

# **Hillingdon Gypsies and Travellers and Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment**

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# 1. Purpose and Introduction

1.1 This study has been produced in support of policies in Hillingdon's Local Plan Part 2, to provide an assessment of the need for Traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots in the borough. Specifically, it takes account of requirements over the next 5 years and contains methodology and policy provision to assess and manage longer term supply over the extended Local Plan period.

1.2 The study has been produced to reflect guidance contained in the Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites published in March 2012 and also Policy H3 in Hillingdon's Local Plan Part 1, which seeks to ensure that proposals for new sites are developed in a sustainable way and:

*'fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life, while respecting the interests of the settled community in the borough.'*

1.3 The Government guidance does not prescribe a specific methodology for the production of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessments. A mainstream Housing Needs Survey typically focuses upon the number of dwellings required in an area and how many of these should each be provided by the public and private sector. The central aim of this study was to follow a similar format for Gypsy & Traveller and Showpeople accommodation requirements.

1.4 In producing the study, the Council has adopted a consultative approach that takes into account, where possible, the views of Council Officers, Gypsy and Traveller advisory groups, Showpeople groups and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople themselves. It is structured as follows:

- **Chapter 2: Legislation, Guidance and Policy Context:** Provides background on the current planning policy position relating to Gypsy and Traveller pitch and Travelling Showpeople plot provision.
- **Chapter 3: Study Methodology:** Details how the study has been produced.
- **Chapter 4: Gypsy and Traveller and Showpeople Sites and Population:** The profile of the Gypsy and Traveller and Showpeople population in Hillingdon.
- **Chapter 5: Key Findings:** Outlines the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs identified in the borough.
- **Chapter 6: Future Site Provision and Conclusion:** Provides an assessment of the number of pitches required to meet identified need and where these would be provided.



## 2. Legislation, Guidance and Policy Context

### Planning for Traveller Sites

2.1 The Government's planning policy for traveller sites is contained in the document 'Planning for Traveller Sites', issued in March 2012. The key aims of this document in relation to traveller pitches are as follows:

- that local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning
- to ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites
- to encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale
- that plan-making and decision-taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development
- to promote more private traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites
- that plan-making and decision-taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective for local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies
- to increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply
- to reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and planning decisions
- to enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure
- for local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment.

2.2 The document states that:

*'Local planning authorities should set pitch targets for Gypsies and Travellers and plot targets for travelling Showpeople which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of Travellers in their area, working collaboratively with neighbouring local planning authorities.'*

*Local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan:*

- *identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets*

- *identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years six to ten and, where possible, for years 11-15*
- *consider production of joint development plans that set targets on a cross-authority basis, to provide more flexibility in identifying sites, particularly if a local planning authority has special or strict planning constraints across its area (local planning authorities have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries)*
- *relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density*
- *protect local amenity and environment.*

2.3 The Government's new policies aim to continue previous government policies. In practice, this means that while local authorities now have a duty to ensure a 5 year land supply to meet the identified needs for Traveller sites, if no need is identified the local authority should put in place criteria based policies to assess potential sites which may occur in the future.

2.4 'Planning for Traveller Sites' notes on Page 3 - 4 that:

*Criteria should be set to guide land supply allocations where there is identified need. Where there is no identified need, criteria-based policies should be included to provide a basis for decisions in case applications nevertheless come forward. Criteria based policies should be fair and should facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.*

2.5 It is clear that the Government regards criteria based planning policies as central to new guidance, irrespective of whether need is identified or not.

2.6 In a written ministerial statement to Parliament in January 2014, the Communities and Local Government Minister set out the Government's position that unmet need for traveller sites and conventional housing is "unlikely to outweigh harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the 'very special circumstances' justifying inappropriate development in the greenbelt".

2.7 This strengthens protection for the green belt from inappropriate development, encouraging local planning authorities to plan for sites in other, more appropriate locations.

### **Tackling Inequalities for Gypsy and Traveller Communities**

2.8 In April 2012 the government issued a further document relating to Gypsies and Travellers in the form of 'Progress report by the ministerial working group on tackling inequalities experienced by Gypsies and Travellers (CLG April 2012)'.

2.9 This report contains 28 commitments to help improve the circumstances and outcomes for Gypsies and Travellers across a range of areas including (Page 6)

- Identifying ways of raising educational aspirations and attainment of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children
- Identifying ways to improve health outcomes for Gypsies and Travellers within the proposed new structures of the NHS.
- Encouraging appropriate site provision; building on £60m Traveller Pitch Funding and New Homes Bonus incentives.
- Tackling hate crime against Gypsies and Travellers and improving their interaction with the criminal justice system.
- Improving knowledge of how Gypsies and Travellers engage with services that provide a gateway to work opportunities and working with the financial services industry to improve access to financial products and services.
- Sharing good practice in engagement between Gypsies and Travellers and public service providers.

### **Funding for New Sites**

2.10 In April 2012, the GLA inherited the Traveller Pitch Fund (TPF) programme in London from the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA). £1,027,233 grant funding was made available to organisations for delivering new pitches or improving existing ones. The funding was also made available for other improvements such as to existing community support facilities, for site healthy and safety, and education and training opportunities.

### **The London Plan 2011**

2.11 The 2011 London Plan does not contain borough-specific requirements for Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The original Consultation Draft of the Plan allocated 554 new gypsy pitches across London's boroughs, as recommended by the 2008 Greater London Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment. However, the final plan allowed each borough to choose whether to create any new pitches. This study represents part of the evidence base for Hillingdon in deciding if new pitch provision is required.

2.12 The 2008 Greater London Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment identified a requirement for a minimum of 3 pitches for the period 2007-2012 and a minimum of 3 pitches for the period 2012-2017. For Travelling Showpeople, the requirement was for 5 plots for the period 2007-2012 and 2 plots for the period 2012 - 2017. These figures were derived by apportioning out a London wide figure in line with the existing population of each borough. This survey has assessed the specific needs arising in Hillingdon and therefore it is much more specific to the borough.

2.13 Subsequently, the London Plan Revised Early Minor Alterations, which was published for public consultation in June 2012 and considered at an Independent Examination in Public in November 2012, proposes to bring the London Plan policy in line with the National Planning Policy on Gypsies and Travellers.

2.14 The Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) were published for comment in January 2014. No changes have been made to the GLA's current policies regarding provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches.

### **The Current Hillingdon Policy Position**

2.15 Hillingdon's Local Plan Part 1 was formally adopted by the Council in November 2012 and sets a broad spatial development framework for the borough. Policy H3 in Local Plan Part 1 relates to Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Provision. It states that:

*The Council will ensure that:*

- a. The existing Colne Park site will be protected for its current use;*
- b. Targets for additional pitch provision take account of need and the availability of suitable sites; and*
- c. Proposals for sites to accommodate the specific needs of Travellers (Irish and Scottish), Gypsies, Roma, Sinti and Travelling Showpeople should:*
  - i) Be located on a site and in an area that is environmentally acceptable for residential occupation;*
  - ii) Have no significant adverse effects on the amenity of occupiers of adjoining land;*
  - iii) Have acceptable road and pedestrian access and be accessible to local services and public transport; and*
  - iv) Be consistent with other relevant Local Plan policies.*

2.16 The supporting text to the policy refers to the requirements of the advice contained in Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and the emphasis placed on collaborative working between local authorities to deliver suitable sites. It notes that this issue will be addressed in Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations, which will seek to balance identified need with the availability of suitable sites.

2.17 Hillingdon's "Social Housing Allocation Policy, 2013" states that Traveller pitches are allocated in the same way as general needs properties. Hillingdon allocates pitches through 'Locata', a choice based lettings scheme operated by a central lettings agency set up by West London local authorities and housing associations. Pitches are advertised on Locata and allocated in accordance with the lettings scheme. Households applying for pitches are required to complete a housing register application form.

2.18 The most recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for Hillingdon conducted by Fordham Research in 2009 requires the requirements of Gypsies and Travellers to be considered alongside other household groups with support needs. The needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Borough were assessed via the London Boroughs' Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTANA), 2008, drawing on a range of sources including interviews with 800 Gypsies and Travellers in London. The findings of the GTANA are detailed in paragraph 2.12 above.

2.19 Hillingdon's Local Plan Part 2 - draft Site Allocations has retained the Colne Park site for continued use as a Council owned Traveller's caravan site. The document is due to be consulted on as a proposed submission document in autumn 2014. This report will form part of its evidence base.



### **3. Study Methodology**

#### **Methodology**

3.1 As noted in paragraph 2.1 the Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites does not prescribe a specific methodology for assessing gypsy and traveller needs. The Council's approach has therefore been developed to be consistent with that undertaken by other boroughs. The key stages of the methodology are set out below:

#### **Discussions with Officers**

3.2 Structured interviews were undertaken with officers from the Council and neighbouring authorities to understand cross-boundary issues in line with the Duty to Co-operate enshrined in the Localism Act 2011. These discussions sought to gather information on the existing Travelling community and how borough site provision operates within current and emerging policy framework. Particular issues and indicators of the need were also discussed, such as the number of planning applications for new sites/pitches received by the Council in the last five years. A list of questions sent to officers of neighbouring authorities is attached at Appendix 1 of this study.

#### **Interviews with the Travelling Community**

3.3 The second stage of the research process sought to gather information on the need for pitches from the travelling community in the borough. Copies of the two surveys used are attached at Appendix 2 of this study.

3.4 The Council sought to interview all families on the Council owned site at Colne Park (see Appendix 3). In total, 19 interviews were completed; this represents the majority of the 20 families living on the site (see Appendix 4).

3.5 A shorter version of the survey was made available for Travellers visiting the Bell Farm Christian Centre drop-in advice service. 14 surveys were completed by Travellers living in 'bricks and mortar' accommodation, and one by a traveller living on a private site. Six surveys were also filled out by people living at Colne Park. As all the families on Colne Park (except one) were interviewed in depth, these surveys were considered duplications and not taken into account.

3.6 Additional interviews were conducted with Travellers living on three unauthorised sites on land adjacent to New Years Farm, New Years Green Lane in Harefield, land at Willow Farm, Jackets Lane in Harefield and land adjacent to Widewater Lock, Moorhall Road, Harefield.

3.7 Attempts were made to contact Travelling Showpeople living on a privately owned yard in Manor Avenue, Harlington through the London office of the Showman's Guild, as well as through other contacts. This included a visit to the site by Council officials; however there was no one on the site to speak to.

3.8 The results of the surveys and wider discussions with travellers and Council officers are outlined in Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 of this report.

## **4. Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Population**

### **Types of Site Provision**

4.1 The main consideration of this study is the provision of pitches and sites for Gypsies and Travellers and plots and yards for Showpeople. A pitch or plot is an area which is large enough for one household to occupy and can vary in size. A site or yard is a collection of pitches or plots which form a development exclusively for Gypsies & Travellers or Showpeople.

### **Publicly owned sites**

4.2 The public and private provision of mainstream housing is also largely mirrored when considering Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. One common form of a Gypsy and Traveller site is the publicly-provided residential site, which is owned by the local authority, or by a registered provider (usually a housing association or other charity). Places on public sites can be obtained through various means such as applying to the local authority via their lettings department. The costs of running the sites are met from the rent paid by the licensees. Therefore, public sites are a direct equivalent of social housing among bricks and mortar tenants.

### **Privately owned sites**

4.3 The alternative to public residential sites is private residential sites for Gypsies & Travellers and Showpeople. These result from individuals or families buying areas of land and then obtaining planning permission to live on them. Households can also rent pitches on existing private sites. Therefore, these two forms of accommodation are the equivalent to private ownership and renting for those who live in bricks and mortar housing.

### **Transit Sites**

4.4 The Gypsy & Traveller and Showpeople population also has other forms of sites due to its mobile nature. Transit sites tend to contain many of the same facilities as a residential site, except that there is a maximum period of residence which can vary from a few weeks to a period of months. An alternative is an emergency stopping place. This type of site also has restrictions on the length of time for which someone can stay on it, but has much more limited facilities. Both of these two types of site are designed to accommodate Gypsies & Travellers and Showpeople whilst they travel.

### **Unauthorised Encampments**

4.5 Further considerations of the Gypsy & Traveller and Showpeople population are unauthorised developments and encampments. Unauthorised developments occur on land which is owned by the Gypsies & Travellers and Showpeople, but for which they do not have planning permission to use for

residential purposes. Unauthorised encampments occur on land which is not owned by the Gypsies & Travellers and Showpeople.

### **Gypsy and Traveller Population in Hillingdon**

4.6 Hillingdon contains one publicly owned Gypsy and Traveller site at Colne Park, West Drayton. The site is 1.3 hectares in size and has been established since 1973. It originally provided 30 pitches but the number was reduced to 21 pitches some years ago to improve the quality of life and management of the site. There is a dedicated site manager, who looks after the day to day running of the site.

4.7 The number of Gypsies and Travellers in bricks and mortar accommodation is currently unknown, however 2011 Census data identifies 344 Gypsy or Irish Travellers in the borough. The Council owned site at Colne Park currently accommodates 101 people, according to the site census from 2013. The number of people living on unauthorised sites is estimated at 18, according to surveys and research. There are a few Travellers living on a couple of 'tolerated' sites, however a visit to these sites was unable to ascertain exact numbers. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the majority of travellers in the borough live in bricks and mortar accommodation.

4.8 Pitches at Colne Park are allocated through Locata Housing Services (LHS) Ltd. This is a central lettings agency set up by West London local authorities and housing associations manage the letting of available vacancies. Properties are allocated on the basis of housing need, which is determined by an assessment of the housing circumstances of particular applicants. A priority 'band' is allocated to applicants according to the urgency of the housing need. There are three priority bands as follows:

- Band A - This is the highest priority band and is only awarded to households with an emergency and very severe housing need
- Band B - This is the second highest band and is awarded to households with an urgent need to move
- Band C - This is the third band, and the lowest band awarded to households with an identified housing need.

4.9 If, following an assessment, it is determined that an applicant has no housing need, then they cannot join the housing register. They will be given advice and assistance on other housing options, for example, renting from a private landlord or applying to an intermediate rent or low cost home ownership scheme.

4.10 The use of the Locata system means that there is no longer a waiting list for the Colne Park site specifically. Any pitches that become available are advertised on Locata and are offered to people who have registered and indicated that they would like to move onto a pitch on the Colne Park site.

4.11 In addition to the Council-owned site there are a small number of authorised private pitches in Hillingdon and three unauthorised sites in the Green Belt. There are a further two sites on land behind Widewater Lock which are 'tolerated' sites; the occupants have lived there for many years and are considered 'caretakers' for the sand and gravel pits.

### **Travelling Showpeople**

4.12 The borough has one privately owned yard for Travelling Showpeople, located in Manor Lane, Harlington.

4.13 There is very little data available for Travelling Showpeople in the borough. The London Boroughs' GTANA 2008 estimated that there were 18 families living in Hillingdon.

### **Pitches in Adjacent Authorities**

4.14 Looking further afield, Table 4.1 shows populations of Gypsy and Traveller groups in local authority areas that border Hillingdon. Commentary on each of these areas is outlined below:

**Table 4.1: Travellers in neighbouring Authorities**

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Total number of Travellers</b>	<b>%age of the population</b>	<b>Authorised Pitches</b>	<b>Number of authorised sites</b>
Hillingdon	344	0.1	22	1
Ealing	300	0.1	24	1
Harrow	181	0.1	0	0
Hounslow	183	0.1	20	1
South Bucks	256	0.4	87	11
Spelthorne	192	0.2	38	5
Three Rivers	79	0.1	TBC	2

Source: Census 2011, ONS.gov.uk

### **London Borough of Ealing**

4.15 Traveller groups have frequented Ealing for many years. Department of Environment 'caravan counts' consistently record Ealing as having one of the largest Traveller populations in the Greater London area. These figures do not include the large and unrecognised 'hidden' Traveller communities who, due to a deficit in caravan site provision and rapid evictions from roadside encampments, live in other forms of accommodation.

4.16 The total Traveller population in Ealing is affected by mobility, but estimates put the total in excess of 2,000 individuals at certain times of the year. Currently, the variety of Traveller groups resorting to, or residing in, the borough is largely from the following traditional communities:

- Travellers of Irish heritage
- East European Roma
- English, European and international circus and fairground Travellers

4.17 Irish Traveller communities are the largest of the Traveller groups in the Ealing area. Parish registers show that Travellers of Irish heritage have had associations with the area for at least two centuries. The A40 trunk road has long been used by Gypsy Traveller groups travelling from southern Ireland to London. The junction of the A40 and Horn Lane in North Acton is known as 'Gypsy Corner' in recognition of its former use as a stopping place for Irish Traveller groups passing in and out of London.

4.18 The Official Ealing Caravan Site, with pitches for 24 families, is situated behind North Acton station about 1 mile from the area known as 'Gypsy Corner', and the houses along the A40 near Horn Lane still accommodate Irish Traveller families

### **London Borough of Harrow**

4.19 Harrow's Gypsy and Traveller population has been fairly consistent over the past five to ten years. The current Traveller population in Harrow are mainly of Irish Traveller heritage.

4.20 In 1974, the Harrow site at Watling Farm was made an official site for travellers. There were 15 pitches accommodating a potential of 15 families. At that time, there were about 40 families living as part of the settled community in houses and flats in Harrow. This number has not changed.

4.21 Watling Farm site was closed down in 1999 and the travellers who lived there were rehoused across the borough, with the majority rehoused in the Edgware area. Initially this resulted in some minor issues but these were resolved through proactive engagement by the Council involving internal departments such as social services and housing as well as external agencies including the Metropolitan Police and the local Safer Neighbourhood team, providing targeted support and intervention,

4.22 The Harrow Core Strategy (2012) identifies a requirement for an additional three pitches within the borough over the plan period. Harrow's Housing Strategy addresses the need for additional support for Traveller families housed in bricks and mortar accommodation.

4.23 There have been no unauthorised encampments over the past five years.

## **London Borough of Hounslow**

4.24 Hounslow has a different pattern of housing provision for Gypsies and Travellers compared with other West London authorities. There are relatively more (123) pitches on authorised sites compared with other boroughs but a smaller number (50) in settled housing – Ealing and Hillingdon, for example have three times this number in settled housing. According to recent GLA figures, 55% of the travelling showmen in London are based in Hounslow mainly occupying private pitches.

4.25 Hounslow currently has one existing authorised site for Gypsies and Travellers and this is Hartlands Travellers' Site which has 20 pitches and is managed by Hounslow Homes. Hounslow also has 103 Travelling Showpeople families which accounts for 55% of Travelling Showpeople in London. Currently there are no unauthorised encampments.

## **Hertfordshire County Council**

4.26 Hertfordshire has one of the highest Gypsy and Traveller populations in England with an estimated 360 families in the county each year. There are currently 41 sites, 11 of which are owned and managed by the county council, and 22 privately-owned sites. The county council owned sites comprise 10 permanent and one transit site and house around 200 families.

4.27 Over the past five years there have been 82 unauthorised encampments, which is the highest number out of all the authorities contacted for this report.

4.28 Easy access to motorways is one of the reasons Travellers like to live in the area and there are traditional travelling routes through the county. Recently the county has seen an increase in the number of Gypsies and Travellers moving into the area.

4.29 In the past, historical stopping places were used to determine the location of Gypsy and Traveller sites. Currently the districts need to look at sites not too far from services but not too close to the settled community. It is felt that the main difficulty associated with the delivery of Traveller sites is political.

## **Slough Borough Council**

4.30 Slough Borough Council's Core Strategy 2006 – 2026 discourages new sites in urban areas and states that proposal for Gypsy or Traveller sites would be considered to constitute exceptional circumstances that would justify the relaxation of Green Belt policy. Core Strategy Policy 4 – Type of Housing and supporting paragraph states the criteria used by the authority to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites: "Given the dense and compact nature of Slough and the shortage of land for other purposes, it is not considered practical to seek to provide a site within the urban area, as a result, if there is proven need for a site it will have to be provided in Green Belt". This would have to be treated

as a departure from the plan. Any new site would most likely be within the Colnbrook or Poyle area.

4.31 The Site Allocations DPD 2010 recognises the need for additional Traveller and Gypsy sites in Slough, although the numbers are still to be determined through the review of the South East Plan. A specific site in Poyle was identified but was not considered appropriate due to land ownership and flooding issues that need to be resolved. There is no current Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment for Slough. They are currently relying on that used for the Adopted Core Strategy (2006 – 2026) which was taken from the South East Plan. The target for provision is 6 new pitches for 2016.

4.32 Currently there are two travellers' sites in the borough, no transit sites and no plots for Travelling Showpeople. However, over the past five years, there have been 25 unauthorised encampments.

4.33 Issues between the settled and traveller community in the borough include fly tipping, damage and excrement, which cause revulsion in the settled community. No particular issues or problems have been highlighted between different traveller groups in the borough.

4.34 The main reasons why travellers move to the Slough area other than for family or association are economic. Often there is jobbing work with trees and landscaping.

4.35 This year the borough has experienced an increase in Irish Travellers. There are seasonal fluctuations in the number of Gypsies and Travellers, with unauthorised encampments commencing in May and the risk of incursion remaining high until autumn.

### **South Buckinghamshire District Council**

4.36 The District provides the third highest number of permanent authorised pitches (87) in the South East region, and in doing so provides 51% of all the pitches in Buckinghamshire and over 14% of all the pitches in the Thames Valley (Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire). It is considered that there should be a greater regional redistribution of pitches, so that those areas which already make a good level of provision are rewarded for having done so, and accordingly have to make a lesser contribution in the future from what might otherwise have been the case.

4.37 Indeed, the results of the RSS consultation undertaken by the Regional Planning Body in summer 2009 show that 51% of the Gypsy and Traveller population itself preferred the greater regional distribution set out in Option C (which proposed 11 pitches in South Bucks). Only 15% of the Gypsy and Traveller population preferred Option D (which proposed 15 pitches in South Bucks). This is evidenced by the second 'ring' on page 48 of Core Document CD 7/15.

## **Spelthorne Borough Council**

4.38 There are five Travellers' sites located in Spelthorne comprising a total of 23 permanent pitches (10 public, 13 private) and one site comprising 15 transit pitches in private ownership and management. The district also accommodates four yards for Travelling Showpeople comprising ten plots. Pitch and plot numbers have remained static for a number of years and the Council is not aware of any increase in Gypsy or Traveller groups.

4.39 The number of Travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation is unknown at present, although the Borough Council will be undertaking an update of their Gypsies & Travellers Accommodation Assessment in the near future which should more accurately reflect the situation of bricks and mortar accommodation.

4.40 The Epsom Derby is an event traditionally attended by a large number of Travellers. During this time, Spelthorne can see an increase in numbers of Travellers, although this is only for a temporary period.

4.41 Enforcement records show two unauthorised incursions in the last five years. Both were on the same site and were short term. One incursion was earlier this year by Travellers on their way to the Epsom Derby. They remained for two weeks and left on their own accord. In 2013, there was a Travelling Showpeople on the same site, but an injunction on the land to prevent unauthorised encampments meant the site was cleared quickly.

4.42 The last Gypsies and Travellers Accommodation Assessment was undertaken in 2006 and covered North Surrey (Spelthorne, Runnymede, Elmbridge and Woking). It identified a need for 7 additional pitches in Spelthorne for the period 2007 - 2011. This was not included within the adopted Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) and sites were not identified within the adopted Site Allocations DPD

## **Three Rivers District Council**

4.43 The majority of Travellers in Three Rivers are settled, only travelling for a couple of months a year. They mostly live on six sites, all privately owned. There are no publically provided sites. In total Three Rivers has 21 permanent and five temporary pitches, with another previously occupied site still in use following the end of its temporary planning permission. The recent Gypsies & Travellers Needs Survey indicates that very few Travellers live in bricks and mortar accommodation.

4.44 There are two authorised Showpeople yards with a combined capacity of 20 plots. Two other unauthorised, long terms yards exist, indicating that the number of Showpeople is probably much higher than officially recorded.

4.45 Over the past five years, there have been three occurrences of unauthorised encampments in the district. With one transit site located in

Hertsmere, the Needs Survey concluded that there was no identified need for a transit site in Three Rivers.

4.46 According to the Dacorum and Three Rivers Needs Assessment (January 2013), council officers felt that there were routes that would be particularly attractive to Gypsies or Travellers and Showpeople in the area such as the A1, M1, A41 and M25 and that there were no particular reasons for members of the Travelling community to move to the area other than proximity to London, work, family or friends. It was noted that there was an increase in the numbers of Gypsies and Travellers having a more settled existence and travelling less, with a slight trend towards moving into bricks and mortar accommodation. There has also been a steady increase in the number of privately owned sites, more often than not in the Green Belt with Gypsies or Travellers moving onto the land once purchased before seeking planning permission. This has led to enforcement action, often protracted.

#### **Particular difficulties associated with the delivery of Traveller sites**

4.47 There are often specific difficulties associated with the delivery of Traveller sites. Answers given to this question by neighbouring authorities include:

- Finding suitable sites due to land ownership
- Competing demands for sites for employment uses, additional school provision, community/faith facilities, sports and recreation facilities
- Competing needs for available and deliverable sites for market and affordable housing that attract significantly higher land values
- Sites that are available tend to be in Green Belt, Metropolitan Open Land, sites which are subject to flood risk, land locked sites and generally ones that are poorly located
- Expectations that the authority has or will find suitable sites and make these available
- Local opposition from existing residents
- Sometimes Gypsy and Traveller families refuse to locate on the same site.

## **5. Key Findings**

5.1 Summary tables detailing findings from all surveys and interviews with travellers can be found at Appendix 4.

### **Survey of Colne Park residents**

5.2 Highlights of the survey of those living at Colne Park revealed the following:

- The majority of the residents identified themselves as Irish Travellers
- All saw Colne Park as their permanent home and the majority of them (12) had been there for ten years or more. Not one of the respondents wished to move from Colne Park.
- 13 residents felt their current accommodation did not meet their needs. The overwhelming reason was that their accommodation was too small (13 respondents). Several residents also raised the issue of there being no play area for children. Other issues raised were that the utility block had not been repaired (utility blocks were upgraded in 2010) and the lack of heating and other maintenance issues.
- The number of children under 16 years is 32.
- Very few residents left the site to travel for more than 1 month in the last year. Majority travelled for holiday or family reasons, with a few travelling to visit fairs. Most travelled in spring or summer.
- Only one had lived in or owned bricks and mortar accommodation. Not one of the residents said they would like to live in bricks and mortar accommodation.

### **Survey of Travellers on unauthorised sites**

5.3 There are three known unauthorised caravan sites in Hillingdon. Interviews were carried out with members of all three households, one conducted over the phone as the person was visiting fairs in the North of England. The survey showed that:

- The people on the unauthorised sites were a mix of Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller and Travelling Showpeople
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- There are a total of 18 people living on the three unauthorised sites, half of whom are children. One couple is expecting a baby in January 2015
- One of the families has at least two members with severe health problems and they need to be close to Harefield Hospital to enable proper treatment for their conditions.

- Another family had lived on the property next door but one for forty years before moving to an unauthorised site. They moved due to overcrowding on the original property.

### **Bell Farm Christian Centre Surveys**

5.4 Bell Farm Christian Centre provides a drop-in advice, information and care service for members of the local community who have issues concerning housing and benefits amongst other things. Many of their customers are Gypsies and Travellers. A Traveller Education Liaison worker, funded by the London Borough of Hillingdon, is also based at the Centre.

5.5 The Centre agreed to invite Gypsies and Travellers who visited their drop-in service to fill in a short survey for the accommodation needs assessment. 14 people living in bricks and mortar accommodation completed a short survey, which revealed the following:

- Four respondents said they would prefer to move into Bricks and Mortar accommodation if they were to move within the next 15 years.
- Half the respondents considered their present accommodation to be their permanent base, while the remaining seven did not. However 11 respondents said they would like to move in the next 15 years
- Of the seven respondents who felt their present accommodation was not their permanent base, the majority said they would prefer to live in a caravan or trailer on a council-owned site.
- When asked if their current accommodation met all their needs, five respondents said they were happy with their housing. Of the remainder, the most cited reason for dissatisfaction with their current accommodation was that it was too small and lacking in facilities. A couple of people felt they were too far from other family members and services.

### **Turnover of pitches at Colne Park**

5.6 In the past five years, five pitches have become vacant at Colne Park. More recently one pitch has become vacant and it is possible that another two pitches might become vacant in the near future, according to the site manager. The pitches will be advertised in LOCATA as they become available and will be given to those who have registered with the highest assessed need.

### **Assessment of planning applications**

5.7 All three of the unauthorised pitches referred to in paragraph 4.11 have been subject to planning applications which have been refused on Green Belt grounds. The Council has not received any further applications for additional pitch provision in the last 5 years.

## **6. Future Site Provision and Recommendations**

### **Additional Site/Pitch Provision**

6.1 Hillingdon is required to set pitch targets for Gypsies and Travellers and plot targets for Travelling Showpeople which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in the area<sup>1</sup>. In developing their Local Plan, local planning authorities are required to identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites to provide five years' worth of sites against locally set targets, according to Planning Policy for Travellers 2012. They are also required to identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth for years six to ten and where possible, for years 11 – 15<sup>2</sup>.

6.2 This report assesses the current accommodation needs of the Hillingdon Gypsy and Traveller community and uses the information to set pitch and plot targets. The calculation of future site provision has used various inputs, such as from the surveys conducted, census information and information from the Local Plan Part 1.

### **Calculating Additional Site/Pitch Provision**

6.3 Additional pitch provision has been calculated using information from a variety of sources, including surveys and interviews (see previous chapter), the bi-annual caravan count conducted by the Department for Communities and Local Government<sup>3</sup> and the Colne Park Census 2013. Information from Gypsies and Travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation was not included due to the difficulty in identifying and accessing this group.

6.4 Calculations were also made using different population increases to produce a range of pitch requirements. Using a spread of estimated population increases of 10%, 20% and 25%, a range of pitch targets was arrived at showing that the target number for new pitches should be between 1.86 and 4.7.

6.5 Appendix 5 gives details of how additional pitch requirements were calculated.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

6.6 From the calculations, it can be seen that using the estimated population increase from the Local Plan Part 1 of 14% an additional 2.6 pitches will be required over the next 5 years to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller community.

6.7 It is suggested that a figure towards the higher end of the range be used, indicating that four additional pitches should be provided to ensure that there are

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<sup>1</sup> Planning Policy for Traveller Sites 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> DCLG

enough pitches to meet any growth requirements of the Gypsy and Traveller population in Hillingdon.

6.8 The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to identify a supply of specific deliverable sites for housing for five years. To be considered deliverable, a site "should be available now, offer a suitable location for development now and be achievable with a realistic prospect that housing will be delivered on the site within five years and in particular that development of the site is viable."<sup>4</sup>

6.8 At present the most suitable site for the additional four pitches would be within the Council-owned site at Colne Park (see Appendix 3). The boundary of the site includes a piece of land at the entrance to the site that could readily accommodate four new pitches. The land is currently overgrown and unused. Siting new pitches on this land would also help improve the larger site.

6.9 Other reasons for choosing Colne Park as a site for the additional pitches are that it is an established site, is owned by the Council, has most of the necessary infrastructure in place and is therefore deliverable. The Colne Park site continues to be included in the Local Plan Site Allocations.

6.10 At this stage, no recommendations can be made for any additional plots for Travelling Showpeople.

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<sup>4</sup> National Planning Policy Framework 2012, footnote 11.

## **APPENDIX 1      QUESTIONS FOR ADJOINING AUTHORITY OFFICERS**

1.      London Borough of Ealing
2.      London Borough of Harrow
3.      London Borough of Hounslow
4.      Hertfordshire County Council
5.      Slough Borough Council
6.      South Buckinghamshire District Council
7.      Spelthorne Borough Council
8.      Three Rivers District Council



## 1. LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**  
None for any length of time, recently some stop offs for a couple of nights on TFL land.
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**  
1 Council owned site no others
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**  
None
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**  
None

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**  
No, the site is relatively isolated on an industrial estate. There are few problems which are dealt with through the site managers who have good relations with surrounding neighbours.
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**  
No
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
Not specifically, but there are some.

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
No, the waiting list for the site is small and there is sufficient churn to keep waiting times down to a reasonable level.
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**  
No
- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**

No, although education report a number of Roma families with children in school

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

Not significantly other than the short encampments noted above – these are a new phenomenon

### **Sites**

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Yes incorporated into the SHMA

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

We have no identified locations

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

No comment

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

A40

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

No

## 2. LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**  
None
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**  
1
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**  
None
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**  
None

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**  
There is a concentration of traveller families being housed by the Council in Edgware, which initially resulted in some minor issues but these were resolved through proactive engagement by the Council involving internal departments such as social services and housing as well as external agencies including the Met Police and local Safer Neighbourhood team, providing targeted support and intervention. Council's Housing Strategy addresses the need for additional support for those traveller families housed in bricks and mortar accommodation.
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**  
No
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
39 families

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
No
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**  
No

- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**

No – it has been fairly consistent over the past 5 - 10 years – approximately 40 families

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

No

### Sites

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Yes there was a G&TANA undertaken in 2008. The Harrow Core Strategy (2012) identifies a requirement for three additional pitches within the borough over the plan period.

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

- suitable & safe access;
- the ability to service the site (water, power, drainage, waste, sewerage);
- the impact on the local environment, including highways, character, visual or designations (conservation, MOL, sites of nature conservation importance);
- the need to avoid flood risk areas; and
- the proximity to shops, services and community facilities, such as schools.

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

The key difficulty is finding a suitable site or sites due to land ownership, the need to retain sites for employment uses, and competing needs for available and deliverable sites, including for market and affordable housing that attract significantly higher land values, or for provision of essential services such as additional school provision, community/faith facilities and sports and recreation facilities. This tends to leave only sites not suitable for other uses, primarily because of land use designations (Green Belt, MOL, SINC sites), sites subject to flood risk, land locked sites and generally sites that are poorly located. Other difficulties are an expectation that Council has or will find suitable sites and will make these available and local opposition from existing residents to G&T pitch provision. Lastly, there can also arise the situation where certain G&T families refuse to locate on the same site.

### Cross boundary issues

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

Not really

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Not really

### 3. LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW

#### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**  
82
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**  
11 County Council. 22 Private
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**  
Not Known by HCC
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**  
15

#### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**  
No
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**  
Yes
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
Only the ones that are on the waiting list for a site.

#### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
Most like to be near Motorways
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**  
Yes
- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**  
Yes
- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

Not really, some go away travelling in the summer but don't give up the pitch.

### **Sites**

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

As a County Council there is no obligation on us to do a needs assessment but we do assist Districts with Data that we hold.

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

In the past historical stopping places. Now Districts need to look at sites not too far from services but not too close to the settled community.

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

Politics

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

Yes

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Yes. It would be in everyone's interest to all work together. Gypsies and travellers have no interest in boundaries and with each District and Borough doing separate needs assessments it's inevitable that double counting will take place.

## 4. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**  
82
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**  
11 County Council. 22 Private
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**  
Not Known by HCC
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**  
15

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**  
No
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**  
Yes
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
Only the ones that are on the waiting list for a site.

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
Most like to be near Motorways
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**  
Yes
- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**  
Yes
- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

Not really, some go away travelling in the summer but don't give up the pitch.

### **Sites**

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

As a County Council there is no obligation on us to do a needs assessment but we do assist Districts with Data that we hold.

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

In the past historical stopping places. Now Districts need to look at sites not too far from services but not too close to the settled community.

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

Politics

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

Yes

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Yes. It would be in everyone's interest to all work together. Gypsies and travellers have no interest in boundaries and with each District and Borough doing separate needs assessments it's inevitable that double counting will take place.

## 5. SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**  
25
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**  
2
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**  
0
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**  
0

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**  
Fly tipping, damage & excrement is a cause of revulsion amongst the settled community.
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**  
No
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
No

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
Economic reasons. Jobbing work such as trees and landscaping
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**  
No
- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**  
This year we have experienced more Irish travellers

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**
- Unauthorised encampments commence in May and the risk of incursion is high until Autumn.

### Sites

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Currently relying on that used for the Adopted Core Strategy, taken from the South East Plan, target for provision of 6 new pitches for 2016

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

Core Strategy Core Policy 4 – and supporting paragraph, ‘Given the dense and compact nature of Slough and the shortage of land for other purposes it is not considered appropriate or practical to seek to provide a site within the urban area, as a result, if there is a proven need for a site it will have to be provided in the Green Belt’.

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

As stated in the Core Strategy, the provision of suitable land, as there are competing demands for land for housing and other development.

### Cross boundary issues

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

Not that I am aware of.

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Yes. Some may use County Court route while others can use Magistrates or common law trespass as a solution.

## 6. SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the district over the last 5 years?**  
Roughly somewhere between 6 and 10.
- **How many traveller sites do you have in the district (public and privately owned)?**  
11 authorised sites (3 public, 7 private, 1 private temporary) & currently 5 unauthorised sites.
- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the district?**  
None
- **How many transit pitches do you have in the district?**  
None

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the district?**  
No
- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the district?**  
No
- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**  
Our emerging GTAA identifies 15 traveller households in bricks and mortar in Buckinghamshire, although in reality it is likely there is more than this. Our ability to locate such households was limited to information held by RSL's and anecdotal information picked up in our household surveys.  
*Please note: the Bucks GTAA is still to be finalised and yet to be published.*

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**  
Employment opportunities
- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the district?**  
Yes
- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**

General impression is an increase in amount of Irish travellers.

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

Overall impression is that there tend to be a greater number in summer months.

### **Sites**

- **Does the district have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Bucks GTAA currently being finalised, likely to be published summer 2013.

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

Criteria currently set out in adopted Core Strategy Policy CP10

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

No personal experience of site delivery, but it is anticipated that issues such as availability of land and Green Belt constraints will be key difficulties in SB in the future.

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the district?**

No particular routes have been identified in emerging Bucks GTAA.

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different districts deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Noted that some Districts provide more transit sites than others.

## 7. SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the borough over the last 5 years?**

From enforcement records there appears to have been 2 unauthorised incursions in the last five years. Both were on the same site and only involved short term incursions as follows: -

1) Temporary incursion by Travellers in the last couple of weeks as they were on their way to Epsom Derby. Only on site 2 weeks and have now left of their own accord.

2) Travelling Showpeople encampment on the same site in 2013 but there is an injunction on the land to prevent unauthorised encampments so site was cleared quickly.

- **How many traveller sites do you have in the borough (public and privately owned)?**

5 sites comprising a total of 23 permanent (10 public and 13 private) and 1 site comprising 15 transit pitches (in private ownership & management).

- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the borough?**

4 sites comprising 10 plots

- **How many transit pitches do you have in the borough?**

See above

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the borough?**

Not aware of any issues in Spelthorne.

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the borough?**

Not aware of any issues in Spelthorne.

- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**

No definitive knowledge at present. Borough Council will be undertaking an updated GTAA in the near future and this should more accurately reflect the situation of bricks and mortar accommodation.

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**

Not that we are aware of

- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the borough?**

No. Pitch numbers in the Borough have remained static for a number of years

- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**

Not that we are aware of

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

As stated above, Spelthorne can see an increase in numbers due to Travellers attending Epsom Derby, but this is only for a temporary period.

### Sites

- **Does the borough have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Last GTAA was undertaken in 2006 by Anglia-Ruskin University and covered north Surrey (Spelthorne, Runnymede, Elmbridge & Woking). Study found a need for 7 additional pitches in Spelthorne 2007-2011 (out of a total for the study area of 49) however this was not included within the adopted Core Strategy & Policies DPD and neither were sites identified within the adopted Site Allocations DPD. The unfinished partial review of the South East Plan found a need in the north Surrey GTAA area for 197 pitches for Travellers and 9 additional pitches in Spelthorne for Travelling Showpeople.

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

Policy HO6 of the Core Strategy & Policies DPD adopted in 2009 contains

criteria for the consideration of Gypsy & Traveller sites and Policy HO7 does the same for Travelling Showpeople.

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

Availability for sites for Gypsy & Traveller accommodation in the face of competing and more profitable uses.

All areas outside of the identified settlements in Spelthorne are Green Belt and 17% of the Borough is at risk from flooding (Flood Zone 3).

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the borough?**

There may be routes that Travellers use when travelling to the Epsom Derby and beyond that pass through Spelthorne but otherwise this is unknown.

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different boroughs deal with accommodation for travellers?**

No. However, different areas may use different methodologies when undertaking GTAA studies. Surrey now has an agreed methodology that all Borough's and Districts across Surrey will use to calculate requirements, thereby giving a consistent approach across the County. The joint methodology was formed in the wake of criticisms arising from the unfinished Partial Review of the South East Plan (SEP).

## 8. THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Sites and Encampments

- **How many unauthorised encampments have there been in the district over the last 5 years?**

2

- **How many traveller sites do you have in the district (public and privately owned)?**

6 (all private)

- **How many sites for showmen do you have in the district?**

4 (2 with permission other two longstanding sites)

- **How many transit pitches do you have in the district?**

0

### Community Relations

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between the settled and traveller community in the district?**

No

- **Are you aware of particular issues or problems that exist between different traveller groups in the district?**

No

- **Do you have particular knowledge of the number of travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation?**

The Needs Survey indicates very few families.

### Trends

- **Are there particular reasons why travellers should move to this area, other than family or association?**

No the evidence seems to show it's the family connections.

- **Has there been an increase in the number of privately owned sites in the district?**

There are only 6 privately owned sites in Three Rivers.

- **Has there been an increase in particular gypsy and traveller groups?**

No

- **Are there seasonal fluctuations in the number of gypsies and travellers?**

The majority of the travellers in Three Rivers are settled only travelling for a couple of months a year. There are no indications that the population increases within Three Rivers.

### **Sites**

- **Does the district have a current gypsy and traveller needs assessment and a target for pitch provision?**

Yes. It's available on the Council's web site

- **What criteria does the authority use to determine the location of gypsy and traveller sites?**

Same as housing sites and set out in the Core Strategy

- **What are the particular difficulties associated with the delivery of traveller sites?**

Deliverability, location, lack of suitable sites.

### **Cross boundary issues**

- **Are there traditional travelling routes through the district?**

No.

- **Are you aware of differences in the way that different districts deal with accommodation for travellers?**

Yes

## **APPENDIX 2    EXAMPLES OF SURVEYS**

- 1.    Colne Park and unauthorised sites survey**
- 2.    Bell Farm survey**



## 1. Colne Park and unauthorised sites survey

### London Borough of Hillingdon Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Survey 2013

*The format and content of this questionnaire was developed by Opinion Research Services (ORS) on behalf of the London Borough of Redbridge. The Council would like to thank ORS and the London Borough of Redbridge for the use of the questionnaire and allowing the necessary changes to assess gypsy and traveller needs in Hillingdon*

*INTERVIEWER READ OUT: Good Morning/afternoon/evening. My name is ( ) from the London Borough of Hillingdon. The council is undertaking a study of Gypsy & Traveller accommodation needs in this area. We would like you to take part because it is important that we interview a wide cross-section of people. Your family will not be identified and all the information collected will be anonymous and only used to help understand the needs of Gypsy and Traveller households. You do not have to answer all the questions but the more information you can provide the better the survey will be. The survey will take around 20-25 minutes to complete.*

<b>Name of Site and address</b>	
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A	General Trends
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<b>A1b</b>	<p><i>INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS IT'S NOT THEIR PERMANENT BASE.</i></p> <p><b>Where do you consider your permanent base to be?</b></p> <p><i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and write in below giving as much detail as possible or at least name of town/village</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; width: 100%;"></div>																														
<b>A2</b>	<p><b>What attracts you to live in this area?</b></p> <p><i>INTERVIEWER: Please read out options and code all that apply.</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 45%;">Quality of life</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 45%;">Always lived in the area</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>It is on/near traditional travelling routes</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Local schools</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Local health facilities</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>To be near family</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Nowhere else to go</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>There is work in this area</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other: please write in below</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 30%; margin-left: 45%;"></div>	Quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	Always lived in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	It is on/near traditional travelling routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local schools	<input type="checkbox"/>			Local health facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be near family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nowhere else to go	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is work in this area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: please write in below	<input type="checkbox"/>										
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To be near family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nowhere else to go	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
There is work in this area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: please write in below	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
<b>B</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your accommodation</b></p> <p><i>INTERVIEWER READ OUT: I would now like to ask you some more detailed questions about you and your family's needs and hopes</i></p>																														
<b>B1</b>	<p><b>Including this accommodation, how many of each type of accommodation do you have on this pitch?</b></p> <p><i>INTERVIEWER: Please cross <b>one</b> box in each row.</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 45%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">None</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">One</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Two</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Three or more</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Trailer</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mobile Home</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chalet</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tourer</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other type of home</td> <td colspan="4" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		None	One	Two	Three or more	Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other type of home				
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Tourer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																											
Other type of home																															

	(Please write in)	
<b>B2</b>	<b>How long have you and your family lived on this site</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please cross <b>one</b> box only</i>	
	Less than one month	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years <input type="checkbox"/>
	1 month-1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/>
		10 years + <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B3</b>	<b>Does your current accommodation and site meet <u>all</u> of your needs in terms of accommodation quality and space; and site facilities, location and management?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: READ OUT OPTIONS. Please cross <b>one</b> box only</i>	
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to B5
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask (b)
<b>B4a</b>	<b>Why does this accommodation not meet your needs?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and code all that apply</i>	
	Too small	<input type="checkbox"/> No play area for children <input type="checkbox"/>
	Too large	<input type="checkbox"/> Site management <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lacking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far from other family members <input type="checkbox"/>
	Site too far from services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please write in below <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B4b</b>	<b>Are you on any of the following accommodation waiting lists?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please read out options. Please code all that apply</i>	
	Housing (bricks and mortar)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Council site	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private site	<input type="checkbox"/>
	None	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Please write in below	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>B5a</b>	<p><b>Do any members of your household <u>want</u> to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please cross one <b>box</b> only</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ask (b)</i></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go to B7</i></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go to B7</i></p>
<b>B5b</b>	<p><i>INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES</i></p> <p><b>Which members of the household want to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years and why?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and write in below</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div>
<b>B5c</b>	<p><b>What type of accommodation would they want to move to?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: PLEASE READ OUT and probe for most desired.</i></p> <p>Bricks and mortar accommodation <input type="checkbox"/> Caravan or trailer <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>C</b>	<b>Travelling</b>
<b>C1a</b>	<p><b>In total how much time did you spend travelling in a caravan or trailer away from this site/your permanent base in the last 12 months?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and cross one <b>box</b> only</i></p> <p>Less than 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 months <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months + <input type="checkbox"/></p>



<b>D1b</b>	<p><b>Have you ever lived in bricks and mortar accommodation?</b>  <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and cross <b>one</b> box only</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Ask (c)</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Section E</p>
<b>D1c</b>	<p><b>Why did you leave?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and write in below</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>
<b>E</b>	<b>The Future</b>
<b>E1a</b>	<p><b>Do you want or need to move to a new permanent base, either now or in the next 15 years?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and cross <b>one</b> box only</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Ask (b)</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> Go to section F</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Section F</p>
<b>E1b</b>	<p><b>What are your main reasons for wanting or needing a new permanent base?</b> <i>INTERVIEWER: Please probe and write in below</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
<b>E1c</b>	<p><b>If you move to a new permanent base, which of the following types of accommodation would you most like to move to?</b>  <i>INTERVIEWER: Please READ OUT and probe for most desired. Cross <b>one</b> box only.</i></p> <p><b>Bricks and mortar accommodation that is</b></p> <p>Bricks and mortar accommodation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Caravan or trailer (Council owned site) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Caravan or trailer (privately owned site) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Caravan or trailer (private site owned by you) <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Other Please write in below <input type="checkbox"/>

**F Family Profiles**

**F1a** To which of these groups do you consider (i) you and (ii) other members of your family belong? Choose as many or as few as apply.  
*INTERVIEWER: PLEASE READ OUT and code one for (i) and all that apply for (ii)*

	(i) you	(ii) Other family members
Romany gypsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scots Gypsy or Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other <i>Please write in below</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F1b** For each person in your household, including yourself, please provide their age, gender and relationship to you.  
*INTERVIEWER: Please write gender as 'M' or 'F', the age in years. Do not include those who only live in the household for some of the time/part of the year. E.g. a 7 year old daughter*  
*Would be*

	Person 1 – respondent	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
F   7	You			
Daughter				
	Person 5	Person 6	Person 7	Person 8

<b>F2a</b>	<p><b>Are you aware of anyone in the Gypsy and Traveller community living in bricks and mortar housing in Hillingdon who may wish to take part in this survey?</b></p> <p><i>INTERVIEWER Please cross <b>one</b> box only</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please provide contact details below</i></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go to end</i></p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Telephone number</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTERVIEWER READ OUT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME</b></p>

	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you for your time and help completing this questionnaire</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interviewer Declaration</u></b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Interviewer's signature</p>   <p>Interviewer's NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS)</p>   <p>Date and time of interview (DD/MM/YYYY)</p>   <p>Duration of interview</p> </div>
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## **2. Bell Farm survey**

**London Borough of Hillingdon  
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation  
Needs Survey 2013-14**

*The council is undertaking a study of Gypsy & Traveller accommodation needs in the London Borough of Hillingdon. This survey will help us to build a picture of how travellers live, and plan to live in the future, in the borough and help us understand what the council might need to do to support travellers living in the borough. We would like you to take part because it is important that we interview a wide cross-section of people. Your family will not be identified and all the information collected will be anonymous.*

**Q1a: What type of accommodation do you live in?**

- Housing (bricks and mortar)
- Council site
- Private site
- None
- Other (*please specify*)

**Q1b: Do you consider this accommodation to be your permanent base?**

- Yes
- No

**Q1c: If no, where do you consider your permanent base to be?**

**Q2a: Do you want or need to move to a new permanent base, either now or in the next 15 years?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Q2b: If you move to a new permanent base, which of the following types of accommodation would you most like to move to?**

- Bricks and mortar accommodation
- Caravan or trailer (Council owned site)
- Caravan or trailer (privately owned site)
- Caravan or trailer (private site owned by you)
- Other (*please specify*)

**Q3a: Do any members of your household want to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Q3b: What type of accommodation would they want to move to?**

- Bricks and mortar accommodation  Caravan or trailer

**Q4a: Does your current accommodation meet all of your needs in terms of accommodation quality and space, facilities, location and management?**

- Yes
- No

**Q4b: Why does this accommodation not meet your needs?**

- Too small  No play area for children
- Too large  Site management
- Lacking facilities  Too far from other family members
- Site too far from services  Other (*Please specify*)

**Q5: In total how much time did you spend travelling in a caravan or trailer away from this site/your permanent base in the last 12 months?**

- Less than 1 month  1-3 months  3-6 months  6 months +

**Q6: Is there anything else you think we should know or you would like to say?**

### APPENDIX 3 SITE PLAN OF COLNE PARK





## **APPENDIX 4      SUMMARIES OF SURVEYS**

- 1. Colne Park survey**
- 2. Unauthorised sites survey**
- 3. Bell Farm survey**



# 1. COLNE PARK SURVEY

1. COLNE PARK	PLOT NUMBER																				TOTALS
	1	2	3	4	5	6*	7*	8 &9	10	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30	31#		
	* were interviewed as one pitch										# double plot										
<b>GENERAL TRENDS</b>																					
<b>Do you consider this site to be your permanent base?</b>																					
Yes	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
No																					
<b>What attracts you to live in this area?</b>																					
Quality of life																					
It is on/near traditional travelling routes																					
To be near family	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1				1	15
There is work in this area														1							1
Always lived in the area						1		1	1	1			1					1	1		7
Local schools	1	1						1					1				1			1	6
Local health facilities	1																				1
Nowhere else to go					1																1
Other																					
<b>YOUR ACCOMMODATION</b>																					

<b>Including this accommodation, how many of each type of accommodation do you have on this pitch?</b>																					
Trailer			1		1															2	
Mobile Home			1																	1	
Chalet		1		1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1		1	15	
Tourer	2	2						4	1	2			2	1	1	2	2		1	2	22
Other type of home:																					
<b>Total</b>																					40
<b>How long have you and your family lived on ths site?</b>																					
Less than one month																					
1 month - 1 year																					
1 - 5 years			1		1							1						1			4
5 - 10 years				1										1							2
10 years +	1	1				1		1	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	1		12
<b>Does your current accommodation and site meet all your needs in terms of accommodation, quality and space; and site facilities, location and management?</b>																					
Yes				1					1	1								1		1	5
No	1	1	1		1	1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1		1			13
<b>Why does this accommodation not meet your needs?</b>																					
Too small	1	1	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	1	1	1		1			13
Too large																					





For work																				
Family reasons	1	1	1		1			1	1		1			1		1			1	10
For a holiday	1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1	1		1			1	13
Fairs		1		1								1	1							4
<b>Other:</b>																				
Culture									1											1
<b>Have you ever used a transit site?</b>																				
Yes														1						1
No	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	15
<b>What (if any) problems have you experienced?</b>																				
<b>BRICKS AND MORTAR</b>																				
<b>Do you own or rent bricks and mortar accommodation?</b>																				
Yes																				
No	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
<b>Have you ever lived in bricks and mortar accommodation?</b>																				
Yes					1															1
No	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
<b>Why did you leave?</b>																				
Plot on Colne Park became available					1															1

<b>THE FUTURE</b>																				
<b>Do you want or need to move to a permanent base, either now or in the next 15 years?</b>																				
Yes				1		1			1						1					4
No	1	1	1		1				1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	14
Don't know																				
<b>What are your main reasons for wanting or needing a new permanent base?</b>																				
To be near my family who live on site				1																1
If there was a place with new facilities we would like to move						1														1
Site is (too) crowded with family members								1												1
I'm in arrears and not able to pay off the amount owed														1						1
<b>If you move to a new permanent base, which of the following types of accommodation would you most like to move to?</b>																				
Bricks and mortar accommodation																				
Caravan or trailer (Council owned site)	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1				1	14
Caravan or trailer (privately owned site)	1										1									2
Caravan or trailer (private site owned by you)	1	1		1					1				1	1	1				1	8
Other																				
<b>FAMILY PROFILES</b>																				

<b>To which of these groups do you consider you belong? Choose as many or few as apply</b>																				
Romany gypsy																				
Irish Traveller	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	15	
Scots Gypsy or Traveller																				
Showperson																				
New Traveller																				
English Traveller																1	1		2	
<b>To which of these groups do you consider other members of your family belong? Choose as many or few as apply</b>																				
Romany gypsy																				
Irish Traveller	1	1	1		1	1		1		1	1				1			1	11	
Scots Gypsy or Traveller																				
Showperson																				
New Traveller																				
English Traveller																1	1		2	
<b>What is the age and gender of each person in your household? (Some of this data was taken from the Colne Park Census 2013)</b>																				
Males under 16	1	3		1	2	1						1	2	1	2	2			1	17
Females under 16		1	1	3						1	1		2	2	1	1			2	15
Males over 16	1	1		1		1	5	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1				20
Females over 16	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	32
Total number on plot/pitch	3	6	2	6	3	6	7	5	2	5	3	4	6	5	5	7	2	1	6	84

<b>Are you aware of anyone in the Gypsy and Traveller community living in bricks and mortar who may wish to take part in this survey?</b>																					
Yes																					
No	1	1		1				1		1			1	1	1		1		1	1	11

## 2. UNAUTHORISED SITES SURVEYS

				TOTALS	COMMENTS
	Adj to New Years Farm, New Years Green Lane, Harefield	Barn Farm, adj to Widewater Lock, Moorhall Road, Harefield	Land at Willow Farm, Jackets Lane, Harefield		Two of the interviews were conducted over the telephone
<b>Adults interviews</b>					
F					
M					
<b>GENERAL TRENDS</b>					
<b>Do you consider this site to be your permanent base?</b>					
Yes	1	1	1	3	
No					
<b>What attracts you to live in this area?</b>					
Quality of life	1			1	
It is on/near traditional travelling routes	1			1	
To be near family	1	1		2	
There is work in this area	1			1	

Always lived in the area	1			1	
Local schools	1			1	
Local health facilities	1			1	
Nowhere else to go	1			1	
<b>Other:</b>					
Tried to get a pitch at Colne Park 10 years ago, was messed around, not wanted there as not Irish, not a good place for kids	1			1	
Outdoor life, can keep animals, good for kids - keeps them out of trouble and away from drugs			1	1	
<b>YOUR ACCOMMODATION</b>					
<b>Including this accommodation, how many of each type of accommodation do you have on this pitch?</b>					
Trailer		1	3	4	
Mobile Home					
Chalet	1		1	2	
Tourer	1			1	
Other type of home:					
<b>Total</b>				<b>7</b>	
<b>How long have you and your family lived on ths site?</b>					
Less than one month					
1 month - 1 year		1		1	
1 - 5 years	1			1	
5 - 10 years					
10 years +			1	1	

<b>Does your current accommodation and site meet all your needs in terms of accommodation, quality and space; and site facilities, location and management?</b>					
Yes	1	1	1	3	
No					
<b>Why does this accommodation not meet your needs?</b>					
Too small					
Too large					
Lacking facilities					
Site too far from services					
No play area for children					
Site management					
Too far from other family members					
Other					
<b>Are you on any of the following waiting lists?</b>					
Housing (bricks and mortar)					
Council site					
Private site					
None			1	1	
<b>Other:</b>		1		1	
Tried to get on waiting list for a site, was told there was a 10 year waiting list					
On list for Council site in Watford	1			1	
<b>Do any members of your household want to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years?</b>					
Yes					

No	1	1	1	3	
Don't know					
<b>Which members of the household want to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years and why?</b>					
<b>What type of accommodation would they want to move to?</b>					
Bricks and mortar					
Caravan or trailer		1		1	
<b>TRAVELLING</b>					
<b>In total how much time did you spend travelling in a caravan or trailer away from this site/your permanent base in the last 12 months?</b>					
Less than one month			1	1	None
1 - 3 months					
3 - 6 months		1		1	
6 months +					
<b>What time of year do you typically travel?</b>					
Summer		1		1	
Autumn					
Winter					
Spring					
All year round					
<b>What are you main reasons for travelling?</b>					

For work		1		1	
Family reasons					
For a holiday					
Fairs	1	1		2	
Other					
<b>Have you ever used a transit site?</b>					
Yes	1			1	
No		1		1	
<b>What (if any) problems have you experienced?</b>					
<b>BRICKS AND MORTAR</b>					
<b>Do you own or rent bricks and mortar accommodation?</b>					
Yes					
No	1	1		2	
<b>Have you ever lived in bricks and mortar accommodation?</b>					
Yes					
No	1	1		2	
<b>Why did you leave?</b>					
<b>THE FUTURE</b>					
<b>Do you want or need to move to a permanent base, either now or in the next 15 years?</b>					

Yes					
No	1		1	2	
Don't know					
<b>What are your main reasons for wanting or needing a new permanent base?</b>					
Not helping new people out, English and Irish Travellers do not get on	1			1	
<b>If you move to a new permanent base, which of the following types of accommodation would you most like to move to?</b>					
Bricks and mortar accommodation					
Caravan or trailer (Council owned site)					
Caravan or trailer (privately owned site)					
Caravan or trailer (private site owned by you)					
Other					
<b>FAMILY PROFILES</b>					
<b>To which of these groups do you consider you belong? Choose as many or few as apply</b>					
Romany gypsy		1		1	
Irish Traveller			1	1	
Scots Gypsy or Traveller					
Showperson					
New Traveller					
English Traveller	1			1	

<b>To which of these groups do you consider other members of your family belong? Choose as many or few as apply</b>					
Romany gypsy		1		1	
Irish Traveller			1	1	
Scots Gypsy or Traveller					
Showperson	1			1	
New Traveller					
English Traveller					
<b>What is the age and gender of each person in your household?</b>					
Males under 16	1		2	3	
Females under 16	2		4	6	
Males over 16	1	1	1	3	
Females over 16	1	1	4	6	Wife expecting baby in Jan 2015
Total	5	2	11	18	
<b>Are you aware of anyone in the Gypsy and Traveller community living in bricks and mortar who may wish to take part in this survey?</b>					
Yes					
No					

### 3. BELL FARM CHRISTIAN CENTRE SURVEY

	Survey number														TOTALS	COMMENTS	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
<b>What type of accomodation do you live in?</b>																	
House (Bricks and Mortar)	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			12	
Council Site																	
Private Site														1		1	
None																	
<b>Other:</b>																	
Bed & Breakfast				1												1	
<b>Do you consider this accommodation to be your permanent base?</b>																	
Yes		1	1		1	1	1	1		1						7	
No	1			1					1		1	1	1	1		7	
<b>If no, where do you consider your permanent base to be?</b>																	
In a caravan	1															1	
Have none				1												1	
Council site									1							1	
Trailer											1					1	
Hillingdon site												1				1	
Hillingdon site if I could get one (a pitch)													1			1	
New plot														1		1	

<b>Do you want or need to move to a new permanent base, either now or in the next 15 years?</b>																		
Yes	1		1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11		
No		1						1	1							3		
Don't know																		
<b>If you move to a new permanent base, which of the following types of accommodation would you most like to move to?</b>																		
Bricks and mortar accommodation			1	1	1		1			1						5		
Caravan or trailer (Council owned site)	1					1			1		1	1	1			6		
Caravan or trailer (privately owned site)	1													1		2		
Caravan or trailer (private site owned by you)	1															1		
<b>Other:</b>																		
<b>Do any members of your household want to leave permanently to live elsewhere in the next two years?</b>																		
Yes		1	1		1			1		1			1			6		
No	1			1		1	1		1		1	1		1		8		
Don't know																		
<b>What type of accommodation would they want to move to?</b>																		
Bricks and mortar accommodation		1	1				1	1								4		
Caravan or trailer		1			1			1	1	1		1	1	1		8		







**APPENDIX 5      CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL PITCH  
REQUIREMENTS**



## Calculation of additional pitch requirements

1.1 Average caravan occupancy was calculated from data obtained from our surveys: total number of people on Colne Park and unauthorised sites (119) ÷ total number of caravans (47) = 2.53.

1.2 Average household size was calculated by dividing the total number of occupants (119) by the number of pitches on Colne Park and unauthorised sites (23) = 5.17 (rounded to 5).

### Formulae used for estimating current household level

1.3 The following formulae were used for estimating the current Gypsy and Traveller household level:

Caravan Count x average caravan occupancy level = Estimated Gypsy and Traveller Population

Average caravan occupancy level = caravan count + unauthorised caravans + additional count from survey ÷ total number of people on all sites

Estimated Gypsy and Traveller population ÷ average household size = Number of Gypsy and Traveller households

**Table A1 Current Gypsy and Traveller household composition and numbers**

Caravan Count <sup>5</sup>	47
Average caravan occupancy level (119 ÷ 47)	2.53
Estimated current Gypsy and Traveller population <sup>6</sup>	119
Average household size (119 ÷ 23)	5
Number of Gypsy and Traveller households	24

### Formulae for estimating future pitch requirements

1.4 The following formulae were used for estimating future pitch requirements:

Current number of Gypsy and Traveller households + estimated rate of local future household increase = Estimated number of future Gypsy and Traveller households

Projected increase in Gypsy and Traveller households x average household size = Estimated population increase

<sup>5</sup> This uses the last caravan count in January 2014 submitted to DCLG, and includes results from the survey on Colne Park as well as caravans on unauthorised sites from survey

<sup>6</sup> Excludes Gypsies and Travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation

Estimated population increase ÷ average caravan occupancy = projected number of additional caravans

Projected number of additional pitches = Projected number of additional caravans ÷ 2.53 (average caravan occupancy)

**Table A2 Gypsy and Traveller additional pitches requirement using expected population increase (14%<sup>7</sup>)**

Current number of Gypsy and Traveller households (2013) <sup>8</sup>	24
Estimated household increase (24 X 14%)	3.36
Estimated population increase (119 x 14%)	16.66
Additional caravans ( 16.66 ÷ 2.53)	6.58
<b>Additional number of pitches (6.58 ÷ 2.53)</b>	<b>2.6</b>

6.12 To provide a pitch range, calculations were also made for population increases of 10% and 20% and 25%. The results can be seen in the following tables:

**Table A3 Gypsy and Traveller additional pitches requirement - low (10%) population increase**

Current number of Gypsy and Traveller households (2013) <sup>9</sup>	24
Estimated household increase (10%)	2.4
Estimated population increase (119 x 10%)	11.9
Additional caravans (11.9 ÷ 2.53)	4.7
<b>Additional number of pitches (4.7 ÷ 2.53)</b>	<b>1.86</b>

**Table A4 Gypsy and Traveller additional pitches requirement – medium/high (20%) population increase**

Current number of Gypsy and Traveller households (2013) <sup>10</sup>	24
Estimated household increase (24 x 20%)	4.8
Estimated population increase (119 x 20%)	23.8
Additional caravans (23.8 ÷ 2.53)	9.4
<b>Additional number of pitches (9.4 ÷ 2.53)</b>	<b>3.7</b>

<sup>7</sup> Based on expected population increase in Hillingdon Local Plan Part 1 (2012)

<sup>8</sup> Excluding those in bricks and mortar accommodation

<sup>9</sup> Excluding those in bricks and mortar accommodation

<sup>10</sup> Excluding those in bricks and mortar accommodation

**Table A5 Gypsy and Traveller additional pitches requirement - high (25%) population increase**

Current number of Gypsy and Traveller households (2013) <sup>11</sup>	24
Estimated household increase (24 x 25%)	6
Estimated population increase (119 x 25%)	29.8
Additional caravans (29.8 ÷ 2.53)	11.8
<b>Additional number of pitches (11.8 ÷ 2.53)</b>	<b>4.7</b>

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<sup>11</sup> Excluding those in bricks and mortar accommodation