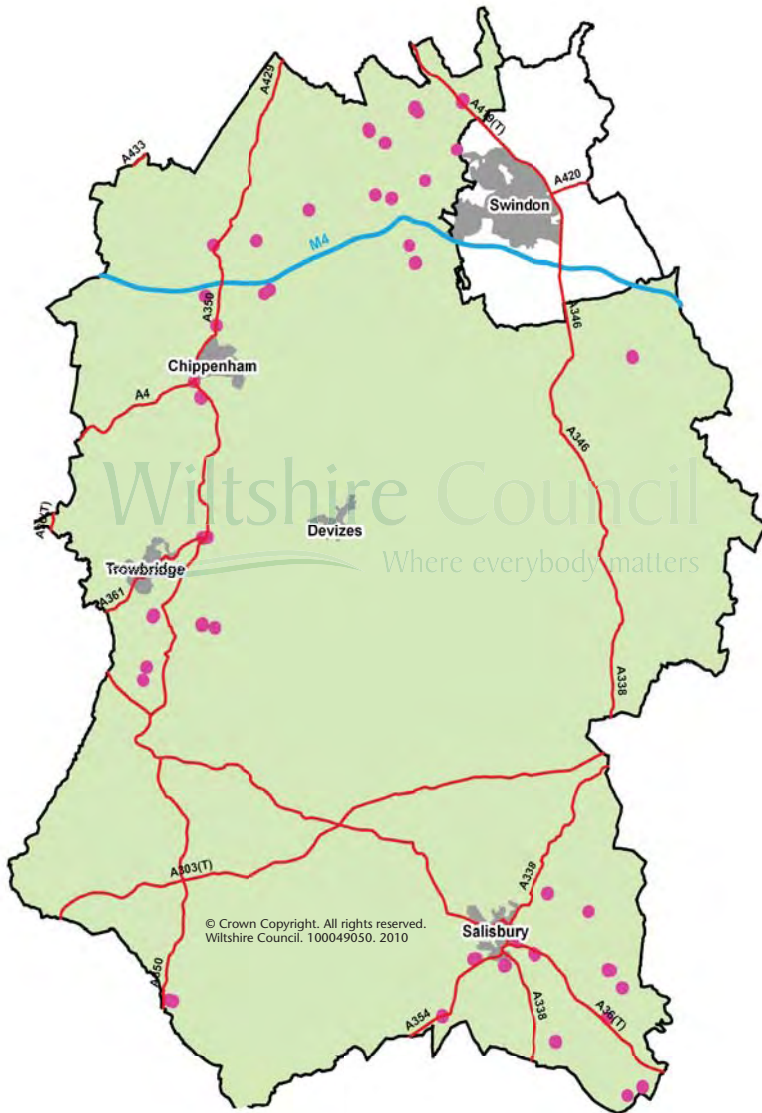


The facts



Distribution of caravan sites (July 2009)

Gypsy and Traveller caravans in Wiltshire are clustered around the M4 and Swindon, the A350 and Salisbury. Since July 2007 there has been an increase in caravans of just over 55% - evidence of the growing demand for sites. Wiltshire Council needs to respond by finding suitable and sustainable new sites.

Date	No. of caravans counted
July 2009	340
January 2009	309
July 2008	258
January 2008	254
July 2007	219

Research from an assessment in 2006 on the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers was used to inform the emerging South West Regional Spatial Strategy (SW RSS) which identifies a need in Wiltshire for:

- 85 new permanent residential pitches for Gypsies and Travellers
- 27 transit pitches for Travellers moving through Wiltshire
- 5 plots for Travelling Showpeople.

Larger scale plans of each former district area showing the locations where caravans were counted in the July 2009 Caravan Count can be found on **Table 1**.



Distribution of permanent pitches in SW RSS (2006 - 2011)

North (N.Wilts)	South (Salisbury)	East (Kennet)	West (W.Wilts)
48	18	5	14

A 'pitch' is an area of land that can accommodate a hard standing for at least two caravans, 2 parking spaces, a small storage shed and an amenity block for services.