

Committee: Local Plan Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

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Summary

1. Essex Planning Officers Association (EPOA) has commissioned a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment. ORS was appointed to carry out this work.
2. After detailed survey work and discussion ORS have now completed the report which has been published by EPOA. This is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendations

3. For information

Financial Implications

4. None

Background Papers

5. None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment will be available on website
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	All

Workforce/Workplace	N/A
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Situation

7. The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) assesses the current provision and future need for Gypsies and Travellers across Essex and make specific recommendations for each district.
8. The report recommends that Uttlesford need to supply an additional 26 Gypsy and Traveller pitches up till 2033.
9. The next stage of work for the Council is to consider how and where it proposes to allocate new provision. As part of this work Peter Brett Associates have been commissioned to carry out a capacity assessment of all existing sites, to assess all sites proposed as part of the Call for Sites in 2012 and to make recommendations to the Council for future provision. This report will be presented to the Working Group in due course.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The report is not sufficiently robust and the predicted numbers are incorrect.	1 – little or no risk or impact	An over or under provision of sites and challenge at Examination or appeal.	Appointed an independent consultant with experience of GTA. The report uses nationally accepted methodologies in its assessment.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.