

Action Point 179 - Gypsy and Travellers - Evidence of vacant plots/under-occupancy and extant planning permissions on/for existing sites and the extent to which the pitch requirement of 4 units can be met on existing sites.

Table 24 of the GTAA (Document reference G18) sets out the sites and yards visited during preparation of the GTAA. In East Northamptonshire there were three private sites and 1 Travelling Showpersons Yard which were visited. An update on the planning status of these sites is provided below, in addition information is also provided on a pending planning application for 2 pitches.

Due to the site owners refusing access to the 3 Gypsy and Traveller sites only 6 interviews were completed. The GTAA did not identify any current or future need for Gypsies and Travellers who met the planning definition. It did identify that there could be a need for four pitches to meet the needs of undetermined households who subsequently demonstrate that they meet the planning definition.

The main evidence to demonstrate that this need for 4 pitches could be met on existing sites is the information provided by the site owners for these sites through the preparation of the GTAA who confirmed that they are able to meet all current and future need on their sites through the existing planning consents. The stakeholder engagement undertaken as part of the GTAA with an officer from East Northamptonshire Council also indicated that the Station Road site never exceeds 36 caravans and usually comes under that number and that there are usually vacancies on some of the sites in the area.

The Council is now working on a Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy DPD for North Northamptonshire, as part of this work the consultants who completed the GTAA are undertaking a review and consolidation of the baseline assessment for North Northamptonshire and a pitch delivery assessment. This work will include targeted work to obtain details of households located on sites where site owners refused access during the preparation of the GTAA. The North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy DPD will provide policies and allocations to meet need across North Northamptonshire.

Gypsy and Traveller Site update

New Private Site Proposal:

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Land Adjacent Farm Buildings, Thrapston Road, Woodford

Change of use of land to a mixed use incorporating 2 family gypsy and traveller pitches for 2 mobile homes, 4 touring caravans, amenity block and associated works, and a paddock for the keeping of horses (part retrospective)

Pending Consideration

Private Sites:

The Caravan Site
Station Road
Irthlingborough
Northants
NN9 5QF

The Caravan Site
Denford Road
Ringstead
Northants
NN14 4DF

Hilltop Farm
Denford Road
Ringstead
Northants
NN14 4DF

All have full Planning Permission.

Showman Sites:

Roberts Lane Yard 1
Roberts Lane Yard 2
Roberts Lane Yard 3
Roberts Lane Yard 4 (4 Sites)

Roberts Lane
Polebrook
Peterborough
PE8 5LS

All have full Planning Permission.

No extant permissions are recoded on Uniform.