

Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

Between

Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council,
Norwich City Council, Norfolk County Council

And

Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (Eastern Region)

1. Introduction

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) proposes that plots and yards for Travelling Showpeople be met through market led solutions through a criteria-based policy. This statement of common ground relates to how the Eastern Region of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and the Greater Norwich authorities will work together to ensure a suitable supply of land comes forward.

This statement of common ground covers the following key points:

1. Needs Evidence
2. The Approach to Policy
3. Commitment to the Delivery of Sites

2. Needs Evidence

The Eastern Region Guild and the Greater Norwich authorities agree that the 2017 Accommodation Needs Assessment (ANA) by RRR Consultancy assessed the supply and accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers, Showpeople, residential boat dwellers and residential caravan dwellers within the Greater Norwich area (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk District Council). In 2021, RRR Consultancy updated the accommodation needs for Showpeople within the Greater Norwich area as part of the 2021 ANA.

No new supply has been implemented since the 2017 ANA. Based on the updated assessment (2021), the need for additional Showpeople accommodation is as follows:

	2021-2026	2026-2031	2031-2036	2036-2041	Total
Travelling Showpeople accommodation need (plots)	27	6	7	10	50

3. The Approach to Policy

The Eastern Region Guild and the Greater Norwich authorities agree that the GNLP creates the opportunity for a supply of plots for Travelling Showpeople; and, it is agreed that the approach to policy will allow plots to come forward at a pace that will meet needs.

4. Commitment to the Delivery of Sites

The Guild and the Greater Norwich authorities agree to have a mutual commitment to collaborate on the delivery of new sites – for example, if opportunity arises for central government grant funding. This includes a commitment amongst all parties to suggest and discuss suitable sites through planning application advice.

Signed on Behalf of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Mike Burrell	 [dd/mm/yyyy]
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Signed on behalf the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (Eastern Region) Jane Brown	 1/11/2021
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