

## Appendix 2: Gypsy and Traveller Site Selection Criteria

### 1. Availability

- Council owned or landowner (public or private) is willing to sell to Council
- Site will be available for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site long term (at least 21 years)
- No **legal or ownership problems** such as:
  - i. Multiple ownerships
  - ii. Ransom strips
  - iii. Tenancies
  - iv. Operational requirements

### 2. Site Suitability

#### Policy Constraints

- Not within an **international designation** (SPA, SAC, Ramsar)
- Does not compromise the objectives of **nationally or locally recognised designations** (SSSI, SINCR, LNR, RIGS, SLA,, Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Archaeologically Sensitive Areas, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens and locally listed buildings).

#### Physical Constraints

- Acceptable and safe access to
  - the **road, footpath and public transport network** (in case of transit site would need to be the primary highway network)
  - **local services and facilities** (education, health services, shops, employment, leisure, recreation, churches and other religious establishments) including consideration of the views of the Gypsy and Traveller community.
  - **utilities** (water, drainage sewerage, waste collection, electricity, gas, telecoms, etc.)
- **Air quality** and **noise** levels are acceptable
- Not in a C2 **flood** zone or in a C1 flood zone that cannot be mitigated
- Not located on **unstable land**
- Not located on **contaminated land** which cannot be mitigated
- Not located in close proximity to **hazardous installations** or **water bodies** such as docks, rivers and canals unless effective mitigation in place
- Not located on high quality **agricultural land** (1, 2 3a)
- Unacceptable impact on **landscape, biodiversity** or **historic environment**
- **Noise** levels are acceptable
- Can meet other planning requirements

### **3. Achievability**

- **Physical Constraints** identified are capable of being overcome
- **Total cost** (including any abnormal costs) does not prejudice the ability of the site to be developed.

#### **Overall assessment**

A summary of the suitability of each potential site against each of the criteria will be entered into a table together with an overall conclusion for each site. This will allow a transparent and considered assessment to take place with an overall conclusion stating the preferred option and the reasoning behind it