

Statement of Common Ground between London Borough of Ealing and Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation: Meeting Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs

1. Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is jointly prepared by the London Borough of Ealing (Ealing Council) and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to support the preparation of Ealing's Local Plan. It sets out the agreed position between the two Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) regarding the identification and delivery of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this SoCG is to demonstrate that there is effective joint working in relation to Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs that arise within the OPDC LPA area but fall under the housing responsibilities of Ealing Council.

3. Planning and Housing Responsibilities

- OPDC is the designated Local Planning Authority for the Old Oak and Park Royal Opportunity Area.
- Ealing Council is the statutory housing authority for the London Borough of Ealing, which includes parts of the OPDC area, and the LPA for the rest of the borough.
- This arrangement creates a unique cross-boundary situation where housing needs identified within the OPDC area must be addressed in collaboration with Ealing Council.
- There is one Gypsy and Traveller site within the London Borough of Ealing at Bashley Road, Park Royal, which is located within the OPDC LPA area. The site is owned by Ealing Council who are also responsible for its management and maintenance. OPDC is responsible for any planning related issues for the site.

4. Identified Need

A recently conducted Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment, November 2025 (GTAA) for the London Borough of Ealing found that for the period 2025 – 2041 the identified need arising for Gypsies and Travellers meeting the planning definition is:

Year Period	Dates	PPTS Need Ealing LPA	PPTS Need OPDC LPA
0 – 5	2025-29	2	24
6 – 10	2030-34	1	6
11- 15	2035-39	1	5
16	2040-41	1	3
0 – 16	2025 – 41	5	38

Table from London Borough of Ealing Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, November 2025, ORS.

5. Agreed Approach

Ealing Council and OPDC

- Accept the identified need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.
- Will collaborate on identifying suitable and deliverable sites to meet these needs as part of each authorities' future Local Plan reviews.
- Share relevant data, evidence, and policy development to support plan-making and site allocation.
- Ensure that Local Plan policies of both LPAs reflect this cooperative approach and provide a framework for delivery.

6. Governance and Monitoring

Both parties will :

- Continue regular engagement through established governance structures, including the West London Alliance Planning Policy Officers Group.
- Monitor progress on site identification and delivery through each authorities' Local Plan reviews and Authority Monitoring Reports.

7. Signatories

Signed on behalf of:

London Borough of Ealing

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Date: 07.11.2025

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Name: Tom Cardis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Cardis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Title: Head of Planning Policy

Date: 07/11/2025