

Inspector's Question 2 to the Council

Planning for Traveller Sites

The Council's adopted Core Strategy (policy CS09) states that provision will be made for a minimum of 146 permanent pitches for gypsies and travellers.

My understanding of the March 2013 Traveller Sites Supply Calculation (a copy of which should be placed in the Examination library) is that in 2011 there were 143 authorised pitches and that in 2013 there was an identified supply of additional pitches for 6.25 years.

Paragraph 9 of the 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' (March 2012) advises that local plans should identify a supply of specific developable sites or broad locations for growth for years 6 to 10 and where possible for years 11 to 15.

I could find no reference to gypsies and travellers in the Site Allocations plan and would welcome an explanation of the Council's approach to this issue, including an up-date of the position with regard to the provision of traveller sites.

A response within two weeks would be welcome.

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