

LOCAL PLAN SUB COMMITTEE - 16 JUNE 2020

PART I – NOT DELEGATED

10. LOCAL PLAN GYPSY, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITES - SAFEGUARDING POLICY (DCES)

1 Summary

1.1 To receive the Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites – Safeguarding policy.

2 Details

2.1 The Local Plan Sub Committee considered a report on Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople at its meeting of the 28 March 2019 and resolved to recommend to the Policy & Resources Committee the criteria based policy in the report be included in the new Local Plan and that the following sites be allocated and safeguarded:

- The Oaklands, Bedmond Road, Bedmond,
- Fir Trees, Dawes Lane, Sarratt
- Land rear of 59 Toms Lane, Kings Langley
- Land between Langleybury & Old House Lane, Langleybury
- Land adjacent to 321B Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth
- Rear of 317 – 319 Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth
- Rear of 321 Uxbridge Road, Mill End
- Brickfield Farm, Oxhey Lane, Carpenders Park, and
- Deadmans Ash Lane, Sarratt

2.2 This report deals with the draft safeguarding policy only and is not revisiting the criteria based policy nor the sites to be allocated as these have already been considered and agreed by the Local Plan Sub Committee.

2.3 Background

2.4 The report to the Local Plan Sub Committee (LPSC) on 28 March 2019 set out the findings of the updated Needs Assessment which took account of the revised definition of Travellers for planning purposes as set out below:

- **Travellers** - households that meet the definition of a Traveller following an interview
- **Unknown** –households where an interview was not able to be completed (refusing to be interviewed/not being present despite 3 visits to the site) who **may** meet the new definition
- **Non-Travelling** – households that fail the definition of a Traveller following an interview.

- 2.5 The report to the LPSC set out that the allocation of the existing sites would meet the need and that there was room on some of the existing sites to accommodate more pitches/plots to meet any 'unknown' household needs and that the sites should be safeguarded to ensure that use as a traveller site is not lost through the grant of any subsequent planning permission whilst the need exists for traveller accommodation within the District.
- 2.6 The Draft Allocations for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople policy which aims to safeguard Traveller sites is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

3 Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

- 3.1 None specific.

4 Recommendation

That the Local Plan Sub Committee recommend to the Policy & Resources Committee the Draft Allocations for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Policy as set out in Appendix 1 for inclusion in the new Local Plan.

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Background Papers

National Planning Policy Framework (2019)

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015)

Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Local Development Document (Preferred Options) October 2014

Traveller Needs Assessment (2017)

Local Plan Sub Committee (28 March 2019)

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Draft Allocations for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Policy