

Identifying the issues

Many issues are considered in the consultation document 'Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) – Issues and General Approach report'. They include:

- how many new permanent and transit pitches are needed for Gypsy and Travellers
- how many new plots are needed for Travelling Showpeople
- how more pitches could be provided
- what an appropriate size of site is
- what makes a good site
- where new sites should be provided.



Level of need

The starting point is the requirements set out in the draft RSS. These figures have an April 2006 base date. Permanent planning permissions granted since that date can be deducted.

Future Gypsy and Traveller Permanent Pitch Provision

Area	Requirement (2006-2011)	Provision Granted (since 2006)	Residual Requirement (2006-2011)
	Permanent (A)	Permanent (B)	Permanent (A) - (B)
North	48	32	16
South	18	0	18
East	5	0	5
West	14	4	10
Total	85	36	49

There have been no permanent planning permissions granted for transit sites or Travelling Showpeople sites since 2006. Other issues to consider include:

- There may be opportunities to redevelop, expand or intensify the number of pitches available on existing sites or to review temporary permissions.
- There is no national minimum site size, but early indications suggest Gypsies and Travellers prefer smaller permanent sites of no more than 15 pitches. This means three to five new permanent sites could be needed.

- Travelling Showpeople need sites to provide for the storage of equipment as well as caravans.
- Locations with access to a range of facilities and services are needed, as is the case for all types of housing.
- Locations close to key travel routes are generally preferred for transit sites to minimise distances travelled.

Q A What issues relating to the provision of Gypsy and Traveller Sites are important to you? (Please add comments below)