
Winchester District: Traveller Plan

Overview

Local Authorities are required by Central Government to assess the accommodation requirements of Gypsies and Travellers and to develop a strategy that addresses any unmet need identified. The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document (Traveller DPD) will form part of the Winchester District Development Plan and will identify, safeguard and allocate sites for traveller needs, it will also respond to and implement the local planning policies already established in adopted Local Plans, particularly:

- Policy CP5 - Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople - Local Plan Part 1 adopted March 2013.
- Policy DM4 - Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpersons - Local Plan Part 2 adopted April 2017.

Definitions

Gypsy and Travellers - Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such.

Travelling Showpeople - Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependant's more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined above.

Gypsy and traveller pitch - residential pitch for a gypsy family typically accommodating a mobile home and space for a touring caravan and can sometimes include a 'day room'.

Travelling showpersons plot - mixed use plot which typically includes living accommodation and space for the storage and maintenance of equipment, sometimes called a 'yard'.

Why we are consulting

The City Council is seeking comments on its draft planning strategy for Travellers within the District, following the completion of technical reports and an initial consultation held earlier in the year. The strategy takes a positive approach to meeting the needs set out in Policy DM4 of Local Plan Part 2 adopted in April.

Consent Question

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Introduction

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Name (Required)

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Organisation

Policy TR1 - Safeguarding Permitted Sites

This Policy lists those sites across the District where these should be retained for traveller occupation and protected from alternative development.

Policy TR1 - The existing gypsy and traveller and travelling showpersons sites listed below, and as shown on the Policies Map, will be safeguarded from alternative development, unless the site is no longer required to meet any identified need across the District.

Any other site that is subsequently granted a permanent planning permission for gypsy and traveller and travelling showpersons shall be safeguarded in accordance with this policy.

List of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Gypsy and Traveller Sites		
Site Ref	Location	No of Pitches
W001	The Ranch, Old Mill Lane, Denmead	1
W002	Ash Farm, Titchfield Lane, Wickham	2
W003	Westfork, Bunns Lane, Hambledon	1
W005	Ashbrook Stables, Main Road, Colden Common	1
W006	Barn Farm, The Lakes, Swanmore	5
W007	Windy Ridge, Old Mill Lane, Denmead	1
W008	Travellers Rest, Bishops Sutton	1
W009	Rambling Renegade, Shedfield	1
W010	Opposite Woodfield Farm, Alma Lane Upham	1
W011	Adj Chapel House, Highbridge Road, Highbridge	1
W012	Big Muddy Farm, Alma Lane, Upham	1
W013	Land west of Lasek, Bishops Wood Road, Mislingford	1
W016	Tynefield, Whiteley, Fareham	18
W082	Beacon Haven, Swanmore	6
W083	Bowen Farm, Curdridge	3
W084	Little Ranch, Fishers Pond	1
W086	Woodley Farm, Alma Lane, Lower Upham	1
Travelling Showpersons Sites		
Site Ref	Location	No of Plots
W020*	Carousel Park, Micheldever	9
W021	The Haven, Denmead	1
W022	The Orchard, Forest Road, Swanmore	4
W023**	Plot 1, The Nurseries, Shedfield	1
W024**	Plot 2, The Nurseries, Shedfield	1
W025**	Plot 5, The Nurseries, Shedfield	1
W026	Grig Ranch, Wickham	1
W027	The Bungalow, North Boarhunt	2
W028	Stokes Yard, Waltham Chase	1
W029	The Vardo, Swanmore	1
W030***	Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt	8

*See Policy TR3; ** Policy TR4; *** Policy TR5

Agree with Policy TR1 Disagree with Policy TR1

If you have any comments on Policy TR1 please put in box below

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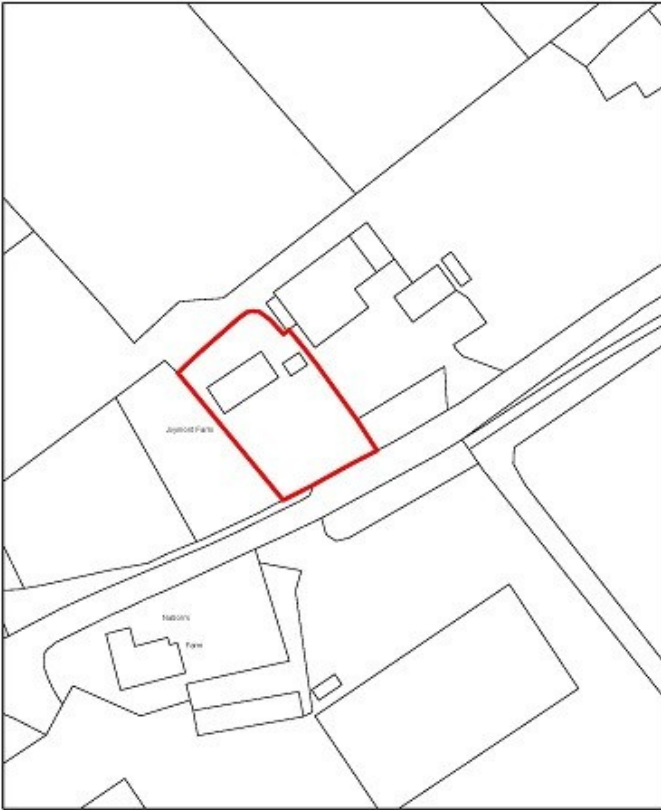
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Policy TR2 - Sites with Temporary Consent

The sites listed under this Policy are already in occupation by travellers, given the need to find additional sites and the lack of new sites being presented for consideration, this policy seeks to grant the sites listed a permanent planning permission subject to the specific site requirements set out.

Policy TR2 - Planning permission will be granted on the following sites with temporary consent, for permanent gypsy and traveller accommodation as shown on the Policies Map and listed below:-

Joymont Farm, Curdridge Lane
W004



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Joymont Farm WO04

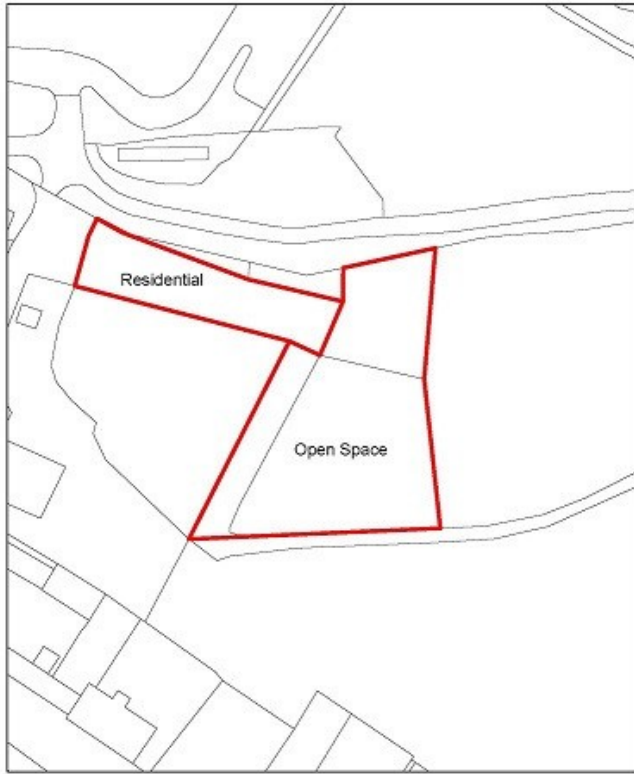
Number of pitches 1

Proposals for development at this site should comply with the following site specific requirements;

- Provide suitable landscape proposals along the boundaries of the site to reinforce the site's visual containment, with particular emphasis on the northern boundary as this is currently more exposed.
- Given the limited size of the site and restricted access arrangements, any proposals for intensification/expansion will not be allowed

Any comments on TR2 in relation to Joymont Farm please use box below

Ourlands, Mayles Lane, Knowle
WO17



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Ourlands - WO17

Number of pitches 3

Proposals for development at this site should comply with the following site specific requirements:

- Traveller accommodation should only be situated in the western part of the site with access to Mayles Lane (as indicated on the above plan) with the remainder of the site being retained in an open use;
- A landscape framework to be submitted to provide suitable boundary treatment around the whole site given its location on the edge of north of Fareham gap with Knowle and Wickham;
- Given the location of the site within the north of Fareham gap with Knowle and Wickham, any proposals for intensification/expansion will not be allowed.

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Stablewood Farm, The Lakes, Swanmore
W018



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Stablewood Farm W018

Number of pitches 1

Proposals for development at this site should comply with the following site specific requirements:

- A landscape framework to be submitted to provide suitable boundary treatment around the site given its location within the designated settlement gap;
- Ensure that the proposal has no greater cumulative impact with the adjacent site at Barn Farm on the characteristics of the locality, any proposals for intensification/expansion will not be allowed;
- Proposals will need to be supported by a flood risk assessment given its location within flood zone 2/3.

Any comments on TR2 in relation to Stablewood Farm please use box below

Land adj. Gravel Hill, Swanmore
W085



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Land adjacent Gravel Hill W085

Number of pitches 3

Proposals for development at this site should comply with the following site specific requirements:

- Due to the restrictive access arrangement on the site, any proposals for intensification/expansion will not be allowed;
- Due to the location of the site adjacent to commercial activity, it will be necessary for an appropriate acoustic barrier to be installed to protect the amenity of the occupants on the site;
- A landscape framework to be submitted to provide suitable boundary treatment around the site given its location within the designated settlement gap and to ensure that the site is visually contained.

Any comments on Policy TR2 in relation to land adj Gravel Hill please use box below

Any other comments on Policy TR2 please use box below

Policy TR3 - Carousel Park, Micheldever

This policy focuses on Carousel Park and sets out what the Council wishes to see on the site with an emphasis on the provision of accommodation for travelling showpeople.

Policy TR3

Land at Carousel Park, Micheldever, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for travelling showpersons' use. The site should be occupied by people meeting the definition of travelling showpeople, and comply with the following requirements.

- protect the biodiversity of Black Wood (an adjacent Site of Importance for Nature Conservation - SINC) and reinforce the site's visual containment by providing and retaining a bund and landscaping around the whole site boundary;
- avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the currently-defined extent of the site;
- satisfy the requirements of Policy TR 7.

Carousel Park
WO20



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Policy TR4 - The Nurseries, Shedfield

This site is already occupied by travelling showpeople and the policy proposes to ensure that it is retained for such purposes.

Policy TR4

Land at The Nurseries, Shedfield, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for travelling showpersons' use. The whole site should be occupied by people meeting the definition of travelling showpeople, and comply with the following requirements:

- provide suitable landscape proposals, particularly along the western boundary of the site and between the plots, to screen views and reinforce the site's visual containment;
- avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the currently-defined extent of the site;
- satisfy the requirements of Policy TR 7.

The Nurseries, Shedfield
WO32 (a,b,c&d) WO23, WO24, WO25



Any comments on Policy TR4 please put in box below

Policy TR5 - Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt

This site is complex and in multiple ownership, the policy proposes a strategy that will contribute to meeting the traveller needs identified in Policy DM4 of local plan part 2.

Policy TR 5 Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt

Land at Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated primarily for travelling showpersons' use. In order to secure the provision of additional plots for people meeting the definition of travelling showpeople, permission will be granted for approximately 12 travelling showpersons' plots, the permanent use of 4 existing gypsy and traveller pitches, and associated access and landscaping improvements, subject to the following requirements:

- a masterplan and phasing programme for the whole site should be submitted and agreed, showing how the provision of at least 12 additional travelling showpersons' plots is to be implemented as a first stage of development;
- the masterplan may also provide for up to 4 gypsy and traveller pitches, with the occupancy of all plots being secured by planning condition or obligation;
- seek to achieve the provision of 8 travelling showpersons' plots on that part of the site covered by Policy TR1;
- improve Firgrove Lane and its junction with the B2177 as necessary to provide an adequate access to the site to accommodate the proposed uses;
- provide suitable landscape proposals, particularly along the northern and eastern boundaries of the site and between the plots, to screen views and reinforce the site's visual containment;
- ensure adequate surface water drainage and wastewater infrastructure is provided
- provide suitable landscaping along the access road to break up views into the site as this is also a public right of way
- provide on-site children's play areas as necessary to serve the various parts of the site and accommodation provided;
- avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the extent of the site as defined by the agreed masterplan;
- satisfy the requirements of Policy TR 7.

Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt
WO30, WO81, WO14, WO19



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Policy TR6 - Expansion or intensification within existing sites

To respond to the changing household needs of occupants on existing sites, this policy sets out the circumstances where it might be permissible to allow for an additional pitch/plot.

Policy TR 6

The Local Planning Authority will consider proposals for the additional provision of pitches/plots on sites covered by Policies TR1 - TR 5 above, on a case by case basis. It will be necessary for the application to demonstrate the need for the additional provision in relation to the requirement of Policy DM4, the lack of alternative provision and specific circumstances of the applicant.

Any comments on Policy TR6 please put in box below

Policy TR7 - General Design Guidance and Site Layout

This policy provides guidance on the layout of sites.

Policy TR 7

All sites to be considered through this Development Plan Document or subsequent planning applications will be required to comply with the following requirements in so far as they are relevant to the site and its location:-

- Access and parking
 - provide safe vehicle and pedestrian access from the site to the highway
 - ensure that there is sufficient turning space within the site to allow for safe vehicular movement
 - minimise conflict between pedestrians and vehicles on site
 - No vehicle over 3.5 tonnes shall be stationed, parked or stored on site, unless necessary for the use of a travelling showpersons site.

- Environmental
 - Avoid boundary treatment that has a detrimental visual impact on the character of the site and locality
 - provide landscaping to reinforce the boundary of the site and to provide screening of views into/out of the site;
 - provide an area of open space within the site for safe children's play, located to avoid conflict with vehicles on the site
 - contribute to the Solent Mitigation Strategy where required

- General
 - provide details of wastewater infrastructure and surface water drainage incorporating SUDS where possible
 - ensure that waste is stored appropriately for disposal and able to be collected in an efficient manner
 - No commercial activities shall take place on the land, including the storage and sorting of materials, other than as necessary for the use as a travelling showpersons site.
 - Minimise external lighting to avoid a detrimental impact on the surrounding locality

In addition to the above, plots for travelling showpersons should have adequate space for the storage and maintenance of equipment and be laid out to avoid conflict between vehicles and residents.

Any comments on Policy TR7 please put in box below

If you have any other comments regarding the Winchester District Traveller Plan please use the box below for your comments.

Other comments

Equalities Information

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1 Are you

Please select only one item

Male Female Would prefer not to say

2 To which age group do you belong?

Please select only one item

0-15 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74
 75 or over Prefer not to say

3 Do you have a disability that would affect your ability to participate in planning issues?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes set out details below

4 Ethnicity - to which of these groups do you belong?

Please select only one item

White British White Irish White Gypsy or Traveller
 Other white background Asian British Other Asian Background
 Black British Arab Mixed background Prefer not to