



Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan

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Dear Planning Policy Team

Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Sites Second Consultation May – Jun 2024

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Sites Second Consultation. As a statutory consultee, our role is to ensure that the conservation of the historic environment is fully integrated into planning policy and that any policy documents make provision for a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment.

Please also see our detailed comments in the attached table (Appendix A). We provide a summary of the main comments below.

SUMMARY

We note that you have decided not to allocate sites GTRA 9B), GT43 and F3.1. As you know we had concerns in relation to these site and so are pleased to see that they are not being carried forward.

We are satisfied that the remaining sites do not represent an unacceptable impact on the historic environment.

Whilst we consider many aspects of GTS plan section to be sound, we continue to suggest a very minor change to the wording of criterion 2g of the new policy on pages 33-35 to read 'heritage assets and their settings...'

We are pleased to see the site profiles and sustainability appraisal for the proposed allocations. However, these are not always accurate and do not acknowledge potential heritage impacts. Please amend accordingly (particularly for sites GT09, GT20, GT21 and GT55).





Closing comments

In preparation of the local plan, we encourage you to draw on the knowledge of local conservation officers, the county archaeologist and local heritage groups.

Please note that absence of a comment on a policy, allocation or document in this letter does not mean that Historic England is content that the policy, allocation or document is devoid of historic environment issues.

We should like to stress that this response is based on the information provided by the Council in its consultation. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals, which may subsequently arise as a result of this plan, where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

If you have any questions then please do get back to me. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely

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