
Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document

**Sustainability Appraisal
Scoping Report Appendix A -
Review of Plans, Programmes,
Policies and Sustainability
Objectives**

Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19)

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Plans, Programmes, Policies and Sustainability Objectives of relevance to the Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document		
International		
European Directive 2001/42/EC (The SEA Directive) (2001)	European Directive 2001/42/EC (the SEA Directive) ' <i>on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment</i> ' requires a formal environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.	A SEA is required for plans/programmes which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · prepared for...town & country planning or land use and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in the EIA Directive; or · have been determined to require an assessment under the Habitats Directive; or which set the framework for future development consent of projects and are likely to have significant environmental effects.
National		
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as subsequently amended)	The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is an act of the United Kingdom Parliament regulating the development of land in England and Wales. It is a central part of English land law in that it concerns town and country planning in the United Kingdom. Repealed in parts by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, it is also complemented by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.	Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply with all relevant European and national legislation. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 contains legislation that allows the local authority to act to remedy breaches of planning control and this should be taken into account when developing development management style policies within the DPD.
Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994	The Act introduced a number of changes to the existing law, most notably in the restriction and reduction of existing rights and in greater penalties for certain "anti-social" behaviours. Part 5 of the Act addresses 'Public Order: Collective Trespass or Nuisance on Land'.	Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply with all relevant European and national legislation. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 contains specific legislation regarding enforcement where there has been a breach of planning control with regards traveller sites, and this should be taken into account within the DPD.
Housing Act 1996/ Homelessness Act 2002	Section 7 of the Housing Act 1996 sets out Homelessness Legislation. The homelessness legislation places a general duty on housing authorities to ensure that advice and information about homelessness, and preventing homelessness, is available to everyone in their district free of charge. The legislation also requires authorities to assist individuals and families who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and apply for help. In 2002, the Government amended the homelessness legislation through the Homelessness Act 2002.	Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply with all relevant European and national legislation. These Acts of Parliament contain specific legislation regarding the provision of suitable accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers and this should be taken into account within the DPD.
Human Rights Act 1998	Its aim is to "give further effect" in UK law to the rights contained in the	Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply

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	<p>Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, but more commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights. In particular, the Act makes it unlawful for any public body to act in a way which is incompatible with the Convention, unless the wording of any other primary legislation provides no other choice.</p>	<p>with all relevant European and national legislation. The Human Rights Act 1998 contains specific legislation that relates to the Gypsy and Traveller community as a minority group and the treatment that all minorities should receive.</p>
<p>Housing Act 1985 (as amended), in conjunction with the Housing and Planning Act 2016 Section 124</p>	<p>The periodical review of housing needs under section 8 of the Housing Act 1985 is a statutory requirement on local housing authorities. This requires local housing authorities to assess and understand the accommodation needs of people residing or resorting to their district:</p> <p>It states that housing authorities in England have a duty to consider the needs of people residing in or resorting to their district with respect to the provision of sites on which caravans can be stationed, or places on inland waterways where houseboats can be moored.</p>	<p>Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply with all relevant European and national legislation. The Housing Act 1985 contains specific legislation that relates to the carrying out of an accommodation needs assessment for persons residing in caravans, and this should be considered when procuring and undertaking the GTAA. – see also draft MHCLG guidance referenced below.</p>
<p>Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 1: The Historic Environment in Local Plans (2015)</p>	<p>The purpose of this Good Practice Advice note is to provide information on good practice to assist local authorities, planning and other consultants, owners, applicants and other interested parties in implementing historic environment policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the related guidance given in the National Planning Practice Guide (PPG).</p>	<p>Sets out information to help local planning authorities make well informed and effective local plans. Particularly relevant with regards to any proposed Gypsy and Traveller site allocations.</p>
<p>Historic England Advice Note 8: Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (2016)</p>	<p>This Historic England Advice Note seeks to provide advice on historic environment considerations as part of the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment process.</p>	<p>Aimed at all relevant local planning authorities, neighbourhood groups, developers, consultants, landowners, and other interested parties. To be considered in undertaking the SA/SEA of this Plan.</p>
<p>Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3: The Setting of Heritage Assets (2015)</p>	<p>The purpose of this Good Practice Advice note is to provide information on good practice to assist local authorities, planning and other consultants, owners, applicants and other interested parties in implementing historic environment policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the related guidance given in the National Planning Practice Guide (PPG).</p>	<p>This document sets out guidance on managing change within the settings of heritage assets, including archaeological remains and historic buildings, sites, areas, and landscapes. Particularly relevant with regards to any proposed Gypsy and Traveller site allocations.</p>
<p>Historic England Advice Note 3: The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans (2015)</p>	<p>Offers advice on evidence gathering and site allocation policies, as well as setting out in detail a number of steps to make sure that heritage considerations are fully integrated in any site selection methodology.</p>	<p>This document is intended to offer advice to all those involved in the identification of potential sites for development within a Local Plan, to help ensure that the historic environment plays a positive role in allocating sites for development. Particularly relevant with regards to any proposed Gypsy and Traveller site allocations.</p>

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Equalities Act 2010	The primary purpose of the Act is to codify the array of Acts and Regulations, which formed the basis of anti-discrimination law in Great Britain. This legislation has the same goals as the four major EU Equal Treatment Directives, whose provisions it mirrors and implements. It requires equal treatment in access to employment as well as private and public services, regardless of the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.	Policies within the emerging Gypsies and Travellers Plan must comply with all relevant European and national legislation. The Equalities Act 2010 contains specific legislation that relates to the elimination of discrimination, harassment, victimisation and the advancement of equal opportunities. This should be taken into account when developing policies in the Gypsies and Travellers Plan.
Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DLUHC, 2023)	This document sets out the Government's planning policy for traveller sites. It should be read in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework. It provides national policy in terms of plan making and determining planning applications for traveller sites.	This policy must be taken into account in the preparation of the Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Plan. It is a material consideration in planning decisions.
National Planning Policy Framework (DLUHC, 2023)	Sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It provides a framework for the preparation of local plans, supplementary planning documents and neighbourhood plans. Local Plans should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan positively for the development and infrastructure required in the area to meet the objectives, principles and policies of this Framework; • be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon, take account of longer-term requirements, and be kept up to date; • be based on co-operation with neighbouring authorities, public, voluntary and private sector organisations; • indicate broad locations for strategic development on a key diagram and land-use designations on a proposals map; • allocate sites to promote development and flexible use of land, bringing forward new land where necessary, and provide detail on form, scale, access and quantum of development where appropriate; and • identify land where development would be inappropriate, for instance because of its environmental or historic significance; [...]. 	Local plans should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework. Clear and adequate reasons would be needed to justify a departure from the policies of the Framework. Paragraph 60 of the revised NPPF sets out that in determining the minimum number of homes needed, strategic plans should be based upon a local housing need assessment conducted using the standard method in national planning guidance. Paragraph 61 then states that 'Within this context, the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies (including, but not limited to, those who require affordable housing, families with children, older people, students, people with disabilities, service families, travellers, people who rent their homes and people wishing to commission or build their own homes'. The footnote to this section states that 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites sets out how travellers' housing needs should be assessed for those covered by the definition in Annex 1 of that document.'
Review of housing needs for caravans and houseboats: draft guidance (MHCLG, 2016)	Draft guidance to local housing authorities on the periodical review of housing needs for caravans and houseboats.	The guidance explains that amongst other, a specialist survey should be undertaken to establish the accommodation needs of groups such as gypsies and travellers. The guidance states that the local housing authority will need to disseminate the results of the accommodation needs assessment [...] and begin the process of facilitating or providing the necessary provision. This could for example require the identification

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		of land for sites, or the allocation of tenancies in existing properties.
Planning Practice Guidance (DLUHC, 2023)	The PPG is a web-based resource which provides the government's detailed planning guidance for England to be read alongside the NPPF. The PPG covers a variety of topics including (amongst others): conserving and enhancing the environment, housing and development needs assessments, natural environment, and strategic environmental assessments.	Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a local planning authority to have regard to advice issued by the Secretary of State in preparing local development documents. Similarly, section 34 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
Localism Act (2011)	The aim of the act is to devolve more decision-making powers from central government to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities more control over housing and planning decisions.	Requires local authorities to work with neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies in preparing their development plan documents.
Guidance on Managing Unauthorised Camping (DCLG, 2004)	The guidance's objective is to assist local authorities, police, and others to tackle unauthorised camping to minimise the disruption it can cause. It is designed to help strike an appropriate balance between the needs and legitimate expectations of members of the settled community, local businesses and other landowners, and Gypsies and Travellers. It sets out recommended courses of action which all local authorities and police forces should follow to provide an effective response to unauthorised camping in their areas.	The key question is if/how unauthorised encampments will be dealt with in the DPD. This guidance advocates developing an Unauthorised Encampments Strategy. Elements of this guidance may be relevant in developing policies on unauthorised encampments in the Plan, but in part is based on Circular 01/94 which has been abolished. Local authorities, police forces and other bodies should set out an unauthorised encampments strategy and protocol. The strategy must be developed through consultation with all key stakeholders if it is to be effective; and it must seek to balance the rights and responsibilities of the travelling and settled communities. This has been achieved through the Emergency Stopping Sites Strategy approved by Cabinet in July 2018 (see below).
Supplement to 'Managing Unauthorised Camping: A Good Practice Guide (ODPM, 2005)	The supplement provides further guidance on those provisions in the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (amending the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994).	Elements of this guidance may be relevant in developing policies on unauthorised encampments in the Plan, but in part is based on Circular 01/94 which has been abolished.
Guide to effective use of enforcement powers Part 1: Unauthorised encampments (ODPM, 2006)	This document is intended for elected officials and others in the community who have an interest in how unauthorised camping by Gypsies and Travellers is managed in their area and provides information to local authority officers and other landowners on options for dealing with such incidents. It explains the ways in which enforcement action can be made quicker, cheaper, and more effective.	This is current and relevant guidance which should be fully considered when developing the Gypsies and Travellers Plan. Elements of this guidance may be relevant in developing policies on unauthorised encampments in the DPD.
Guide to Effective Use of Enforcement Powers – Part 2: Unauthorised Development of Caravan Sites (DCLG, 2007)	This guidance document is intended to inform Planning Enforcement Officers, elected members of local planning authorities, and interested members of the public how the planning enforcement system can be used to prevent the stationing of caravans on land in contravention of planning control.	This is current and relevant guidance which should be fully considered when developing the Gypsies and Travellers Plan. Elements of this guidance may be relevant in developing policies on the unauthorised development of camping sites in the Plan.

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Local authorities and Gypsies and Travellers: a guide to responsibilities and powers (DCLG, 2007)	This booklet sets out what needs to be done to ensure more effective enforcement, alongside the provision of more authorised sites.	Important national guidance published by DCLG which should be taken into account in plan development to ensure appropriate provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches and to ensure strong enforcement is possible.
Regional (including relevant plans/policies of neighbouring authorities)		
Bath & North East Somerset Council Adopted Core Strategy 2029 Policy CP11 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	BANES policy options for the new local plan advise that they are proposing to take forward a criteria-based policy approach as outlined above and they do not consider that there would be a requirement to allocate additional sites for permanent residential or transit pitches within the Local Plan (website accessed 10 July 2024).	As the policy review focuses on other areas this document bears no relevance to the Plan. Responses from BANES to the consultation will enable the Council to continue to engage under the Duty to Cooperate regarding cross boundary matters.
Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan (Part 1 Core Strategy) 2013-2028 Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation January 2021	<p>The Core Strategy is the document that sets out the planning strategy for Christchurch Borough and East Dorset District for 2013-2028. It contains a criteria-based policy to guide new traveller site proposals (LN5).</p> <p>Work commenced on the Dorset Council Local Plan at the point that Dorset Council was formed in 2019. A consultation on a draft of the plan was undertaken in January 2021. This information will be used to inform the new-style Dorset Council Local Plan. It is intended that the Dorset Council Local Plan will replace all adopted local plans in the Dorset Council area upon adoption.</p> <p>The Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) which was being prepared by the former local planning authorities in Dorset, will no longer be taken forward. Any policies relating to, and allocations needed for, Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the Dorset Council area will be included within the Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>	Responses from Dorset Council to the consultation will enable the Council to continue to engage under the Duty to Cooperate regarding cross boundary matters.
Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2023 – 2025	The Management Plan sets out the vision, outcomes, ambitions, and policies to guide the management of the National Landscape for the period 2023- 2025. The Management Plan is a key mechanism for achieving the purposes of: (i) conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape; and (ii) increasing the understanding and enjoyment of the National Landscape’s special qualities. While having regard to these purposes, it seeks to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Landscape. It also seeks to foster a more consistent and coordinated approach across this administratively complex National Landscape in order to achieve these purposes	Relevant to any potential Plan policies and/or site allocations that could impact on this National Landscape.

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Cranborne Chase Partnership Plan 2019 - 2024	Following consultation with local communities, public bodies and agencies with an interest in the area, the Plan presents the special qualities and features of the National Landscape and determines what actions are required to ensure their conservation and enhancement. It explains the significance of this National Landscape and describes its outstanding landscapes, focusing on conserving and enhancing them, sustaining living and working landscapes, and the special landscapes to enjoy.	Relevant to any potential Plan policies and/or site allocations that could impact on this National Landscape.
Mendip District Council Local Plan 2006-2029	<p>The adopted Mendip DC Local Plan 2006-29 states that proposals submitted to the Council will be assessed against the criteria within Development Policy 15 as well as the content of "Planning Policy for Traveller Sites".</p> <p>The Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for a new Local Plan to cover the whole of Somerset, except for Exmoor National Park which produces its own Local Plan. Until the new Somerset Local Plan is adopted, existing Local Plans remain in place for the individual geographical areas of the former district councils.</p>	<p>The Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed but responses from Somerset Council on the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.</p> <p>Mendip DC have published a Community Land Trust Leaflet for travellers which could assist in identifying alternative products for site delivery in Wiltshire.</p>
New Forest District Council Local Plan Part 1 2016-2036	The adopted Local Plan Part 1 (Strategy) identifies a small additional pitch need for the district for travellers and travelling showpeople. The Plan states that Part 2 of the Plan Review will deal with any outstanding need.	The Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed but responses to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.
New Forest National Park Authority Local Plan 2016-2036	<p>The adopted 2016-36 Local Plan in Policy SP33: Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople allocates land within the curtilage of the existing gypsy site at 'Forest View' in Landford for an additional permanent gypsy and traveller pitch (a net gain of one pitch).</p> <p>Residual need identified could not be met in the Plan because the NPA could not source any land for this and owns no land in the Plan area as stated in the supporting text to the policy.</p>	The Landford site falls into Wiltshire but remains under the planning jurisdiction of the NPA. The evidence underpinning the Local Plan stems from the 2017 joint Hampshire authorities GTAA so this may be reviewed during the plan preparation. There was a small need that has now been met through planning permission at the Landford site. Travelling Showpeople need is viewed to be met through a criteria-based policy and was seconded by EIP Inspector.
New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy 2010 – 2030	The Recreation Management Strategy sets out the strategic direction for the management of outdoor recreation in the New Forest National Park from 2010 – 2030. The strategy seeks to guide and influence recreation and spatial planning policy and implementation across the whole of the National Park and adjoining areas.	The Gypsies and Travellers Plan could potentially impact on the New Forest through policies and site allocations that may increase the number of visitors to the national park.

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North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan 2019 - 2024	The North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan presents objectives and policies that partners can apply to help conserve and enhance this nationally important landscape. The Plan also contains priorities that the North Wessex Downs team intends to lead or carry out with others.	Relevant to any potential Plan policies and/or site allocations that could impact on this National Landscape.
New Forest National Park Partnership Plan 2022 - 2027	All English national parks are required to publish a management plan or partnership plan for their area and to update them every five years. It is the overarching strategy document that guides and monitors the work of all those organisations who have a statutory responsibility for delivering the two statutory national park purposes: 1. To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park 2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public	The Gypsies and Travellers Plan could potentially impact on the New Forest through policies and site allocations that may increase the number of visitors to the National Park.
South Gloucestershire Core Strategy 2006-2027	The adopted Core Strategy has a plan period up to 2027 and safeguards existing traveller sites (including travelling showpeople) and sets criteria for new proposals. It does not allocate additional sites for growth. The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan. Local Plan 2020: Phase 1 – Issues and Approaches consultation document (Nov 2020-March 2021) highlighted that it is important that the council puts in place the policy framework to support the identification of land (through the allocation of sites) to accommodate sufficient gypsy and traveller pitches.	The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. South Glos response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.
South Somerset Local Plan 2006-2028	Adopted South Somerset Local Plan 2006-28 contains Policy HG7. The Plan is based on a 2011 GTAA. A 2013 refresh provides additional requirements but the Plan states that they have been met and exceeded. The Plan states that proposals should meet site criteria in the Policy. The Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for a new Local Plan to cover the whole of Somerset, except for Exmoor National Park which produces its own Local Plan. Until the new Somerset Local Plan is adopted, existing Local Plans remain in place for the individual geographical areas of the former district councils.	The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. Somerset Council's response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.
Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026	Policy HA8 in the adopted Local Plan states: Provision for 17 additional gypsy and traveller residential pitches and one travelling showpeople site will be made over the plan period. The location(s) of this additional requirement will be identified in a Site Allocation Development Plan Document.	The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. Swindon's response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.

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	<p>The latest LDS now assigns site allocations for travellers to the Local Plan Review 2016-36. Following consultation feedback and legislative changes, a revised draft Swindon Local Plan 2036 was prepared. According to the 2023 LDS, the Regulation 19 consultation will commence winter 2024.</p>	
Test Valley Local Plan 2014-2029	<p>The adopted Local Plan 2014-29 contains a criteria-based policy COM13 for planning applications for traveller sites. The plan states that it is expected that identified need can be met through planning permissions but that a separate site allocations DPD shall be prepared.</p> <p>The Council initially consulted on a draft Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) between February and March 2015. It is now intended that the need and provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople will be considered within the Local Plan 2040, rather than a separate DPD.</p> <p>The new Local Plan 2040 is currently being progressed. According to the LDS, consultation on the Reg 19 will be undertaken the third quarter 2024.</p>	<p>The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. Test Valley's response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan Part 2 2031	<p>There are no allocations for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople proposed in the Part 2 plan. Applications for new pitches will be considered alongside the requirements of Core Policy 27: Meeting the Needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People.</p> <p>The Council is currently preparing a new joint Local Plan with South Oxfordshire District Council. A joint Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Accommodation Assessment with Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council is currently in progress (at the time of writing). Early indications show that there are no cross-boundary issues with Wiltshire Council.</p>	<p>The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. Vale of White Horse District Council's response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.</p>
West Berkshire Core Strategy 2006-2026	<p>Policy CS7 in the adopted Core Strategy (2006-2026) states: To meet the identified need for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople (56) pitches within the District, the Council will make appropriate provision through the identification of sites within the Site Allocations and Delivery DPD. The requirement for transit sites will be addressed through the same DPD.</p> <p>The Local Plan Review 2020 -2037: Emerging Draft proposes a traveller site and a showpeople site allocation. The EiP for the Local Plan Review is currently in progress at the time of writing.</p>	<p>The adopted Plan does not identify cross boundary issues that will need to be addressed nor does the current consultation document. West Berkshire response to the Reg19 consultation will be awaited to shape engagement going forward.</p>

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Local		
Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 47 (Wiltshire Council, 2015)	This policy makes provision to help meet the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community and travelling showpeople, who normally reside in or travel through the county. Core Policy 47 introduces a set of criteria which define broad locations where sites would be appropriate and against which potential sites will be tested and identifies a requirement for new pitches to 2021. The criteria have regard to local amenity, access to facilities and impact on the landscape in a similar way to policies for general housing.	Core Policy 47 forms the overarching policy regarding Gypsy and Travellers in Wiltshire. The Core Strategy was adopted in January 2015. The new Plan will review the policy and allocate land to meet identified accommodation need in the 2024 GTAA.
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (ORS, June 2024)	Identifies the permanent and temporary accommodation assessments for travellers, including travelling showpeople, for 2024-39.	Pitch and plot targets expressed in the study form the basis for the new Plan, as per Planning Policy for Traveller Sites.
Wiltshire Council Emergency Stopping Places Strategy (Wiltshire Council, 2018)	This strategy builds on the recommendations in the 2014 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment to build three emergency stopping sites in the county. It identifies policy and legislation affecting trespassing/encampments; number of unauthorised encampments; criteria for site selection, and other. The Strategy was considered in the 2020 GTAA and its recommendations have been reiterated in that document as to where sites should be provided in Wiltshire.	The ESP Strategy site selection criteria have been transposed into the Reg18 consultation document and will continue to inform ESP site selection. The general strategy to provide three sites in the north, west and south of the county is also proposed to be maintained.
Planning for Wiltshire's Gypsy and Traveller Communities Regulation 18 Consultation Document (Wiltshire Council, 2021)	This consultation seeks views to inform the content of the Plan which will address the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. The Plan will identify accommodation needs for travellers to 2036 and identify sites and broad locations for growth to meet permanent and temporary accommodation needs. It will review Core Policy 47 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.	A Regulation 18 consultation was undertaken in 2021. Consultation responses inform the content of the Plan.
Wiltshire Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater Strategy 2020-2025 (Wiltshire Council, 2020)	The Strategy's aim is to tackle inequalities experienced by the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater communities of Wiltshire. It identifies six key priorities and actions and partners to deliver against these priorities.	The Strategy can assist in identifying the sites and policies that will assist in meeting identified accommodation need in the right locations.
Health Needs Assessment of the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater populations living in Wiltshire (Wiltshire Council, 2019)	The first Health Needs Assessment of the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater population in Wiltshire provides the most current assessment of the health needs of these communities and identify the best evidenced interventions to meet these needs. This has allowed the development of the Wiltshire Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater Strategy 2020-2025 using the most up to date information and evidence.	The assessment provides useful background information on health inequalities and can influence land use planning in terms of where new permanent and temporary accommodation should be provided to assist in addressing health inequalities.

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Wiltshire Countryside Access Improvement Plan 2015 - 2025 (Wiltshire Council, 2015)	The Plan sets out the actions Wiltshire Council will take to manage, improve and promote Wiltshire's countryside access network (CAN). The CAN includes: public rights of way in both rural and urban areas (footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic); permissive paths; cycleways which are not adjacent to roads; canal towpaths; country parks; town parks; forests with public access (generally managed by the Forestry Commission); Access Land; and stretches of road and pavements or joint footway/cycleways which link the above together.	The allocation, intensification and/or extension of sites in the Gypsies and Travellers Plan has the potential to impact Wiltshire's countryside access network and this network will also allow residents access to local services and facilities and opportunities for healthy exercise.
Wiltshire Council Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (JBA Consulting, May 2019)	The SFRA forms part of a comprehensive and robust evidence base for the Local Plan which will set out a vision and framework for development in Wiltshire up to 2036 and used to guide the sequential test and decisions on the location of future development. The SFRA will also be used to assess planning applications, and flood risk mapping information will be made available for developers for carrying out flood risk assessments.	The SFRA forms guidance aimed at both planners and developers. The guidance should be read in conjunction with the NPPF and flood risk guidance from the Environment Agency. The guidance addresses: requirements for development in each of the Flood Zones, making development safe, river restoration and enhancement as part of development, dealing with existing watercourses and assets, developer contributions to flood risk improvements, dealing with surface water runoff and drainage, wastewater, water quality and biodiversity.

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