

# **Policy LPDxx: Gypsy and Traveller Provision**

**A suitable site will be identified within the existing built up area to accommodate the requirement for three pitches for Gypsies and Travellers to ensure the identified need is met. This provision will be made by 2019.**

11.xx. Local housing authorities are required under the Housing Act 2004 (s.225) to assess the housing needs of Gypsies and Travellers “residing in or resorting to their district” as part of their duties under the Housing Act 1985 (s.8) to provide “Periodical review of housing need... and the needs of the district with respect to provision of further housing provision”.

11. xx. The NPPF should be read in conjunction with the Government’s Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015) which replaces the Planning Policy for Travellers Sites (2012) which informed the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategy. The Planning Policy for Traveller Sites sets out how Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs should be assessed. Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states that local planning authorities should set pitch targets for gypsies and travellers and plot targets for travelling show people which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in their area.

11. xx. The South Nottinghamshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (January 2016) identifies a need for a total of three additional pitches within Gedling Borough over the period 2014 – 2029. It is recognised that the need is higher in the earlier years of the plan period and, as such, a site will be planned for by 2019.

11 xx The Council will work closely with Gypsy and Traveller representatives to identify appropriate criteria for specific site selection. Appropriate local consultation will also be undertaken to ensure, as far as possible, that the views and needs of both settled and traveller communities are taken into account. In accordance with ACS Policy 9 the site should not be allocated in the Green Belt except in very special circumstances. A sustainable location which offers good access to local services and community facilities, including a primary school will be required.

11.xx. Notwithstanding the pro-active approach to be taken to future provision, it may be that sites are promoted by the private sector. Any small scale proposals for gypsy and traveller provision will be considered against Policy 9 of the Aligned Core Strategy as well as other relevant Local Plan policies. Policy 9 adopts a criteria based approach which allows for planning permission to be granted where a number of criteria are satisfied. Sustainable locations within the urban area are more likely to be appropriate.

## **Key Related Policies**

- ACS Policy 9: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

## **Monitoring Information**

Indicator	Target	Collection
Number of pitches delivered	3 additional pitches provided by March 2019.	Monitoring of completions

### Planning Application Information

Where decisions will use this policy, it is likely that the following information will be required:

- None.