

## Policy LPDxx: Gypsy and Traveller Provision

**The Borough Council has a need to find 3 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and will work with its neighbouring planning authorities to identify a suitable site or sites within Greater Nottingham to ensure this need is met.**

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. Where there is no identified need, criteria-based policies should be included to provide a basis for decisions in case applications nevertheless come forward.

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.

11. xx. A specific site has not been allocated in the Local Planning Document for a number of reasons. Firstly, the level of pitch provision required falls below the threshold for the allocation of sites for housing in the Local Planning Document. Secondly, there is little qualitative evidence of need within the Borough. For example, there is no current permanent on-site Gypsy and Traveller provision in Gedling Borough, there has been minimal illegal encampment activity since 2008 and no evidence that illegal encampment is as a consequence of a lack of site provision, there have been no planning applications submitted for Gypsy or Traveller sites since 2010 and there have been no requests for housing assistance from individuals or families identifying themselves from Gypsy or Traveller communities.

11.xx. Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015) suggests the identification of targets for provision on a cross-authority basis, to provide more flexibility in identifying sites. The 2016 Accommodation Assessment took a collaborative approach and identified a total need for the four local authority areas covered by the assessment of 11 pitches across the period 2014 - 2029, broken down as follows:-

Authority	2014 – 2019	2019- 2024	2024 - 2029	Total	Total (Whole) Pitches Required
Broxtowe	1.68	0.31	0.34	2.34	2

Gedling	2.23	0.42	0.47	3.12	3
Nottingham	1.56	-2.02	-1.31	1.56	2
Rushcliffe	3.08	0.22	0.40	3.70	4

11.xx It is intended to continue this collaborative approach and to work with Broxtowe Borough, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils, as appropriate, to identify a suitable site or sites to accommodate this need within the plan period. Existing working arrangements in place through the Joint Planning Advisory Board could be used to guide and progress this work.

11.xx It is recognised that the need for all authorities is higher in the earlier years of the plan period and, as such, it is intended that the provision of site(s) will be planned for over this time period. Taking a pro-active approach to future provision is required in order to address any under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply and will also reduce the number of future unauthorised developments and encampments across the four local authority areas.

11.xx. Notwithstanding the pro-active approach to be taken to future provision, it may be 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 2019.	Monitoring of completions

### Planning Application Information

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

- None.