesting birds and possibly dormice (although there is no known record in the wider landscape). - This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the landscape and settlement character given that the site is in a prominent position which helps to break up the developed part of the village.
05: Land opposite Casbrook Park, Bunny Lane, Timsbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bunny Lane is reasonably well related to the local settlements of Timsbury (approx.1 mile), Braishfield (approx.1 mile) and has good access to facilities and services in the nearby town of Romsey (approx. 2.7 miles). - Site within Mottisfont Bats SAC buffer area although limited on-site habitat for barbastelle bat.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site has access to number of employment sites within Romsey and the wider area, including other areas within Salisbury, Southampton and Southern Test Valley. - The site has been promoted through the Call for Sites and it is within the Council's ownership - This option would not have a significant effect on landscape character.
06: Land south of Upton Lane, northwest of junction 3 of M27 and east of Station Road, Nursling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is potential for the site to have an effect on the landscape character given that the site is prominent in views from the adjacent motorway and Upton Lane. - There is potential to have an effect on health and wellbeing given the site's proximity to Lee Lane Landfill site. By virtue of the site's location to the M27 and railway line will result in potential future occupiers being subject to unacceptable noise levels.
07: Land adjacent to Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane, East Wellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is immediately adjacent to the north of an existing and lawful Travelling Showperson site which has permission for use for 7 Travelling Showpeople pitches and associated storage; and which in turn is also adjacent to another site that has planning permission to provide a further 2 Travelling Showpeople pitches. - It would be anticipated that the occupants of the site would link into the community of West Wellow and Romsey. - Mitigation would be required to resolve the impact on ancient woodland and heritage asset. - The site is within the control of Showmen family.
08: The Atchen Tan, Netherton Road, Andover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option could potentially have an effect on biodiversity with the site being in close proximity to the Sidley Wood SSSI and Rushmoor Conholt SSSI. The site is identified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. - This option also has the potential of an adverse effect on the landscape character as the site falls within North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
09: Wellow Way, Scallows Lane, West Wellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is an unauthorised private Gypsy site and has a history of temporary planning permissions. - This site is unlikely to have an effect on the historic environment.
10: Paddock, Winchester Road, Ampfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This option could potentially have an effect on the landscape as this site falls within an area identified as being of medium – high landscape sensitivity (Countryside, 2007). Locally however the site is positioned within an 'important view' as defined within the Ampfield VDS with this view extending along the

	<p>A3090 between Ratlake and St Mark's Church. It is therefore considered that development could have a significant effect resulting in a discordant and intrusive feature in the landscape which would significantly erode the character and appearance of the area. It will form a prominent addition to the landscape with specific reference to views from the A3090 Winchester Road giving rise to demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the area and visual amenity.</p>
<p>11: Plot 1A, Land east of South Holmes Copse, Ampfield Hill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is potential to have a significant effect on biodiversity as the site falls within Tadburn Meadows SINC. Development could result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.6ha of potential terrestrial Great Crested Newts (GCN) habitat and reptile habitat. If present on the site then the construction work would potentially kill or injure these animals. - There is potential to have an effect on landscape character.
<p>12: Bridle View, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury, Romsey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridle View is located within an area as determined by the Environment Agency to be at risk from extreme flooding. - There is potential to have a significant effect on landscape character and result in serious harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area.
<p>13: Oakdene Farm, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is potential for an effect on biodiversity as there is potential for habitats for protected species such as bats to be located on site.
<p>14: Thruxton Down Camp site, Topliss Hill, Thruxton, Andover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is considered that there would be a significant effect on the landscape. The landscape character of the area is described as a mix of arable farmland with a weak hedgerow structure, and groups of hedgeless fields creating larger open expansive areas, and pasture with gently rising land (Test Valley Community Landscape Project, 2004). There are views of the site from Snoddington Road to the north and the site is widely visible in the open landscape.