

Greater Norwich Accommodation Need and Supply Changes Since the Accommodation Needs Assessment 2017 (ANA)

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Overview

- 1.1 The 2017 Accommodation Needs Assessment (ANA) assessed the supply and accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Showpeople, residential boat dwellers and residential caravan dwellers within the Greater Norwich area (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk District Council), along with the Broads Authority, North Norfolk and Great Yarmouth, for the period 2017-2036.
- 1.2 Whilst recommending the adoption to the PPTS 2015 figure, the 2017 ANA presented two accommodation needs figure options for Gypsies and Travellers; one based on the PPTS 2015 definition and the other based on the work interpretation. Since the ANA, the Greater Norwich Councils have decided to dismiss the work interpretation, which they have since agreed that it potentially underestimates the level of accommodation need. They have subsequently adopted the PPTS 2015 definition-based needs figure in their Local Plan.
- 1.3 The following table summarises the accommodation needs presented in the 2017 ANA, solely based on the PPTS 2015 figure for the Greater Norwich area.

| | 2017-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2032 | 2032-2036 | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Gypsies and Travellers | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 60 |
| Travelling Showpeople | 25 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 46 |
| Residential boat dwellers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Residential caravan dwellers | 91 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 106 |

- 1.4 In preparation for the newly forming Local Plan *RRR Consultancy Ltd* has been commissioned to review the accommodation supply and need of the above communities and to assist in the identification of land to meet accommodation need (including this interim review).
- 1.5 The following summarises how planning permissions granted since the ANA have potentially impacted on the supply and need. Due to Covid-19 and related restrictions this was based on analysis of secondary data and consultation with local authority

officers. In 2021, dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions, face-to-face consultation will take place with Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

Gypsies and Travellers

- 1.6 Local authority data shows that some accommodation need has been addressed by granting planning permissions for new pitches since the 2017 ANA was undertaken. These include:

| Planning reference | Number of pitches | Date granted |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2018/1658/F | 2 | 27/2/19 |
| 2018/2770/F | 1 | 25/4/19 |
| 2019/0345/F | 1 | 15/5/19 |

- 1.7 There was also an application (reference 2018/2514/RVC) for change of use for 3 pitches from Gypsy and Traveller to general residential use. This permission to general residential use leads to a decrease in supply of 3 pitches and subsequent increase in accommodation need of 3 pitches. However, this needs further exploration. It is also important to note that whilst reducing the accommodation supply of Gypsy and Traveller pitches, this will nonetheless address some of the accommodation needs of households residing in residential caravans. All of this will be taken into account in the revised assessment following site visits and consultation with the households.
- 1.8 There are a number of sites and pitches that have been developed since the 2017 ANA in addition to those listed above. However, as they were granted planning permission prior to the completion of the 2017 ANA, they were included in the accommodation assessment.
- 1.9 The following table updates the accommodation needs figures as summarised in the 2017 ANA. It shows the impact of new confirmed supply (as listed above) on accommodation needs up to 2038 to adhere to the Local Plan period.
- 1.10 In addition to the pitches listed above with permission granted since the ANA, there are also pending planning applications and appeals. If these are granted, the impact they have on supply will be taken into account in the next review.

| | 2017-2022 as of 2020-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2032 | 2032-2038 | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gypsies and Travellers | 11 | 14 | 15 | 24 | 64 |

Travelling Showpeople

1.11 There is no evidence of change in supply. Therefore, the need remains as that identified in the ANA:

| | 2017-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2032 | 2032-2038 | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Travelling Showpeople | 25 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 48 |

Boat Dwellers

1.12 The accommodation need identified in the 2017 ANA has been allocated to the Broads Authority as they are responsible for the main waterways in the area (hence no need listed above for boat dwellers within the Greater Norwich area). However, it should be noted that local authorities with waterways need to work with the Broads Authority to ensure that the accommodation need is being met and to help determine how future provision and services can be met.

1.13 There is no evidence of change in supply. Therefore, the need remains as that identified in the ANA.

Residential Caravan Dwellers

1.14 There is no evidence of change in supply. Therefore, the need remains as that identified in the ANA:

| | 2017-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2032 | 2032-2038 | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Residential caravan dwellers | 91 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 108 |