

Finding new sites

The biggest question is how will suitable new sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople be identified.

In the initial search it is proposed to identify areas where there is access to a doctor, a school and a food shop within 1,000 metres as the crow flies (see example below). The general location of doctors and schools within Wiltshire are identified on **Table 1**. The location of food shops is not available at the moment.

Tier 1: Location, policy and environmental constraints

Relationship to settlements	Is the site located within a safe walking distance of a local centre?
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Policy constraints	Is the site within the greenbelt?
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Environmental constraints	Is the site within or close to a hazardous area, such as flood zones or contaminated land?
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Tier 2: Access and infrastructure

Physical infrastructure	Has local infrastructure such as water and roads the capacity to accommodate the site?
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Transport infrastructure	Is there safe, independent vehicular access to the site?
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Social infrastructure	Is the site within an agreed distance of at least three local amenities or services?
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Other considerations	Is the site close to an existing Gypsy and Traveller site?
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Tier 3: Design and deliverability

Design and impact	What will the impact be on the local environment? What will the impact be on nearby properties?
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Deliverability	Is the site available? How much will it cost to develop the site?
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The above criteria are proposed as a way to refine the assessment of potential sites. The full list of criteria and proposed 'tests' can be seen on **Table 2**. Please identify which of the tests you feel are most important.

Wiltshire Council currently owns or manages six residential sites providing a total of 96 pitches for residents.

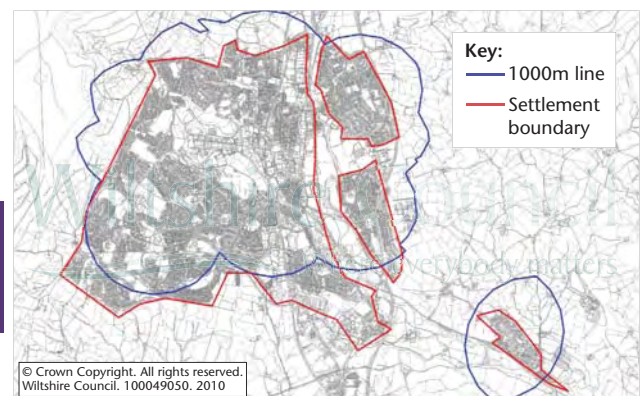


Illustration of using initial search

Q B What criteria do you think should be used to find suitable sites for Gypsies and Travellers to live? (Please add comments below)