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Your ref	My ref	Extension	Date
	CR/027	8056	7th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Examination of the Ealing Local Plan 2024-2039:
Ealing LPA's Response to Post Hearing Advice -
Issue 4: Gypsies and Travellers**

Thank you for your letter, dated 3rd July 2025, which followed the conclusion of the Block 1 Hearing Sessions held between June 16th and 19th 2025. Below I set out the Council's response to Issue 4 which deals with Gypsies and Travellers. In particular, you expressed the following concerns:

"13. To be sound, the Plan should plan positively and effectively to meet the housing needs of Gypsies and Travellers. We also recognise the protected characteristics of ethnic Gypsies and Travellers under the Equality Act 2010.

14. The existing evidence base relating to future housing needs of the Travelling community is based on the narrow definition of Gypsies set out in the now superseded Plan Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS 2015). We are aware that a joint London-wide review of needs, based upon a wider definition, is underway. However, the findings are not currently available.

15. Nevertheless, as things presently stand the assessment of need underpinning the policies in the Plan does not demonstrate that it is positively prepared, justified or effective in adequately meeting the housing needs of this part of the Borough's community.

16. Ahead of the Block Two hearings, we would ask for a response setting out how the Council proposes to address this matter, along with the likely timings for any further work." {EX18}.

LPA Response: Please find attached:

- A short note summarising the council's answer.
- A report by consultants Opinion Research Services (ORS) entitled London Borough of Ealing Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, November 2025. It provides a comprehensive update to the 2018 GTAA based on the wider definition.
- A Statement of Common Ground between the OPDC and Ealing to show that there is effective working between the two local planning authorities specifically in relation to Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs that arise within the OPDC LPA area but fall under the housing responsibilities of Ealing Council.

Please let me know if you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

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