

Greater Norwich Local Plan

Inspectors Matters Issues and Questions (July 2023 Sessions)

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These matters issues and questions relate to the fifth stage of hearing sessions for the examination of the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

The hearings will relate solely to the approach towards gypsy and traveller sites, including proposed site allocations. Whilst some questions will be re-opened under Matter 6 to address new evidence and information produced by the Partnership, there is no opportunity to revisit other aspects of the plan. Nor is there an opportunity to propose alternative sites that have not been identified by the Partnership (so called 'omission sites').

All the documents can be found on the Examination page of the Greater Norwich Local Plan website. Further information about the examination, the conduct of the hearing sessions and the format of any further written statements is provided in the Inspectors' Guidance Note.

TUESDAY 25 JULY 2023 9:30 am

Matter 6 Homes (Policy 5)

Issue 3 Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Show People and Residential Caravans

Q1 Is the evidence base supporting the identified need for residential pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots robust, taking into account factors such as existing provision, household growth, hidden need (those in bricks and mortar housing), unauthorised sites and encampments and any engagement with the gypsy and traveller community?

Q9 Have the sites proposed for allocation been selected using a robust, objective, and consistent process?

Q10 Is the approach to provision for Travelling Showpeople effective, justified and consistent with national policy? Should the Plan set a target for travelling showpeople plots?

Q11 If negotiated stopping arrangements are to be used for transit provision, how would this work, and which land would be used? What procedures are in place to ensure any such approach is effective?

Q12 Is Policy 5, including the modifications proposed by the Partnership, justified, effective and consistent with national policy with respect to gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople sites?

Matter 17 Gypsy and Traveller allocations and supply

Issue 1: Site allocations

Are the proposed site allocations listed below soundly based? In particular:

1. Is the allocation justified and is it supported by the evidence?
2. Have any constraints to development been properly assessed and, where necessary, is it likely that appropriate mitigation can be achieved?
3. Is the site available, and is the assumed number of pitches robust?
4. Is the site likely to come forward in the timescales envisaged?
5. Are the detailed policy requirements that would apply to the allocation justified and effective?
 - a. Land north of Shortthorn Road, Stratton Strawless (Ref GNLP5019)
 - b. Romany Meadow, The Turnpike, Carleton Rode (Ref GNLP5020)

- c. Land off Upgate Street, Carleton Rode (GNLP5024)
- d. Land at the Oaks, Reepham Road, Foulsham (GNLP5022)
- e. Land at Strayground Lane, Wymondham (Ref GNLP5028 A & B)
- f. Land off Buxton Road, Eastgate, Cawston (Ref GNLP5004R)

If proposed for allocation by the Partnership following the additional focussed consultation (June-July 2023):

- g. Brick Kiln Road Hevingham (Ref GNLP5027)

Issue 2: Supply of pitches over the plan period

Q1 Will there be at least a 5 year supply of deliverable pitches on adoption of the plan?

Q2 Will there be a supply of specific, developable sites, or broad locations for growth, for years 6 to 10 and years 11-15 of the plan?

Q3 Is there compelling evidence that windfall pitches will provide a reliable source of supply over the plan period?