

## **Traveller Sites Supply Calculation**

1 The Government's 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' (DCLG March 2012) advises that local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan:

a) identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets;

b) identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years six to ten and, where possible, for years 11-15.

2 The Borough Council, in the light of this guidance, produced its first assessment of the supply of Traveller sites for the Spriggs Hollow Appeal which took place in October 2013. The calculation is set out below. The Appeal Decision issued on 7 February 2014 confirmed the Borough Council's conclusions that "the existing pitch provision significantly exceeds that required by the Core Strategy and the projected need within the GTANA. Moreover, the Council is able to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable sites and policy CS09 provides flexibility to allow additional sites to come forward in accordance with the objectives of the Core Strategy. Therefore there is no evidence to suggest that there is a significant level of un-met need within the Borough." The appeal was, however, allowed for other reasons.

## **2 The Regional and Local Context**

2.1 The Adopted Core Strategy policy CS09 (July 2011) identified a need for a minimum of 146 pitches in the Borough to 2011 and thereafter, a need to provide for a 3% compound increase in the number of residential pitches provided each year.

2.2 A Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) for the Cambridge Sub-Region of the East of England was published in 2011. It identified a total of 153 pitches in 2010/11 across the Borough – of which 143 were authorised.

2.3 The GTANA also identified a need for a total of 23 additional pitches across the Borough to meet forecast need for the period 2011-2031.

## **3 5 Year Land Supply**

3.1 There is an established need for 23 additional pitches 2011-2031 (20 years). This equates to 2 pitches per year.

3.2 Therefore, the Borough's 5 year supply can be calculated as follows:

Pitch requirement 2011-31 = 23

23 pitches over 20 years (2011-31)  $23/20 = 1.15$  pitches required per annum. This is rounded up to 2 pa.

The following sites form the 5 year supply:

Site	Pitch Provision	Comments (date permitted m/y)
Basin Farm, Outwell	1	4/11
Primrose Farm, Upwell	2	Permitted on appeal 7/10
The Stables, Marshland St James	2	9/11
Clydesdale, Walsoken	1	8/12
Many Acres, Upwell	1	9/12
Green Lane, Walsoken	3	10/12

The above sites can provide a total of 10 pitches. In addition 16 pitches came forward at Blunts Drove, West Walton in June 2012.

10 pitches divided by the annual requirement of 2 pitches = **5 years' supply** at April 2012. The GTANA required 8 pitches for the 5 year period 2011-2016; in this context our supply of 10 pitches would equate to 6.25 years' supply.

3.3 In order to maintain a 5 year supply of deliverable sites throughout the Plan Period the Adopted Core Strategy included a criteria-based policy (CS09). Recent experience has seen sites coming forward at a rate of 3 per annum (9 in total) since the policy was adopted in July 2011.