**Arun District Council Local Plan**

**Statement of Common Ground: Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showmen DPD**

**September 2020**

 **Between:**

1. **Arun District Council (ADC) – the Local Planning Authority**
2. **Chichester District Council**

This Statement of Common Ground (SCG) has been prepared by the above parties to assist Arun District Council prepare a Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen Development Plan Document (DPD) 2018-2036.

The SCG sets out the areas of common ground in respect of ensuring that existing sites proposed for intensification and the new potential broad location allocation (ARU-HELAA-46b - Land at Little Meadow, Yapton) can be progressed to a Regulation 18 Draft Development Plan Document (DPD) consultation as part of preparing the Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen DPD (2018-2036). The maps for each site for intensification and the broad location proposed will be accessible via Arun District Council’s web site consultation portal from 1st October 2020:-

<http://arun.objective.co.uk/portal>

Appendix 1 to this SCG provides the: Background to the Arun Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showperson Development Plan Document and sets out the evidence base for and completed Issues and Options stage consultation.

Consultation Responses

No specific representations or objections were raised by Chichester District Council in response to the Issues and Options consultation. The Regulation 18 Gypsy & Traveller DPD Issues and Options Consultation report to 17 December 2019 Planning Policy Sub-Committee can be accessed below:-

[**https://democracy.arun.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=182&MId=671**](https://democracy.arun.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=182&MId=671)

**Chichester District Council Position**

*Need*

The GTAA 2019 identifies that additional pitch and plot provision will be required in the plan area over the plan period (2018 – 2035) as follows:

* 94 pitches for gypsy and traveller households who meet the planning definition
* 29 pitches for those gypsy and traveller households whose status is unknown but may meet the definition, and
* 23 for those households who do not meet the definition.

The GTAA also indicates that there is the need for 29 plots for travelling showpeople who meet the definition and 5 plots for those showpeople households who may meet the definition.

*Site Allocations DPD*

In order to meet the identified needs of those gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople who do meet the definition, the Council has committed to bringing forward a Site Allocations Development Plan Document, to be prepared in parallel with the Local Plan Review. The Council’s Local Development Scheme will be revised to reflect this decision in Autumn 2020.

The DPD will seek to meet needs via allocations for new sites, regularisation of temporary or unauthorised sites where appropriate to do so, and where suitable the expansion and/or intensification of existing sites. A call for sites will be undertaken to identify what land may be available and achievable to meet identified needs. At this stage, it is not known whether sufficient land will be available, or how much of the need can be met through regularisation, expansion or intensification of the existing sites. Should evidence emerge that there is insufficient capacity to meet the identified needs then it is likely that CDC will need to discuss this matter further with neighbouring authorities.

*Proposed sites in the Arun DPD*

It is noted that some of the proposed sites are adjacent to the administrative boundaries for Arun and Chichester, and therefore there may be implications for Chichester arising from the intensification or expansion of such sites. At this stage the Council does not have any site-specific comments to make, but reserves the right to make more detailed comments on sites in the response to the next round of consultation on the DPD.

**Agreed Position**

Both authorities intend to bring forward specific Gypsy and Traveller Allocations DPDs to meet identified G&T needs as set out in the joint evidence base (joint GTAA 2018 as updated in 2019). As yet, no unmet need has been identified in either authority.

| **Signatories** | **Position** | **Signed** | **Date** |
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| **Arun District Council** | **Cabinet Member for Planning** | Signature of Arun District Council Cabinet Member for Planning | **30/09/2020** |
| **Chichester District Council** | **Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Planning** | **Signature of Chichester District Council Cabinet Member for Planning** | **30/09/2020** |

**Appendix 1: Background to the Arun gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showpeople Development Plan Document**

Arun District Council (ADC) is the Local Planning Authority for that part of the District which falls outside of the South Downs National Park. ADC recently adopted the Arun Local Plan 2011-2031 in July 2018 (ALP 2018):-

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jijm4n12844.pdf&ver=12984>

The ALP 2018 sets out polices for the safeguarding of existing Gypsy and Traveller sites including development management policies for provision towards additional Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen (G&T) housing needs.

There is also a requirement for the preparation of a separate G&T DPD to address updated evidence on G&T accommodation needs necessary to comply with the Governments changed definition of G&T households set out in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS August 2015).

Subsequently, the ‘Coastal West Sussex Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen Accommodation Assessment April (Revised) 2019’ (GTAA 2019) was prepared with Chichester, Worthing, Adur, West Sussex and South Downs National Park authorities:-

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jijm4n14770.pdf&ver=15131>

The GTAA 2019 identifies a need for 9 pitches for G&T households (HH) that meet the planning definition and 14 plots for traveller showpeople.

There are 13 G&T HH that do not meet the planning definition. Criteria based polices should meet the needs of 3 unknown G&T HH and 1 unknown showman HH.

With regard to outstanding need, the GTAA 2019 assumes that for the period 2012-2017 under the PPTS (August 2015) planning definition, that supply and demand for G&T and showmen HH net to zero - establishing the new baseline at zero for 2018.

The next 5 years 2018 to 2023 will need to see provision allocated for 5 pitches and 11 plots.

There is no guidance on or distinction made between public and private provision. The G&T DPD will plan provision for the period 2018-2036 in accordance with the revised evidence base and identify specific deliverable sites for the 5 year period 2018-2022 and specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth for years 6-10 and, where possible, for years 11-15 (the remaining 5 year periods).

**Local Development Scheme (LDS)**

A Local Development Scheme (LDS) was reported to the Planning Policy Sub-Committee on 5th December 2018 and adopted at Full Council 9th January 2019. The LDS was updated and agreed at Planning policy committee on the 30h June for progression to adoption at Full council on 15 July 2020.

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/local-plan-sub-committee>

**Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showmen Site Allocations DPD - Issue and Options Public Consultation**

The Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showmen Site Allocations DPD - Issue and Options Public Consultation (G&T I/O DPD) took place for 6 weeks between 8 July to 2 September 2019. In summary the G&T I/O DPD identified: -

Gypsy & Traveller Pitches

* a need for 9 G&T pitches to be accommodated which can be achieved across 5 existing sites through existing and unimplemented permissions and intensification
* years 1-5 requires 5 pitches but existing and unimplemented pitches provide capacity for 4 pitches leaving a residual need for 1 pitch which can be accommodated though intensification capacity for +3 pitches leaving a surplus of +2 additional pitches
* years 6 – 10+ requires 4 pitches to be achieved with +2 pitches via intensification, leaving a residual need of 2 pitches – but this residual need can be discounted against the surplus +2 pitches in year 1-5

Traveller Showmen Plots

* a need for 14 Traveller Showmen (TS) plots which can be accommodated on 3 sites via existing and unimplemented permissions and intensification with an unmet residual need of 1 plot to be found on a new site allocation
* years 1-5 requires 11 plots but existing and unimplemented plots provide capacity for 12 plots with a residual surplus of +1 plot
* years 6 – 10+ requires 3 plots but capacity through intensification is limited to 1 plot requiring a residual additional need of 2 plots which discounted against the surplus of 1 plot in year 1-5, leaves a residual unmet need of 1 plot which cannot be accommodated though intensification but will require a new site allocation (ARU\_HELAA\_046b Land at Little Meadow Yapton (Bilsham Corner)

To meet identified need, Tables 1 and 2 below show eight existing Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen sites have been assessed and identified as appropriate for intensification and one proposed new site for allocation: the first five are existing Gypsy & Traveller sites; the last three are existing Traveller Showmen sites; the new proposed broad location to accommodate an identified plot shortfall towards the end of the plan period is ‘ARU-HELAA-46b - Land at Little Meadow, Yapton’.

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| **Table** **1 G&T Pitches to meet residual need respectively** |
| **Pitch Reference** | **Site Name** | **Existing & unimplemented Pitches** | **Pitches** **2018-23** | **Pitches** **2023-36** | **Pitches** **2018-36** |
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| **ARU031** | Fieldview, Junction | 3 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **ARU049** | Limmer Pond Stables | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
| **ARU051** | Dragonfly | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| **ARU\_NS\_1** | The Caravan Site | 1 | 0 | 1 |  |
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| **ARU044** | 2 Wyndham Acres | 0 | 2 | 0 |  |
| **Need**  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| **Total Capacity** |  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| **Balance** |  |  | **2** | **-2** | **0** |

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| **Table 2 G&T Plots to meet residual need respectively** |
| **Plots Reference** | **Site Name** | **Existing & unimplemented Plots** | **Plots** **2018-23** | **Plots** **2023-36** | **Plots** **2018-36** |
| **AL4714** | Aldingbourne Farm Shop | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| **ARU054** | The Old Barns | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| **ARU046** | Nyton Stables | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| **Need** |   |   | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| **Total Capacity** |   | 8 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| **Balance** |   |  | **1** | **-2** | **-1** |

New site for Gypsy and Traveller Pitches or Traveller showmen plots:-

* ‘ARU-HELAA-46b - Land at Little Meadow, Yapton’.

For Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showmen site location plans of the proposed sites see Appendix 1.

Transit Site/Temporary Stopping Places

* no current provision is required for a transit site/temporary stopping places (currently this contingency is provided for by a public transit site in Chichester) – however, unauthorised encampments are to be reviewed after 3 years following the GTAA 2019 i.e. 2021/22.

Unknown Households

* 3 unknown G&T households and 1 unknown TS household to be addressed though ALP 2018 criteria policies

The supporting evidence base for the Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showmen DPD preparation is set out in:-

*The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Identification Study* *(DLP April 2019): -*

<https://arun.objective.co.uk/file/5405030>

*Sustainability Appraisal of the Arun District Council Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Document Regulation 18 Report (Lepus Consulting May 2019):-*

<https://arun.objective.co.uk/file/5405033>