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**Gypsies and Travellers  
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Showpeople**





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## 1 Introduction

**1.1** The purpose of this Topic Paper is to detail the District Plan's approach in planning to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. It is relevant to Policy HOU9 'Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople' of the Pre-Submission Plan with its accompanying supporting text at paragraphs 14.10.1 to 14.10.8.

**1.2** In addition to the overarching guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning policy for traveller sites (PPTS), the principal evidential documents supporting these policies are:

- East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment, Opinion Research Services (ORS), April 2014 (**HOP/006**)
- East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment, Update, ORS, May 2016 (**HOP/005**); and
- Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Identification of Potential Sites Study, Peter Brett Associates (PBA), October 2014 (**HOP/007**).

## 2 Evidence of Need

**2.1** In response to the March 2012 publication of the NPPF and tandem PPTS document, which set the overarching policy context for the provision of traveller accommodation (including Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople), in 2013 the Council commissioned ORS to carry out a district-wide study to assess the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in East Herts.

### **The Northern and Eastern Hertfordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, ORS, June 2006**

**2.2** This study was commissioned to replace an earlier jointly commissioned study involving Broxbourne Borough, North Hertfordshire District, Stevenage Borough, Welwyn Hatfield Borough and Hertfordshire County Councils. That study, 'The Northern and Eastern Hertfordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment' (GTAA) was carried out by ORS in accordance with the (as then in force) ODPM Circular 01/2006. The evidence from that study was used to input into the East of England Regional Assembly's (EERA) Single Issue Review (SIR) Policies H3 and H4, which were intended to meet the outstanding and future needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the region.

**2.3** Following the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies, Policies H3 and H4 ceased to be of effect, with PPTS superseding ODPM Circular 01/2006 in setting the policy context for the assessment of accommodation needs. Therefore, in light of the publication of PPTS in March 2012, a replacement study was deemed to be required. The partnering authorities for the previous GTAA concluded that, in light of each being at differing stages in the plan making process, the preferred approach was for each to undertake future assessments of accommodation need at a district



level. The findings of the 2006 GTAA are not considered to be relevant for the purposes of evidence underpinning the District Plan and therefore the publication is not included within the Council’s document library.

## East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment, April 2014 (HOP/006)

**2.4** For East Herts, Opinion Research Services (ORS), the same company which completed the 2006 joint study, were therefore appointed by the Council in 2013 to carry out new research to ensure that an accurate and up to date position regarding the accommodation needs of the traveller communities in the district could be demonstrated. This company is recognised as having extensive experience of work in this field and the methodology used has been widely applied in studies undertaken for numerous authorities across the country. The East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment (**HOP/006**) was subsequently concluded in April 2014.

**2.5** Full details of the methodology employed in the carrying out of the study, and reasoning behind the conclusions it reached, are available within the 2014 East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment (2014 ANA) (**HOP/006**). However, key findings in respect of Gypsies and Travellers were that an overall need was identified for 12 additional pitches across the Plan period to 2031. These pitch requirements would be split into five year periods as need anticipated to be arising, as follows:

Extra Pitch Provision in East Hertfordshire in 5 Year Periods

|              | 2013-2018 | 2018-2023 | 2023-2028 | 2029-2031 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| <b>Total</b> | 7         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 12    |

**2.6** These identified additional pitches took into account the current and future needs of existing site occupants on both authorised and unauthorised sites, including both concealed and emerging households. No existing bricks and mortar occupants were identified for survey purposes.

**2.7** For Travelling Showpeople, plot requirements for the same corresponding periods were for 5 plots, to be split across five year periods, as follows:

Extra Plot Provision in East Hertfordshire in 5 Year Periods

|              | 2013-2018 | 2018-2023 | 2023-2028 | 2029-2031 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| <b>Total</b> | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 5     |

**2.8** Identified plot requirements were all resultant from new household formation.



## East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment, June 2016

**2.9** In August 2015, the Government issued an amended version of PPTS. While the new guidance contains the majority of the same requirements in respect of duty to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, the definitions around those who constitute Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople for the purposes of planning policy changed significantly. The main difference between new and previous versions concerns Annex 1: Glossary, where the guidance removed those Gypsies and Travellers who have “permanently” ceased to travel from the definitions for both Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople for planning purposes. Paragraph 2 to the Annex provides guidance around how to determine whether or not persons would fall within the definition.

**2.10** As the previous 2014 ANA (**HOP/006**) was completed prior to the change in national policy, and therefore did not take into account whether or not any of the households surveyed at the time had “permanently” ceased to travel, an update to that study was necessitated.

**2.11** In addition to the definition issue, it was considered that an updated study would provide a more up to date picture in respect of the current accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the district, which may have changed since 2014.

**2.12** Furthermore, as the previous 2014 ANA (**HOP/006**) included end-date for pitch and plot provisions only as far as 2031, an updated study would allow for an end-date of 2033 to be incorporated, in order to align it with both SHMA and, subsequently, new District Plan timelines. ORS was again commissioned to provide an Update (**HOP/005**) to the 2014 ANA (**HOP/006**).

**2.13** As with the 2014 ANA, (**HOP/006**) the full details of the methodology employed in the carrying out of the study, and reasoning behind the conclusions it reached, are available within the 2016 ANA Update (**HOP/005**). However, key findings in respect of Gypsies and Travellers were that an overall need was identified for 5 additional pitches across the Plan period to 2033. These pitch requirements would be split into five year periods as need anticipated to be arising, as follows:

Extra Pitch Provision in East Hertfordshire in 5 Year Periods

|       | 2016-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2033 | Total |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Total | 2         | 3         | 0         | 5     |

**2.14** For Travelling Showpeople, plot requirements for the same corresponding periods were for 9 plots, to be split across five year periods, as follows:



Extra Plot Provision in East Hertfordshire in 5 Year Periods

|       | 2016-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2033 | Total |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Total | 7         | 1         | 1         | 9     |

**2.15** All of the above ANAs were concerned solely with identifying levels of accommodation need and the delivery periods over the length of the District Plan within which such pitches and plots should be provided. None of these studies make any recommendations on where that need should be accommodated in locational terms as this matter was dealt with separately under a Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Identification of Potential Sites Study (**HOP/007**), detailed below.

### Accommodation Needs of Non-Nomadic Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

**2.16** The Council is fully cognisant of the fact that, where there have been changes to PPTS and travellers now fall outside the PPTS definition in terms of being assessed for accommodation needs on Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople’s sites, a responsibility remains for their accommodation needs to be met elsewhere in the district. However, such traveller accommodation needs are considered to now fall within general housing needs to be addressed as part of overall housing requirements within the SHMA and are therefore outside of those needs assessed within Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople ANAs.

**2.17** As there is generally a cultural aversion to living in bricks and mortar accommodation in travelling communities, it is anticipated that such provision will take the form of park homes, or similar. However, although precise accommodation needs have yet to be fully quantified across the plan period, the scope to meet any future identified needs have been addressed in the District Plan through Policy HOU10 ‘New Park Home Sites for Non-Nomadic Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople’.

## 3 Identification of Potential Sites to Meet Identified Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs

**3.1** As stated above, the ANAs undertaken for the authority were intended solely to establish levels of accommodation need and not to make any recommendation over location for such provision. The Council therefore commissioned a discrete study to address this issue in the form of the East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Identification of Potential Sites Study, 2014 (**HOP/006**).

**3.2** To set the context for that study, it should be noted that this forms the second study commissioned by the Council to consider potential locations for meeting the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the district.



## Accommodation Needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Northern and Eastern Hertfordshire, Stage Two: Identification of Potential Areas to Accommodate Gypsy and Traveller Pitches In the Study Area Report', Scott Wilson, October 2007

**3.3** The first locational study, completed in 2007, was commissioned on a partnership basis jointly with Broxbourne Borough, North Hertfordshire District, Stevenage Borough, Welwyn Hatfield Borough and Hertfordshire County Councils, where consultants, Scott Wilson, were employed to complete the 'Accommodation Needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Northern and Eastern Hertfordshire, Stage Two: Identification of Potential Areas to Accommodate Gypsy and Traveller Pitches In the Study Area Report', which was finalised in October 2007. That study was carried out in accordance with ODPM Circular 01/2006, which was in force at that time.

**3.4** As the previous 2006 Northern and Eastern Hertfordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment had identified a level of need for the overall study area, but had not distinguished the level of individual need for the five separate local authority areas, the Scott Wilson Study suggested various locations where any pitches assigned to the district via the, as then, emerging East of England Regional Assembly's Single Issue Review Policy could potentially later be met once it had been finalised.

**3.5** An important issue to note regarding the former Scott Wilson study is that it was carried out at a time when guidance on meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers had only relatively recently been issued, via the provisions of Circular 01/2006. Consequently, as this was an emerging area of study, there was a lack of relevant advice or comparator work regarding how such studies should be undertaken.

**3.6** Subsequent to the publication of the Scott Wilson study, it became apparent that there was a shortcoming with the approach which had been utilised, in that land availability did not form a part of the sifting criteria for the identification of potential Gypsy and Traveller sites. The significance of this is that, while the study was able to identify potential sustainable locations for site provision, none of the owners of any of the sites suggested for East Herts in the Scott Wilson study (except on existing authorised Gypsy and Traveller sites) were then prepared to make their land available for such a use.

**3.7** Moreover, another shortcoming of the study was that it did not take the needs of Travelling Showpeople into account, as the technical and field work supporting its findings had been completed prior to publication of DCLG Circular 01/2007, 'Planning for Travelling Showpeople', August 2007. The accommodation needs of this group are significantly different to that of Gypsies and Travellers as there is a need to provide land suitable for the movement, storage and maintenance of fairground equipment in addition to living accommodation.



**3.8** Therefore, the findings of the 2007 Identification of Potential Sites Study are not considered to be relevant for the purposes of evidence underpinning the District Plan and therefore the publication is not included within the Council's document library.

## **East Herts Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Identification of Potential Sites Study, PBA, October 2014**

**3.9** In terms of translating need to provision, following the publication of the Accommodation Needs Assessment in 2014, the Council commissioned PBA to undertake a site identification study (Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Identification of Potential Sites Study, October 2014) (**HOP/007**).

**3.10** This work paid due recognition to the provisions of the policy requirements of both the NPPF and PPTS. In particular, the general approach to identifying appropriate site selection criteria was built upon the premise of establishing whether any site would be available, suitable, and developable (i.e. viable and deliverable).

**3.11** As part of the development of the study, it was considered essential that this should not simply comprise a desk-based exercise and therefore a workshop was held where invitees included members of the travelling community, appropriate officers of HCC and East Herts Council, and other key stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities, local and national interest groups. The outputs from the workshop helped inform the development of the site assessment criteria in the main report.

**3.12** Wishing to avoid a scenario where land could potentially be identified as suitable, but would not be available to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and/or Travelling Showpeople, various approaches were taken.

**3.13** Firstly, all existing authorised and unauthorised sites in the district were taken into consideration.

**3.14** Secondly, a specific Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople 'Call for Sites' exercise was undertaken, whereby all site promoters of land outside settlement boundaries (which did not already benefit from extant planning permission) from the previous general 'Call for Sites' or 'SLAA' process were contacted.

**3.15** Thirdly, a search of surplus Council and other public sector land was carried out.

**3.16** Finally, all proposed draft District Plan allocations involving strategic urban extensions without the benefit of planning permission, and the (as then) proposed broad locations were also factored into the assessment.

**3.17** The study itself was carried out in two stages, with an initial desk based high-level site assessment applying broad criteria, which was honed by the second stage detailed site assessment stage, which also included individual site visits, for all those locations which fulfilled the initial sieving criteria.

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**3.18** Both the Council and the consultants were keenly aware that the District Plan would be required to demonstrate a five year land supply of pitches and plots through the identification of 'specific deliverable sites' to meet its needs and beyond the first five years, it would need 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'.

**3.19** In meeting the requirement for a rolling five year land supply, the study clearly took into account the PPTS Policy E provision (unaltered by the 2015 revision) that:

Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances. Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development.

and therefore non-Green Belt sites would be sought as a first priority in meeting the District's needs.

**3.20** However, despite best endeavours, the IOPS concluded that it was not possible to identify a sufficient five year land supply in locations beyond the Green Belt to meet the accommodation needs of either group.

**3.21** It did, in terms of provision for Gypsies and Travellers only, raise the potential for one pitch to be provided beyond the Green Belt, through allocation of an existing unauthorised site at Throcking. However, this site had previously been the subject of a planning application for a mobile home and touring caravan with replacement stable block and hard standing, which was dismissed at appeal. The IOPS recognised the issues which caused the previous application to be unsuccessful, and therefore recommended that, if selected, the site should not be granted permission for a static unit, but rather should be limited to a single touring caravan.

**3.22** Since the IOPS was published, a further application was made (3/15/1725/FUL) which was subsequently refused by the Council and dismissed on appeal (APP/J1915/W/16/3145267) in December 2016 for, inter alia, not being "in a sustainable location and would not fulfil the environmental aspect of national policy". Furthermore, the appellant did "not meet the definition of a gypsy and traveller in terms of planning policy because there is insufficient evidence that he is currently a person of a nomadic habit of life". Therefore, this site does not form part of the Council's proposals to meet Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople accommodation needs in the District Plan.

**3.23** For locations to meet the needs of either Gypsies and Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, the only potential non-Green Belt option identified in the IOPS involved the potential provision of pitches as part of development proposals for land to the south of Buntingford. However, this location, which was formerly used as the Sainsbury's Distribution Depot, had not been made available by its promoters for Gypsy and Traveller use and has since been granted permission for a primarily residential scheme, thus discounting this possibility.



**3.24** Therefore, having exhausted all other potential non-Green Belt options, the Council was left with no alternative other than to resort to provision of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople pitches and plots within the Green Belt in order to meet its accommodation needs. To support this approach, it is noted that Policy E of PPTS makes allowance, in exceptional circumstances only, for a limited alteration to the Green Belt boundary to be made to:

...meet a specific, identified need for a traveller site” through the plan making process. In such a case it should be specifically allocated in the development plan as a traveller site only.

**3.25** Two options were suggested in the IOPS to meet the immediate five year land supply. The first Green Belt suggestion is that, subject to masterplanning and viability testing, pitches for Gypsies and Travellers or plots for Travelling Showpeople could be made available as part of the development of the proposed allocated sites that would be constructed in the first phase of the Plan period (see relevant sites in table 6.9). However, at that time, none of these sites had been made available by their promoters for Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople use.

**3.26** The second Green Belt option to meet the initial five year land supply would involve allocating a site for the accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers only on part of the existing unauthorised site at Esbies, Sawbridgeworth. However, not only was this land being promoted through the SLAA process for residential redevelopment without any provision for Gypsies and Travellers and/or Travelling Showpeople, this site has a long history of enforcement appeals, the latest being dismissed by the Secretary of State in 2013.

**3.27** Looking further ahead to years six to 10 and 11 to 15, the situation was equally negative in terms of availability of suitable developable land beyond the Green Belt, as none at all was able to be identified through the study.

## The Approach Taken in the District Plan

**3.28** Given the exhaustion of all avenues of enquiry that would enable the Council to meet its identified need through delivery on sites in areas beyond the Green Belt and also a lack of suitable available sites (at that time) within the Green Belt, it became apparent that the best approach would be for the larger residential site allocations to make provision as part of overall development of these areas. This would allow opportunity for a planned approach that would allow for the successful coexistence of both settled and traveller communities.

**3.29** In terms of size of site to be sought, and in the absence of current Government guidance on the issue, for Gypsies and Travellers the CLG ‘Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Good Practice Guide, 2008, (HOP/008) is considered a good point of reference. It advises, at paragraph 4.7, that “a maximum of 15 pitches is conducive to providing a comfortable environment which is easy to manage”. Therefore, in proposing new site provision through larger residential site allocations in the Plan, this maximum has been applied.



**3.30** For Travelling Showpeople, this group's needs are different, due to the need to store and maintain show rides, stalls and equipment, in addition to the provision of residential accommodation. As no specific guidance was provided in the CLG 2008 guidance, the Showmens Guild of Great Britain was approached and advice was provided to the Council that a maximum of 8 plots should comprise any one yard.

**3.31** Having determined the level of accommodation needed for both Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and maximum site size for each type, dialogue was established accordingly with the relevant site promoters. This served to explain the processes that had been followed in assessing need and that, due to a lack of alternative locational potential, the conclusion had been reached that the only way of meeting identified need, would be for the larger strategic sites to provide for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and/or Travelling Showpeople as an element of the development of these sites. Within the Plan period, Policy HOU9 therefore provides within the plan period for 2 out of an overall developable site area for 15 pitches at Birchall Garden Suburb; 5 plots at Gresley Park; and 4 plots at North and East of Ware.

**3.32** In seeking to provide Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople pitches and plots in these locations, the Council was also keenly aware of the need to future proof itself where development in some of the proposed locations is proposed to continue beyond the end of the plan period, and also to allow for potential accommodation need that could be identified through updated survey work within the plan period. Therefore, Policy HOU9 makes allowance for the future expansion of sites at: Birchall Garden Suburb (Gypsies and Travellers – a further 2 pitches as part of the overall developable site area for 15 pitches); North and East of Ware (Travelling Showpeople – a further 4 plots); and The Gilston Area (Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople - 15 pitches and 8 plots).

**3.33** To ensure that all pitches and plots should have the ability to connect to all major necessary service infrastructure that would allow for satisfactory living arrangements, all of these should be provided as 'serviced', as detailed in the relevant site policies.

**3.34** Beyond the above approach, the outcome of the 2016 ANA Update (**HOP/005**) identified a need for additional accommodation on an existing authorised Green Belt site at Bayford, which was not identified in the 2014 study. Thus, the conclusions of the 2015 IOPS had not included this site within its recommendations. Given the availability of land within the main occupant's ownership, a subsequent SLAA submission was made seeking to meet need generated by occupants of the existing site in that location. Thus, Policy HOU9 makes provision for a total of three additional pitches to be provided to meet identified need at The Stables, Bayford.

**3.35** In terms of delivering the identified accommodation needs for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, the Strategy Worksheets for each group (included at Appendix A) demonstrate the distribution of pitches and plots to be delivered across the Plan period. It should be noted that the definition changes in



the 2015 PPTS revision have directly impacted on the basis under which the 2016 ANA Update (HOP/005) was undertaken. Therefore, the results of this study are not directly comparable with the two previous accommodation needs studies undertaken by the authority, as they assess needs of different groups. Consequently, it would not be appropriate to include figures derived by previous assessments within the table and thus it has not been possible to include time period breakdowns that would directly correlate with that of the General Needs Strategy Worksheet at Appendix B to the District Plan.

**3.36** For Gypsies and Travellers, the Strategy Worksheet demonstrates that pitch delivery would exactly match that of need identified, and within the timescales set out, within the 2016 Accommodation Needs Assessment Update.

**3.37** However, while accommodation needs for Gypsies and Travellers can be met within the identified timescales, there is a slight mismatch in terms of meeting the needs of Travelling Showpeople. This is due to the site constraints/deliverability issues of the site allocation at Gresley Park, East of Stevenage, where 5 out of the 7 plots identified as being required by 2022 can be provided. However, although there would regrettably be an unavoidable short-term shortfall in plot provision in the first five years, this position would be remedied within a very short time period in the following five years, through site delivery at the North and East of Ware.

## 4 Duty to Co-operate

**4.1** As detailed above and elsewhere, Duty to Co-operate discussions have been ongoing between East Herts Council and its neighbouring authorities.

**4.2** During such discussions, joint provision through the cross-boundary development of Birchall Garden Suburb was proposed as presenting an agreeable approach to both authorities in seeking to meet part of each district's identified need. This approach has been built in to the proposed policy provisions of each council's local plan.

**4.3** In 2015, Stevenage Borough Council approached the Council with the view to exploring whether the Gresley Park, East of Stevenage, would have the potential to assist in meeting its Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs. However, given the limited availability of suitable opportunities of provision to meet the short-term needs of Travelling Showpeople in a location with good road access for associated regular movement of equipment, the Council was unable to acquiesce to this request. Since that time, Stevenage Borough Council has been able to identify provision to meet its identified need within its borough boundaries through Policy HO12 'Gypsy and traveller provision' of its Submitted Local Plan, which is currently the subject of Examination in Public.

**4.4** Although the issue of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople provision has formed an area of discussion, no formal requests have been made to the Council from any of its neighbouring authorities.



**4.5** The Council therefore considers that it has fully complied with its Duty to Co-operate obligations in respect of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

## 5 Monitoring and Review

**5.1** The Council intends to monitor the delivery of pitches and plots for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople through its Authority Monitoring Report. Periodic updates to the Council's Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment will also be undertaken to ensure that delivery continues to match need.

**5.2** Should further accommodation need for either Gypsies and Travellers or Travelling Showpeople be identified within the plan period then it is considered that the Council has already built in future-proofing within the Strategy (via the longer-term contingencies at Birchall Garden Suburb, East of Welwyn Garden City; North and East of Ware; and, The Gilston Area) to enable such provision to be made in a timely manner.

## 6 Conclusion

**6.1** The Council is cognisant of its duty to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, in the same way as meeting the needs of the settled community. It seeks to meet that obligation within the district, through planned site provision as part of wider development on larger residential site allocations, without recourse to seeking to make any requests for its needs to be met within neighbouring authority areas.

**6.2** Where Duty to Co-operate arrangements have been put in place, for development at Birchall Garden Suburb, East of Welwyn Garden City, this involves a combined approach to meet the needs of both districts as part of a joint cross-boundary development scheme.

**6.3** Policy HOU9 further provides a criteria-based approach for the assessment of applications for proposals on both allocated and non-allocated sites.

**6.4** The Council therefore considers that it is able to comply with the provisions of both the NPPF and PPTS in meeting Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople's accommodation needs through District Plan Policy HOU9.



## Appendix A

### Strategy Worksheet 1 – Gypsies and Travellers Site Provision to 2033

| Allocation Reference | Site Name   | 2016-2022 | 2022-2027 | 2027-2033 | Total 2016-2033 |
|----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| N/A                  | The Stables, Bayford  | 2         | 1         | 0         | 3               |
| EWEL1                | Birchall Garden Suburb, East of Welwyn Garden City <sup>(1)</sup> | 0         | 2         | 0         | 2               |
| GA1                  | The Gilston Area <sup>(2)</sup>                                   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0               |
|                      | Total Supply  | 2         | 3         | 0         | 5               |
|                      | Assessed Need   | 2         | 3         | 0         | 5               |
|                      | Shortfall   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0               |

1 With 2 additional pitches to be provided (within overall site area for total 15 pitches shared with Welwyn Hatfield), time to be determined, to meet longer-term accommodation needs, in accordance with Policy HOU9.  
 2 15 pitches to be provided, time to be determined, to meet longer-term accommodation needs, in accordance with Policy HOU9.



## Strategy Worksheet 2 – Travelling Showpeople Site Provision to 2033

| Allocation Reference | Site Name                       | 2016-2022 | 2022-2027        | 2027-2033 | Total 2016-2033 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| EOS1                 | Gresley Park, East of Stevenage | 5         | 0                | 0         | 5               |
| WARE2                | North and East of Ware          | 0         | 4 <sup>(3)</sup> | 0         | 4               |
| GA1                  | The Gilston Area <sup>(4)</sup> | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0               |
|                      | Total Supply                    | 5         | 4                | 0         | 9               |
|                      | Assessed Need                   | 7         | 1                | 1         | 9               |
|                      | Shortfall                       | 2         | -1               | 0         | 0               |

3 With 4 additional plots to be provided, time to be determined, to meet longer-term accommodation needs, in accordance with Policy HOU9.

4 8 plots to be provided, time to be determined, to meet longer-term accommodation needs, in accordance with Policy HOU9.