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# **Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document**

**Sustainability Appraisal Scoping  
Report  
Appendix B - Sustainability  
Assessment Framework**

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**Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19)**

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

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

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