



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT
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Regulation 18 Consultation

**Planning for the Gypsy
and Traveller Community**

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Planning for the Gypsy and Traveller Community

Sevenoaks District Council is currently consulting on its new Local Plan for Sevenoaks District. The Plan includes proposals to meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Why is the Council planning for Gypsy and Traveller sites?

Gypsies and Travellers are an important part of our community. National policy says we must plan for their housing needs just like we do for everyone else.

What does the latest study say?

We prepared a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) in 2025. It shows we need **192 new pitches** by 2042.

How was this number calculated?

It includes:

- Families already living on sites (authorised, unauthorised, temporary)
- Families planning to move (from sites or houses)
- Young people who will need their own pitch soon.

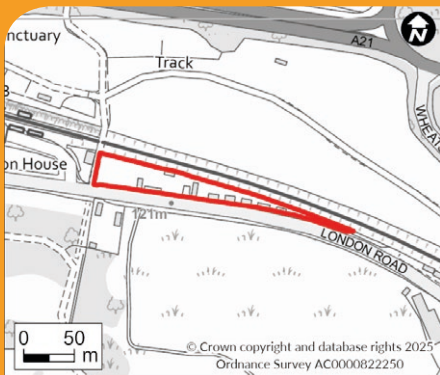
Can this need be met?

We've found possible ways to provide 140 to 151 pitches. That means we still need 41 to 52 more pitches on new or existing sites.



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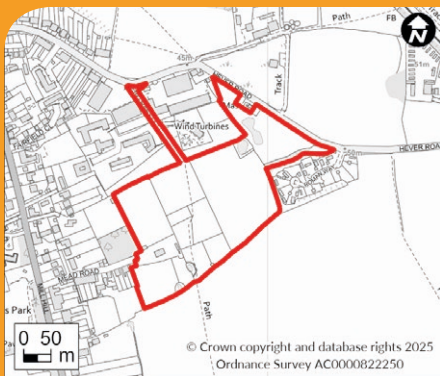
Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations



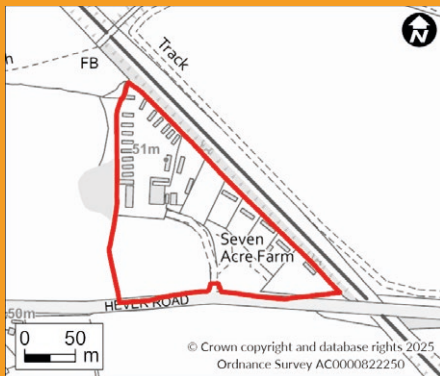
**HAL6 – Station Court,
Sevenoaks Road, Halstead
(12 pitches)**



**SV3 – Park Lane Farm,
Park Lane, Swanley Village
(1 pitch)**



**EDEN15 – Mead Road,
Edenbridge
(5 pitches)**



**EDEN17 – Seven Acres Farm,
Edenbridge
(5 pitches)**



**Do you support or object or have comments
on these proposed site allocations?**

**Do you know of any other suitable sites for
new, or additional, Gypsy and Traveller pitches?
(including within your existing site?)**



Overview

How do we identify sites?

Site promoters submitted their sites to us via the Call for Sites and we have been assessing these for suitability.

What makes a site suitable?

A suitable Gypsy and Traveller site is expected to:

- Be located close to existing services and facilities and access to public transport. Sites within or adjacent to our towns (Sevenoaks, Swanley, Edenbridge and Westerham), Primary Service Settlements (Hartley, Otford and New Ash Green) or Secondary Service Settlements (West Kingsdown, Eynsford, Seal, Kemsing, South Darenth, Pratts Bottom and Hextable) will be preferred;
- Provide an acceptable living environment for future occupants in terms of size, noise and air quality and is not located within an area likely to flood;
- Provide safe and convenient car, pedestrian and cycle access; and
- Minimise the potential impacts on the surrounding character, landscape and biodiversity.

Where can I find out more?

We are holding a number of pop-up sessions, where you will be able to find out more about the emerging Local Plan for Sevenoaks District – so please come along and speak to us in person!

To find out where and when the sessions are taking place, and book your space, please scan the QR code or visit the link below.

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