
Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document

Sustainability Appraisal Appendix A -
Gypsies and Travellers Plan SA
Framework

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| Sustainability Topic | Sustainability Appraisal objective | Decision aiding questions. Will the policy or site ...? |
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| Biodiversity | 1. Protect and enhance all biodiversity and geological features and avoid irreversible losses | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid potential adverse impacts of development on local biodiversity and geodiversity and secure measurable net gains for biodiversity? 2. Protect and enhance designated and non-designated sites, priority species and habitats and protected species? 3. Ensure that all new developments protect Local Geological Sites (LGSs) from development? |
| Land and Soil Resources | 2. Ensure efficient and effective use of land and the use of suitably located previously developed land and buildings | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximise the reuse of brownfield/Previously Developed Land? 2. Avoid the permanent loss of the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural land (Grades 1, 2, 3a)? |
| Water Resources | 3. Use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect surface, ground and drinking water quantity/quality? 2. Direct development to sites where adequate water supply, foul drainage, sewage treatment facilities and surface water drainage is available? |
| Air Quality and Environmental Pollution | 4. Improve air quality and reduce all sources of environmental pollution | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimise and, where possible, improve on unacceptable levels of noise, light pollution, odour, vibration and contamination? 2. Reduce impacts on and locate development away from areas likely to experience poorer air quality due to high levels of traffic and poor air dispersal? 3. Lie within a consultation risk zone for a major hazard site or hazardous installation? 4. Ensure the community can facilitate efficient waste management? |
| Climatic Factors | 5. Minimise our impacts on climate change (mitigation) and reduce our vulnerability to future climate change effects (adaptation) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimise vulnerability to surface water flooding and other sources of flooding, without increasing flood risk elsewhere? 2. Promote and deliver resilient development that is capable of adapting to the predicted effects of climate change through design e.g. rainwater harvesting, Sustainable Drainage Systems, permeable paving etc. |
| Energy | 6. Increase the proportion of energy generated by renewable and low carbon sources of energy | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the development of renewable and low carbon sources of energy? 2. Be capable of connecting to the local Grid without the need for further investment? 3. Deliver development that maximises the use of sustainable construction materials where possible? |
| Historic Environment | 7. Protect, maintain and enhance the historic environment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect, and where possible, enhance heritage assets and their settings as well as the wider historic environment? 2. Protect and enhance landscape and townscape character? |

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| Landscapes | 8. Conserve and enhance the character and quality of rural and urban landscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimise impact on and, where appropriate, conserve and enhance nationally designated landscapes e.g. National Parks and National Landscapes, and their settings? 2. Minimise impact on, and where possible enhance, locally valued landscapes? 3. Protect, and where possible, enhance rights of way, public open space and common land? |
| Population and Housing | 9. Meet the accommodation needs of the traveller population | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver a mix of new sites/pitches to meet local needs? i.e. permanent pitches and plots / transit / emergency stopping places 2. Integrate the traveller community within existing urban areas/communities? |
| Healthy and Inclusive communities | 10. Improve health and wellbeing and reduce poverty and deprivation, promoting more inclusive communities with better access to services and facilities | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide access to health and community services and facilities? 2. Provide opportunities to access recreational physical activities and green/open space? |
| Transport | 11. Reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable transport choices | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide suitable access to a highway of sufficient width and capacity? 2. Provide opportunities to access sustainable modes of transport? 3. Minimise the need to travel to essential services? |
| Economy and Enterprise | 12. Provide education and employment opportunities to meet the needs of the traveller population | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide access to education and training opportunities? 2. Provide access to employment opportunities? |

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