

Policy GT2

Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation

1. Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers on residential and transit pitches on sites and Travelling Showpeople on plots on yards must take account of the policies within the Local Plan and the latest national policy. Proposals will be supported where they meet the following criteria:
 - a. The site/yard should be located close to services and facilities and access to public transport. Sites/yards within or adjacent to towns or service settlements, as defined by the Settlement Hierarchy, will be preferred;
 - b. Sites/yards should promote social inclusion and community cohesion;
 - c. The site/yard provides an acceptable living environment for future occupants in terms of size, noise, air quality and design quality, and is not located within an area likely to flood;
 - d. Safe and convenient vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access can be provided to the site site/yard;
 - e. The development minimises potential impacts on the surrounding character, landscape (including National Landscapes) and biodiversity;
 - f. Proposals within the Green Belt must demonstrate Very Special Circumstances, unless they fall within one of the exceptions set out in national policy. Where land has been identified locally as 'grey belt', this will be considered in the context of its contribution to Green Belt purposes A, B and D specifically;
 - g. Associated buildings, including amenity blocks, must be proportionate in scale and bulk to the pitches proposed; and
 - h. The proposal aligns with the most recent assessment of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson need and contributes to meeting identified needs.