

Inspector's further points.

1. **Gypsies and travellers.** The National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DCLG, March 2012) paragraphs 9 and 10 state that:

9. Local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan:

- a) identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets*
- b) identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years six to ten and, where possible, for years 11-15*
- c) consider production of joint development plans that set targets on a cross-authority basis, to provide more flexibility in identifying sites, particularly if a local planning authority has special or strict planning constraints across its area (local planning authorities have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries)*
- d) relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density*
- e) protect local amenity and environment*

10 Criteria should be set to guide land supply allocations where there is identified need. Where there is no identified need, criteria-based policies should be included to provide a basis for decisions in case applications nevertheless come forward. Criteria based policies should be fair and should facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

Core Strategy policy 1.2(n) goes some way to addressing need at 2011. Can you confirm that this policy covers the land supply up until 2016? If so, the Development Sites DPD need only introduce a paragraph making a commitment to undertaking a needs survey for years 6 – 15 and that by 2016, either under a formal review of the Development Sites DPD or as a separate Gypsy and Traveller DPD, further land will be allocated/broad locations identified as necessary for that period. The introduction of a paragraph stating this would be a main modification.

The CS indicated that there would be a criterion based policy in Development Management DPD (although it is not clear whether this was intended to be a specific traveller policy). Therefore, if a planning application is submitted, would the development management policies be sufficient to deal with the relevant issues?

2. **Monitoring.** The Development Strategy sets out how it will monitor the quantity of development, and its general distribution. However, the development sites DPD is a separate plan indicating strategic sites in the borough, and giving indications of development types and dates for delivery. To make the Development Sites DPD

effective in its own right and to link the two plans, a monitoring paragraph should be added. This should indicate that the progress of the development sites, numbers and types of development and timescale will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report, perhaps addressing its contribution to the CS targets. It could also set out any action the Council intend to take as a consequence of the monitoring. On a similar point how would the Council deal with any new sites that come forward, that could be classed as strategic, within the plan period? The introduction of a monitoring paragraph would be a main modification.

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