

APPENDIX 23

ALLOCATIONS FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

Allocations for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

All the identified Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites within the District will be 'safeguarded' to ensure that the permitted use as a traveller site is not lost through the grant of any subsequent planning permission whilst there remains a need for sites.

Policy A2 Sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	
Allocation and Safeguarding Existing Authorised¹ Sites	
(1)	Existing traveller sites are allocated and safeguarded for traveller use. These sites will continue to be safeguarded for as long as the need exists for traveller accommodation within the District: GT1 The Oaklands, Bedmond Road, Bedmond GT2 Fir Trees, Dawes Lane, Sarratt GT3 Rear of 59 Toms Lane, Kings Langley GT4 Land between Langleybury Lane and Old House Lane, Langleybury GT5 Land Adjacent to 321B Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth GT6 Rear of 317-319 Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth GT7 Rear of 321 Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth GT8 Brickfield Farm, Carpenders Park GT9 Deadmans Ash Lane, Sarratt
(2)	Any new traveller sites granted planning permission and implemented shall also be safeguarded under provisions of this policy as long as the need exists as identified in the Council's latest, agreed Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.

Reasoned Justification

Section 5 of the Local Plan explains that the additional needs identified for Gypsy and Traveller households meeting the PPTS definition arose from sites which had temporary planning permission at the time of the assessment, both of which have since been granted permanent planning permission with the decisions confirming that the households meet the definition for Travellers. The identified needs of those households have therefore been met and will continue to be met through safeguarding the existing sites and/or future site intensification.

With regards to the Travelling Showpeople, Section 5 of the Local Plan recognises the existence of the tolerated yards, and seeks to safeguard existing authorised yards to safeguard them and ensure that the permitted use is not lost through the grant of any subsequent planning permission while there remains a need for them. Future needs for plots could be accommodated within these existing authorised sites, and therefore there is no need to allocate further sites.

¹ 'Authorised' relates to sites that have planning permission and those that have been in existence for over 15 years with no explicit permissions where a certificate of lawful use would be granted if sought.