



Context

Wiltshire will experience great change over the next 20 years. A growing population will need enough houses, jobs and services to be provided so that they can enjoy the beautiful countryside, rich history and quality of life in Wiltshire.

Within this context Wiltshire Council has a responsibility to plan for the housing needs of everyone. This includes planning for the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Wiltshire Council proposes to do this in a Gypsy and Travellers Site Allocation Development Plan Document (DPD).



What will be included in the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD?

- A strategy that explains how new sites will be distributed
- The allocation of specific new sites
- Policies to assess the suitability of new, unforeseen, sites
- Generic policies, for example the optimum size of a site and on-site requirements.

For the preparation of planning policies the following definitions are used:

Gypsies and Travellers:



...persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependents' education or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes members of an organised group of Travelling Showpeople or circus people travelling together as such (Circular 1/2006).

Travelling Showpeople:



Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This include such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependents' more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers (Circular 04/2007).