

## HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

### Examination of Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document

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## HEARING AGENDA AND MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

### Issue 1

Have the relevant procedural and legal requirements been met, including the duty to co-operate?

### Issue 2

Has the preparation of the plan been informed by a robust evidence base to establish accommodation needs for travellers?

- (i) Is the assumption that net in-migration will increase the need for permanent residential pitches by 10 households reasonable?
- (ii) Is it reasonable to assume that there are 20 traveller households in bricks and mortar accommodation who need a pitch before the end of the plan period?
- (iii) What is the justification for including existing households who intend to move between sites in the next 5 years at lines 3a and 3b?
- (iv) If turnover is included on the supply side, should the entry in 3c of Table 5.1 of 7 households returning to bricks and mortar in the next 5 years and which is subtracted from immediate need, be excluded?
- (v) Table 3.1 of the Accommodation Assessment indicates that there is 1 unoccupied pitch on public sites and 6 on private sites but 5 of these are now occupied. Should this be taken into account?
- (vi) Is the plan sound when no provision is made for showpeople although there is an identified need for 9 plots?

### Issue 3

Does the plan identify a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide 5 years' worth of sites against the locally set target and of specific developable sites or broad locations for growth after those 5 years?

- (i) Should the supply of sites solely aim to meet the needs of those who meet the definition of traveller in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites?

- (ii) Would there be a 5 year supply of deliverable sites? Should the start of this period be April 2017 or April 2018?
- (iii) Should reliance be placed on an annual average turnover of 6 public pitches to meet any residual pitch requirement over the plan period?

#### **Issue 4**

Are the criteria based policies TS1 and TS2 necessary and are they fair in facilitating the traditional and nomadic life of travellers whilst respecting the interests of the settled community?

- (i) Given that Policy H4 of the Core Strategy sets out when proposals for traveller sites will be supported and the other general policies in the Core Strategy, are Policies TS1 and TS2 necessary?
- (ii) Are the detailed criteria of Policies TS1 and TS2 justified and effective?

#### **Issue 5**

Are the proposed allocations (TS3 – TS7) justified, are they deliverable and do they contain sufficient detail?

- (i) Having regard to funding arrangements is there a reasonable prospect that the proposed allocated sites will be delivered within 5 years?
- (ii) Is the transit site proposed by Policy TS3 justified and is it suitably located bearing in mind that it would be in the north of the county? Will it provide sufficient capacity? Can suitable access to it be provided from the A49?
- (iii) Are the other individual site allocations justified and do they contain sufficient detail to guide development?