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By email

## **Greater Norwich Local Plan – Gypsy and Traveller site allocations update**

Dear Inspectors,

This letter provides an update on the progress of work on Gypsy and Traveller site allocations for the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP).

Your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> November ([D5.4G](#)) asked whether the partnership will update its evidence on Gypsy and Traveller needs in the light of the recent Court of Appeal decision.

Our most recent letter to you dated 18<sup>th</sup> November ([D5.4H](#)) stated that the partnership intends to produce an addendum to the current Greater Norwich Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment and that legal advice on the issue was being sought. It also explained that the addendum would be provided by the consultancy which produced the Greater Norwich Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment by early December and that it would make clear how the needs of those who have ceased to travel for reasons of age or infirmity are to be dealt with.

Work on this evidence of need to reflect the implications of the Court of Appeal decision remains ongoing. The current advice provided to members is that the need should be derived from the ethnic population rather than the Planning Policy for Travellers Statement 2015 (PPTS). This is reflected both in council reports and in the Sites Policies consultation document placed on the three district councils' websites from December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 (see the [South Norfolk Cabinet papers](#) page 17). We will keep this under review to take account of any advice from government.

The council reports recommend that a focused consultation on the Greater Norwich Local Plan proposed allocations for Gypsy and Traveller sites should take place between 30<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The reports also state that *“Following the close of the consultation the GNLP team will process and analyse the responses received and finalise the favoured site allocations for consideration at Cabinets in June. The finalised sites information and representations will be provided to the inspectors and published. The sites will then be subject to additional hearing sessions in late July, with the outcome being the subject of main modifications to the plan”*.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about the above.

Regards,

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