

# Steps in policy development

Government advice explains the process for preparing planning policies for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

## Step One - Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)

This was completed in Wiltshire in 2006 and used to inform policies in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy.

## Step Two – South West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

The Regional Planning Body through the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) specifies the need for permanent and transit pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and plots for Travelling Showpeople. This document is currently in draft.

## Step Three – Site Specific Development Plan Document (DPD)

The local planning authority translates the number of pitches and plots specified by the RSS into a site specific development plan document, a document that will identify land for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and provide criteria to test any new sites proposed in planning applications.

Before a development plan document can be adopted by Wiltshire Council it has to be subject to several stages of consultation. This consultation is the first step.

The purpose of this consultation is to:

- Discuss the issues around providing new sites
- Develop a method for assessing what is a good location for new sites
- Invite land to be put forward to be considered as possible new sites.

How this consultation relates to the overall programme of consultation is summarised below.

## Programme of consultation

Issues and general approach to finding sites	April – June 2010 (Current Stage)
Identification of specific sites and policy options	September – October 2010
Preferred option (known as pre-submission consultation)	February – March 2011
Examination at a public hearing and Inspector's report	by November 2011
Adoption of the final plan	TBC