

Winchester District Council
Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Development Plan
Document – Traveller DPD
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental
Assessment (SEA) & Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Note to Accompany Traveller DPD Proposed Modifications

1. The Publication (Pre-Submission) version of the Winchester District Traveller DPD was submitted for independent Examination on 9 May 2018. The Traveller DPD was accompanied by the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report, incorporating SEA and HRA (November 2017). The SA/HRA was undertaken in accordance with planning, SA, SEA and HRA legislation and guidance; the appraisal integrated the requirements for SEA as set out in the SEA Regulations (2004).
2. The DPD and accompanying evidence was discussed at hearings on 3-4 September 2018 as part of the Examination of the Plan. Amendments have been made to respond to comments raised during the Regulation 19 consultation, to reflect matters discussed at the Examination hearings, and for clarification and updating.
3. Any proposed modifications that might give rise to significant sustainability effects need to be subject to SA/SEA. The proposed changes were screened for their significance with regard to SA using professional judgment – do the changes, corrections, deletions and/or additions significantly affect the findings of the SA/HRA Report (November 2017) and/or do they give rise to significant environmental effects?
4. Policy TR1 with the table of sites has been updated to reflect planning permissions granted and sites allowed on appeal. Policy TR2 Site WO14 and WO85 have a new bullet to ensure that there is satisfactory access to the sites and that the proposals can be delivered. These amendments confirm the SA findings by strengthening the mitigation measures identified with regard to access. Overall, these are not considered to significantly affect the SA.
5. A new Policy TR6 and supporting text is included to ensure that the DPD is sound and to reflect the requirements of the PPTS, as discussed at the Examination hearings. The Policy addresses the acknowledgement that there may be cases where an exception to countryside policies (MTRA4) may be justified.
6. The Policy explains where such proposals outside of the sites identified in TR1-4 will be considered and sets out criteria for demonstration of exceptional need with relevant supporting evidence. Such sites must be in sustainable locations as defined by Policy CP5 and comply with the requirements of Policy TR6. This Policy relates to exceptional needs that will still be required to meet with other policies such that mitigation measures are in place to avoid/minimise any potential negative effects. Therefore, it is considered that overall the findings of the SA and HRA remain valid and relevant.

7. Other modifications provide clarification and updating and do not significantly affect the findings of the SA/SEA as presented in the SA Report (November 2017).



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