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Hi Annette,

Please find attached the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).
I have taken the following extract from the Executive Summary:

Figure 2 – Need for Gypsy and Traveller households in King's Lynn & West Norfolk that met the Planning Definition by year periods

Year Period	Dates	Need
0 – 5	2023-27	76
6 – 10	2028-32	10
11 – 15	2033-37	11
16 – 17	2038-39	5
0 – 17	2023-39	102

The need for the 0-5 year period need is made up of the following:

- 5 unauthorised pitches
- 41 concealed or doubled up household or single adults
- 23 teenagers who will need a pitch of their own in the next five years, and
- 7 displaced households

We will now start to look at how we address the above needs from the GTTA as well as the needs for Travelling Showpeople (which is 5 plots over the Plan period).

As stated in my previous email, we will be looking at a number of options to include:

- identify existing authorised sites that are capable/suitable to accommodate additional pitches/plots to meet the needs of the families on those sites
- Consider extension of authorised sites where there is an identified need but currently no capacity for additional pitches/plots
- Potentially identify new sites
- Consider formalising tolerated sites
- Consider formalising unauthorised sites
- Undertake an SA

Following this, we would then need to seek permission from the LPTG, Cabinet and the Full Council to consult on sites. Following a minimum 6 week consultation we would then have to consider the responses and finalise sites before getting Cabinet and Council's permission to agree to put the preferred Traveller sites and policy forward to the Inspectors. The earliest we could get to Full Council would be 21 March 2024.

Given the above indicative timetable, the examination of the Local Plan will need to be extended further into 2024. Whilst we understand that it would be preferable to consider this important issue within the Local Plan, extending the examination will mean that we will have to revisit the Housing Need for the Plan period, as March 2024 would be two years from the submission date of the Plan. Although we can't predict what this will mean for the submitted Plan, it is likely that further delays will occur due to any additional housing requirements.

Our legal advisor has suggested that we could deal with this issue in a separate development plan document to follow shortly after the Local Plan adoption. I would be grateful if you could ask the Inspectors for their opinion as to whether they think this approach would be acceptable given the level of need.

Kind regards

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