

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING, SUSTAINABILITY
AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
8 JANUARY 2019
REFERENCE FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

DAYROOMS ON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES

The Planning Committee recently approved an application for the erection of an ancillary dayroom building on a Gypsy and Traveller site.

Arising from its determination of the application, the Planning Committee agreed that the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee be asked to consider the need for a defined policy on the consideration of dayrooms on Gypsy and Traveller sites and if required how this might be brought forward in the review of the Local Plan process and the Supplementary Planning documents that relate to that process.

Currently there is no Local Plan policy specifically relating to the scale, design and siting of dayrooms in association with Gypsy and Traveller development and what permanent floor space is thought reasonably necessary to support caravans. The impact of such buildings is currently considered against general policies (DM15-1(ii), DM30-(i)(ii) and SP17) and subject to assessment against all material planning considerations.

RECOMMENDED: That the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee consider the need for a defined policy/addition to policy DM15/supplementary guidance on the consideration of dayrooms on Gypsy and Traveller sites and if required how this might be brought forward in the review of the Local Plan process and the Supplementary Planning documents that relate to that process.