

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT ISSUES AND OPTIONS 2 SITE OPTIONS AND POLICIES

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to consult on the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Issues And Options 2 - Site Options And Policies, and supporting documents.
2. This is a key decision because:
 - it is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area of the District comprising all wards.
 - it raises new issues of policy, or is made in the course of developing proposals to amend the policy framework, or is a decision taken under powers delegated by the Council to amend an aspect of the policy framework.

Executive Summary

3. The 'Issues And Options 2 - Site Options And Policies' document represents the next stage in preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (GTDPD). The GTDPD will implement the emerging East of England Plan Gypsy and Traveller policy at district level, including allocation of sufficient sites to deliver the number of pitches required by the regional policy.
4. At the Issues and Options stage, the LDF process requires that the Council identifies "reasonable alternatives" for site allocations. A detailed assessment has been carried out to identify site options, which have then been tested using criteria resulting from the Issues and Options 1 consultation in 2006. A total of 20 site options for consultation have been identified that perform relatively well against the assessment criteria. In addition, the Blackwell Travellers site on the edge of Cambridge is identified as an option to return to Transit provision, and an option is identified for additional Travelling Showpeople plots at an existing site in Meldreth. A further 22 options have been rejected as they fail against the criteria. The consultation will also be an opportunity for further sites to be suggested to the Council for consideration.
5. The GTDPD will need to include planning policies that can be used to judge planning applications both on allocated sites and any applications made on unallocated land. Draft policies have been prepared and included in the consultation document.
6. Following the consultation, the Council will need to consider any further sites put forward, and identify its preferred sites for allocation to meet the regional requirement which will be included in the draft GTDPD for Submission to the Secretary of State. The draft DPD will be subject to further public consultation before it is submitted and an independent public examination is held.

7. The Issues And Options 2 document, along with the Technical Annex, Sustainability Appraisal, Equality Impact Assessment, are recommended for consultation.

Background

8. In response to Government guidance the Council has commenced production of a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document. This will implement the emerging East of England Plan Gypsy and Traveller policy at district level and is intended to provide a vision for the future of Gypsies and Travellers in South Cambridgeshire. It will address the full range of land use and planning issues that need to be taken into account when considering proposals for Gypsy and Traveller sites. It will also identify a number of specific sites to be allocated for development as Traveller and Gypsy sites.
9. Following a number of workshops involving stakeholders and representatives from the Gypsy and Traveller community, the wider public consultation process began in October 2006 when the 'Issues and Options Report 1: General Approach' was subject to consultation. This sought feedback on the criteria the Council could use for identifying new sites.
10. The Council considered all the representations, and developed a set of criteria to test potential new sites against. Reports were considered by the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Member Reference Group on 15th February 2007, and by Council on 22nd February 2007 and 22nd March 2007. Since that time the plan program has been subject to delay. The plan is now being produced in house by Council officers, rather than the consultants that began the process.

Introduction to Issues and Options 2

11. The purpose of the 'Issues and Options 2: Site Options and Policies' document is to consult on potential site options for allocation as Gypsy and Traveller sites. These have been identified having undertaken a site assessment process using criteria resulting from the Issues and Options 1 consultation in 2006. The consultation will also provide a further opportunity for any other site options to be suggested. The document also consults on potential planning policies that could be included in the plan.
12. The Issues and Options Report (appendix 1 of this report) will be accompanied by three additional documents, which support the main document and are also published for consultation:
 - Technical Annex (appendix 2 of this report) - includes further background information on how the site options and policies were developed.
 - Sustainability Appraisal (appendix 3 of this report) - This Issues and Options Report has been subject to Sustainability Appraisal, carried out by Scott Wilson consultants in accordance with government regulations. This is to ensure that the site options and policies can be considered in the light of full information on their social, environmental and economic impact.
 - Further Addendum to Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (appendix 4 of this report) – Provides an update to the baseline information using in the Sustainability Appraisal.
13. In addition, the documents have been subject to Equality Impact Assessment (appendix 5 of this report).

14. If the documents are approved, it is intended that the period for making comments will run from 10 July to 9 October 2009. This is longer than most LDF consultations, but it runs over the summer period which is normally avoided.

Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Requirement

15. The GTDPD will need to allocate sufficient deliverable sites to meet the requirements of the emerging East of England Plan. The single-issue review of the East of England Plan is nearing completion. Following the Examination in Public in 2008, proposed changes to the draft policy were subject to consultation March to May 2009. The Council generally accepted the proposed changes to pitch requirements. The outcome of this consultation will not be known until later this year. In the mean time plan making can proceed on the basis of the draft policy.

	Pitches
East of England Plan requirement 2006 to 2011	69
East of England Plan requirement 2011 to 2021	58
TOTAL REQUIREMENT 2006 to 2021	127
Completions 2006 to 2009	13
Commitments at 2009	26
RESIDUAL REQUIREMENT	88

16. The minimum requirement to be met by allocations in the DPD is an additional 88 permanent pitches by 2021. A pitch is the space required to accommodate one household and will vary in land take according to the size of the household in a similar way to housing for the settled community. The number of caravans can be considered comparable to the number of bedrooms in a house. A pitch will also include an amenity building, parking area and small garden area.
17. In addition, the East of England Plan proposed changes would require that **40 transit pitches** (by 2011) and **30 Travelling Showpeople plots** (by 2021) are delivered across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Whilst the panel envisaged joint consideration by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils to determine the appropriate distribution, for South Cambs to address its share of provision, a view will need to be reached through the DPD.

Site Options for Consultation

18. At the Issues and Options stage, the LDF process requires that the Council identifies "reasonable alternatives" for site allocations, and it is not sufficient to only identify the minimum amount of land to meet the allocations requirement if other reasonable options exist. Consultation should take place on reasonable alternative options and sustainability appraisal of them, to enable public participation and debate. The Council will select its preferred set of options for site allocations at the draft submission stage in the plan making process.
19. A detailed and robust assessment process has now been undertaken using a detailed set of criteria agreed by the Council following consultation on Issues and Options 1. The assessment has focused on sources of land that the Council can have confidence can be delivered, a key requirement of the DPD. Site options have been tested according to a set of criteria developed by the Council following the first issues and options consultation in 2006, which comprises a three tiered testing process (see Appendix 2 Section A). The site assessment process has tested the visual impact that sites would have on the countryside to consider whether the level of impact is acceptable and also the physical and social infrastructure locally available to serve

permanent gypsy and traveller sites to ensure that adequate provision exists or can reasonably be provided. It has therefore considered accessibility to key services and facilities and site specific considerations such as landscape impact, highways, etc.

20. Some changes are proposed to the site-testing matrix previously approved by the Council, in order to streamline it and make it more effective. In particular, a key amenities test was added following the first Issues and Options consultation and was approved by Council. This provides a much more effective means of identifying search areas that could deliver sustainable sites, so has been added to tier 1 of the assessment. The key amenities are defined as access to a doctor's surgery or medical centre, a primary school, a food shop. Sites should have all three services within 2000m. This test is passed by Cambridge, Rural Centres, Minor Rural Centres, and a selection of better-served Group villages.
21. The site assessments have been informed by experience at other sites, including enforcement action and appeal decisions, eg. Smithy Fen. Testing of sites has included advice from other departments within the Council, and the views of external bodies have also been sought, such as the County Council (highways, education, archaeology), Environment Agency, Primary Care Trust, fire service and police.
22. The sources of land that have been identified and tested are as follows:
 - The Council made a commitment following the first issues and options consultation to test **unauthorised sites**. There are 72 pitches on sites with temporary planning consent, which are defined by government as 'unauthorised tolerated'. Such sites should only be identified as site options if they meet the assessment criteria. Most of the temporary consents perform relatively well against the criteria identified. A number of other unauthorised sites have been rejected where they perform poorly. Sites from this source that perform relatively well against the criteria could provide sufficient pitches to meet the immediate requirements identified by the East of England Plan to 2011.
 - Existing sites have been reviewed to consider whether additional allocations could be made as **extensions to existing sites** using new areas of land. In most cases it is considered that existing sites are not appropriate for extension. There are two obvious infill locations where temporary consents surround empty plots of land. These have been tested and where they perform well should be included as options for consultation. The Council run site at New Farm Whaddon is put forward as an option for two additional pitches, which could be delivered as part of wider site improvements.
 - **Former Council Run Travellers Sites** at Meldreth and Willingham have been considered but performed poorly against a number of the criteria and have been identified as rejected options.
 - A review of **publicly owned land** has also been undertaken, because of the potential to identify sites where there can be certainty that they can be delivered. An assessment has found that there is no suitable land owned by South Cambridgeshire District Council (see Appendix 2 section E). A range of public authorities were contacted, but no suitable sites were put forward. However, the County Council has indicated that it would be prepared to consider making available land in its ownership and the County Council's land holdings have therefore been assessed (see Appendix 2 section E). One suitable site option have been identified for consultation, although it should be

noted that the County Council has not provided a formal view on any site options identified, and they will have the opportunity to comment as the land owner through the public consultation.

- Site options at **major developments** have been considered consistent with government guidance that major developments should meet the needs of all sectors of community, which has been reflected in the new East of England Plan gypsy and traveller policy (see Appendix 2 Section F). Whilst some of these developments are long term they are being planned now. Major developments including the urban extensions to Cambridge, Northstowe and Cambourne, have therefore been considered. The urban extension between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road is being planned for development specifically to address the long term development needs of Cambridge University. The affordable housing on the site will be specifically for University key workers. It has been included as an option to enable debate on whether it should include provision. In addition, the Ida Darwin hospital site, recommended to the Inspectors considering the Site Specific Policies DPD as an allocation to make up a housing shortfall, has been included as an option for a small level of provision reflecting the smaller size of the development. These site options would enable longer-term needs to be met to 2021. Cambridge Southern Fringe and Orchard Park are well advanced in planning terms and it would be difficult to secure a site or to integrate it into the development at this very late stage.
 - New areas of **privately owned land** have **not** been identified due to the difficulties in demonstrating delivery. No suitable sites were put forward during the first Issues and Options consultation in 2006. Another invitation for sites to be put forward will be included in this consultation to see if other potential sites can be identified where there can be confidence over delivery. Reasonable options according to the agreed criteria will be tested and subject to a further period of consultation, and could be selected by the Council as allocations. In particular this will be a further opportunity for private landowners to put forward sites.
 - Given the dissatisfaction with Blackwell as a permanent residential site, due to its location directly adjacent to the A14, an option for consultation is to return this to a **Transit only site**, providing short term accommodation, and replace the current public provision through other options identified. If this option were pursued in the DPD, it would mean that 15 additional residential pitches would be required to replace the existing provision.
23. As a result of the detailed site assessments, 20 site options for consultation have been identified and listed below. The full assessments are contained in Appendix B. The site options are sufficient to deliver 149 pitches. If an allowance were made for the replacement of Blackwell the number would be 134. Therefore the site options identified will provide some choice when selecting the allocations for inclusion in the plan, recognising that the residual requirement of 88 pitches is a minimum figure to be provided.
24. The process has identified a sufficient surplus of site options to provide some scope to select the most appropriate sites for allocation having regard to public consultation, and it should also be noted that further site options might come forward through the consultation.

Table 1: Site options to be proposed for consultation

Site Number	Source	Location	Address	Number of Pitches	Potential Delivery
1	Temporary Consent	Edge of Cambridge	Sandy Park, Chesterton Fen Road	28	By 2016
2	Temporary Consent	Edge of Cambridge	Plots 1, 3 & 5 Sandy Park, Chesterton Fen Road	17	By 2016
3	Major Development	Edge of Cambridge	Cambridge East	20	By 2016 or 2016-21
4	Major Development	Edge of Cambridge	North West Cambridge – Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road	10	By 2016
5	Major Development	Edge of Cambridge	North West Cambridge – Land between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road (University Site)	10	2016-21
6	Major Development	Northstowe	Northstowe	20	By 2016 or 2016-21
7	Major Development	Cambourne	Cambourne	10	By 2016
8	Major Development	Fulbourn	Ida Darwin Hospital	5	By 2016
9	Temporary Consent	Willingham	Grange Park, Foxes Meadow, Iram Drove (off Priest Lane)	1	By 2016
10	Temporary Consent	Willingham	Plots 1 & 2 Cadwin Lane, Schole Road	2	By 2016
11	New Site – Private Land	Willingham	Plots 3 & 4 Cadwin Lane, Schole Road	2	By 2016
12	Temporary Consent	Willingham	Plots 5 & 6 Cadwin Lane, Schole Road	2	By 2016
13	Temporary Consent	Willingham	Land to rear of Long Acre and Green Acres, Meadow Road	3	By 2016
14	New Site – Private Land	Willingham	Land to rear of Longacre, Meadow Road (1)	1	By 2016
15	Unauthorised	Willingham	Land to rear of Longacre, Meadow Road (2)	1	By 2016
16	Temporary Consent	Willingham	Site of storage/agricultural buildings east of Long Acre, Meadow Road	1	By 2016
17	Temporary Consent	Willingham	The Oaks, Meadow Road	1	By 2016
18	New Site – Publicly Owned Land	Bassingbourn	Land at Spring Lane	5	By 2016
19	Temporary Consent	Swavesey	Rose & Crown Road	8	By 2016
20	Expansion of Existing Site	Whaddon	New Farm, Old North Road	2	By 2016
		TOTAL		149	

Phasing

25. The plan must consider the phasing and delivery of sites to ensure adequate provision over the timescale of the plan. The East of England Plan frontloads provision for the first five years of the plan period, setting a higher target in order to address a backlog of need across the region. The GTDPD will need to allocate sites that can be delivered in the short term to meet that need, as well as sites that can be delivered in the longer term to accommodate future household growth in the Gypsy and Traveller community. The final column in the table above considers when sites could be delivered, or be phased to be delivered.
26. The immediate period 2006 to 2011 could be met if a number of the existing temporary consents were to be made permanent, or through other sites capable of early delivery. The period 2011 to 2016 could be met by a mix sites, including through major developments that will be under construction during this period. It is in this period it would appear practical to replace the Blackwell site with alternative provision, and potentially re-open as a transit site were this option to be selected. There are currently concerns with regard to the ability to manage a Transit site when there is high demand for permanent accommodation, but the requirements of the East of England Plan to deliver new sites across the region should mean increased provision of residential sites will be available by this time. The period 2016 to 2021 could be addressed by pitch provision in the major new developments that continue to be developed during this period.

Rejected Options

27. A number of other site options have been tested but performed poorly against the assessment criteria and are proposed to be published as rejected options. The assessments are contained in Appendix 2 Section C. The rejected sites include existing unauthorised sites in Cottenham and Chesterton Fen, and the former Local Authority sites at Meldreth and Willingham. A number of sites identified from County Council land holdings are also rejected. These are sites that passed a first stage sieving process, but failed against the more detailed testing.

Table 2 - Rejected Sites

Site Number	Source	Location	Address	Number of Pitches (where existing)
R1	County Council Land	Bassingbourn	Land at Bassingbourn Road	
R2	County Council Land	Bassingbourn	Land on The Causeway	
R3	County Council Land	Bassingbourn	Land at South End	
R4	County Council Land	Cottenham	Land fronting Long Drove	
R5	County Council Land	Cottenham	Land fronting Rampton Road north of Ramphill Farm Cottenham	
R6	County Council Land	Cottenham	Land fronting Rampton Road south of Ramphill Farm Cottenham	
R7	County Council Land	Cottenham	Land fronting Twenty Pence Road	

Site Number	Source	Location	Address	Number of Pitches (where existing)
R8	County Council Land	Cottenham	Land fronting Twenty Pence Road	
R9	Unauthorised Site	Cottenham	Smithy Fen	
R10	Temporary Consent	Harston	Button End	1
R11	County Council Land	Histon	Land south of Manor Park	
R12	Former Public site	Meldreth	Former Local Authority Site, Kneesworth Road	15
R13	Unauthorised Site	Milton	Camside Farm, Chesterton Fen Road	1
R14	Site Suggested through Consultation	Milton	Land west of Chesterton Fen Road	
R15	County Council Land	Over	Land at Willingham Road	
R16	County Council Land	Over	Land South of Willingham Road and West of Mill Road Over	
R17	Temporary Consent	Rampton	Cuckoo Lane	3
R18	Temporary Consent	Rampton	Cuckoo Lane	1
R19	Former Public site	Willingham	Former Local Authority Site, Meadow Road	15
R20	County Council Land	Willingham	Land at Rampton Road	
R21	Temporary Consent	Willingham	7 Belsars Field, Schole Road	1
R22	New Site (subject to recent planning application refusal)	Willingham	North of The Stables, Schole Road	1

Travelling Showpeople

28. A specific plot requirement for Travelling Showpeople has been a late addition to the emerging East of England Plan policy. Requirements have been made at the County rather than district level. There is limited guidance on how the numbers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough should be split between districts.
29. An application is being considered by Planning Committee on 10th June 2009 to allow an additional 6 plots within an existing site in Meldreth. These plots would count towards the provision requirements. This is reflected in the draft report, but may need to be updated depending on the outcome. Additional sites have not been identified, as there is no evidence of need to be met in the District. However, there has yet to be a countywide process, so there is still a risk this could delay the plan making process.

Transit sites

30. The East of England Plan proposed changes require a network of Transit sites to be delivered across Cambridgeshire, including one accessible to Cambridge. As referred

to above, the Blackwell site will be put forward as an option for consultation to return this to a transit only site, and replace the 15 residential pitches with public provision through other options identified.

31. Other site options have not been identified. Again, a countywide process to identify sites and distribute provision may be required, which could risk delay to the plan making process.

Policies for Considering Planning Applications

32. The GTDPD will need to include planning policies that can be used to judge planning applications both on allocated sites and any 'windfall' applications coming forward on unallocated sites. Through the Issues and Options 1: General Approach consultation the council has already tested and consulted on a range of issues that will need to be addressed in planning policies. The council took account of responses when considering their preferred approach. In addition, there are many issues that need to be addressed to reflect national policy and best practice guidance. It is not necessary for policies in the GTDPD to repeat all policy already contained elsewhere in the LDF, or to repeat national planning policy, although these issues can be highlighted in the supporting text to help applicants.
33. Two draft policies have been developed for consultation. They are being published in full, including the draft supporting text which would accompany them in the final plan document, to enable detailed comments to be submitted on the wording at this early stage in the plan making process.
34. The first policy specifically addresses "windfall" proposals on unallocated sites, and the circumstances where it may be appropriate to grant planning permission. It should be noted that even with a statutorily adopted DPD with sufficient allocations to meet the RSS requirement for Gypsy and Traveller pitches, the Council may still receive applications on "windfall" sites.
35. The second policy addresses site design, in order to establish what the Council expect to see in terms of the design and layout of any new sites. The policy will include criteria relating to the quality of a site and facilities that it must include in order to meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities. The policy would apply to all sites seeking to gain planning permission, whether allocated or "windfall" sites.

Additional Issues raised in the Issues and Options Report

36. Other issues raised in the report for consultation are:
 - A draft vision and objectives for the plan, to clarify the goals of the plan, and what it should be aiming to achieve.
 - how sites could be delivered in major developments, and seeks views on issues including the timing, location, and design of sites.
 - the approach that should be taken if sites are allocated in the Green Belt. In addition, there is one remaining saved policy from the 2004 Local Plan for the provision of Gypsy and Traveller Pitches at Chesterton Fen Road, and views are sought on a proposal to delete it.

- proposals for monitoring the future impact of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document.

37. The document also highlights the Council's statutory general duty under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 to 'pay due regard' to the need to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity and to promote good race relations between different racial groups. As legally recognised ethnic groups, Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are protected by the Race Relations Act, and included in the scope of the duty to promote race equality and good race relations. This means that it is unlawful for any individual or organisation to treat Gypsies or Irish Travellers less favourably than other groups, or to discriminate against them indirectly. As the council wishes to promote sustainable, inclusive communities, when consulting on this document the council will not tolerate any representations, objections or comments that are deemed to be racist and this will be made clear in the consultation material. In general terms, a racist representation is one which includes words, phrases or comments which are likely:

- To be offensive to a particular racial or ethnic group.
- To be racially abusive, insulting or threatening.
- To apply pressure to discriminate on racial grounds.
- To stir up racial hatred or contempt.

Implications of the DPD before adoption

38. Until the DPD is adopted, programmed for autumn 2011, it will not have statutory weight in determining planning applications. A significant proportion of the temporary planning consents expire before that date and the Council will be likely to be faced with applications that will need to be determined. As the DPD goes through its formal stages it will increase in weight in decision making. At the issues and options stage, which is a non statutory stage, it has no material weight. However, the criteria and the site assessments will have some utility in considering the impact of a proposal. Once the DPD reaches proposed submission stage it will have some limited weight. Once the Council has formally submitted the DPD it wishes to adopt to the Secretary of State following public consultation it will have greater weight, especially for parts of the plan that do not receive objection, although the Inspector will be testing the soundness of the plan as a whole so areas without objection could still be subject to change. Once the binding Inspector's report has been received the plan will have considerable weight.

DPD Timetable

39. The timetable for the remaining stages of the plan preparation process is as follows:

STAGE	DATE
Issues and Options 1	November 2006
Issues and Options 2	Now
Consultation on further Site Options (if any further reasonable sites are proposed)	Early 2010
Submission Plan Consultation	June 2010
Submission to Secretary of State	Autumn 2010
Examination	Spring 2011
Adoption	Autumn 2011

40. If any new sites are suggested, they will be tested and if any are reasonable options they will be subject to public consultation. Following that consultation process, the council will consider the representations received, choose which sites should be allocated, and prepare a draft plan that they wish to adopt. There will then be a further period of public consultation. The council will then decide whether to submit the plan, along with the representations received. There will then be a public examination. The Inspector's Report is binding on the council which means that the council must make any changes that the Inspector identifies before it can adopt the plan.

Implications

41. Financial	Financial resources will be required for the further stages of the GTDPD preparation process.
Legal	The Council's Local Development Framework provides planning policies used in the consideration of planning applications. The GTDPD will include policies and land allocations in relation to Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople provision.
Staffing	Staff resources will be required to continue production on the plan document through to its adoption in 2011.
Risk Management	The preparation of the GTDPD adds to an already very heavy workload in Planning Policy. Resources will need to be carefully balanced to ensure the GTDPD is kept on schedule.
Equal Opportunities	In line with statutory duties under the Race Relations Acts and Disability Discrimination Acts, this Council's operates both a Race Equality Scheme and a Disability Equality Scheme. Travellers represent the biggest ethnic minority in the district (1% of the population) and suffer disproportionately high levels of ill-health and disability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Council is committed to treating everyone fairly and justly, whatever their race or background. b) The Scheme gives priority to actions relating to Travellers as the biggest ethnic minority in the district (around 1.0% of the district's population). Planning is identified as being amongst the services most relevant to promoting race equality.

Consultations

42. A number of officers and external bodies have contributed to technical sections of this report.

Effect on Strategic Aims

43.	<p>Commitment to being a listening council, providing first class services accessible to all.</p> <p>A range of measures are planned to enable effective consultation. As well as publication of documents and an interactive website there will be a number of exhibitions at locations across the district. Measures including an audio CD and direct assistance will be offered to those who need help to make representations.</p> <p>Commitment to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for all.</p>
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The options in the Issues and Options report aim to consider the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople, including issues of access to health care and the safety of locations.

Commitment to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.

The Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document, as part of the Council's LDF, will form a vital tool for implementing the Council's Gypsy and Traveller Strategy, and will set out policies and proposals as they relate to planning for Gypsies and Travellers in the District.

Commitment to assisting provision for local jobs for all.

Gypsy and Traveller DPD will consider the sustainability and accessibility of locations.

Commitment to providing a voice for rural life.

The Council's Gypsy and Traveller DPD will aim to deliver appropriate site provision to meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Conclusions/Summary

44. The 'Issues And Options 2 - Site Options and Policies' is the next stage in the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document. It will enable public consultation on a range of site options that have been identified, and provide the opportunity for further site options to be suggested to the Council.

Recommendations

45. The Portfolio holder is recommended to:
- (a) agree for public consultation the
 - (i) Issues and Options 2 - Site Options and Policies (Appendix 1 to this report),
 - (ii) Technical Annex (Appendix 2 to this report),
 - (iii) Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 3 to this report),
 - (iv) Further Addendum to Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Appendix 4 to this report), and
 - (v) Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix 5 to this report); and
 - (b) delegate any further technical amendments to the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Gypsy and Traveller DPD Issues and Options 1 General Approach

http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/DistrictPlanning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/Gypsy_and_Traveller_DPD.htm

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South Cambridgeshire Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2006

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