

## Inspector's comments on gypsies and travellers

Following our discussion at the Hearing sessions I would make the following points.

Ealing Council has confirmed as part of the evidence for the DPDs at examination, that there is sufficient land supply for the first five years of the plan. CS policy 1.2 (n) indicates that there is no identified need in the short and medium term. Whilst a commitment to identify needs is made in Development Management Policy 3B, it is unclear what will happen if need for further sites is identified. Therefore, whilst gypsy and traveller demand is historically low, the Development Strategy, the Development Sites and the Development Management DPDs are unable to demonstrate how planned provision will be made for any necessary sites for gypsies and travellers over the whole of the plan period.

One of the following paragraphs must be inserted in either the Development sites DPD or the Development Management DPD plan to ensure consistency with national policy which seeks sufficient land to be identified and planned for throughout the plan period.

### Development Sites DPD

#### Option 1

The accommodation needs for gypsies and travellers for the latter part of the plan period will be assessed in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and additional sites will be allocated in a Local Plan to meet any identified needs.

#### Option 2

The accommodation need for gypsies and travellers for the latter part of the plan period has not been formally assessed. The need will be assessed though the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and additional sites will be allocated in a Local Plan to meet any identified need.

Or

### Development Management DPD

A sentence added to policy 3B which states that 'if the evidence base documents indicate that additional sites are required to accommodate gypsies and travellers, these will be allocated in a Local Plan to meet any identified need'.

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