

**Reference number: 14/506183/FULL**

1 neighbour representation has been received raising concerns that;

- It has not been established that the proposed occupants are gypsies within the revised definition for planning purposes as specified in the National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites August 2015 ("PTS").
- The proposal is not in accordance with H25 and H27 of the PTS (August 2015).
  - H25 states that local authorities should very strictly limit new traveller site development in open countryside that is away from existing settlements or outside areas allocated in the development plan.
  - H27 states that if a local planning authority cannot demonstrate an up-to-date 5 year supply of deliverable sites, this should be a significant material consideration in any subsequent planning decision when considering applications for the grant of temporary planning permission.
- The Council does not have an up to date Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) and so the application should be refused, or granted temporary permission only.
- How would the site be monitored in terms of the Gypsy status of potential future occupants.

**Officer comment:**

- In response, the Gypsy and Traveller status of the proposed occupants has been dealt with in the committee report.
- As set out in the committee report, the proposal has been considered to cause no adverse harm and so a permanent permission is acceptable.
- The current GTAA provides the best evidence of needs available at this point of time and the decision needs to be based on evidence at the time of the decision.
- In terms of monitoring, the permission would be restricted to Gypsies and Travellers, so any further occupants would need to comply; and like any breach of condition, this would need to be considered at the time of any breach if this occurred.

**Recommendation is unchanged.**