

**Committee:** Local Plan Working Group

**Agenda Item**

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**Title:** Uttlesford Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan  
Issues and Options consultation

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## Summary

1. Members are asked to endorse the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options consultation to take place for 8 weeks starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December through to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.

## Recommendations

- 1) That the Local Plan Working Group endorse the consultation document and time frame for consultation;
- 2) That the group recommend the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation document to Cabinet.

## Financial Implications

2. None

## Background Papers

None

## Impact

- 3.

Communication/Consultation	The consultation paper will be subject to consultation in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	Public consultation will take into account equalities issues.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan is subject to an SA and SEA

Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

## Situation

1. The Gypsies and Travellers Local Plan will set out how Uttlesford District Council will meet the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.
2. The Council has a legal duty to consider the needs of Gypsies and Travellers. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Local Planning Authorities should set out the strategic priorities for the area and allocate sites to promote development. This includes allocating sites for the objectively assessed needs of Gypsy and Travellers.
3. The Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan is at an early stage of production so there are no policy proposals, rather issues with some questions for consultees to respond to. The document does not allocate any sites. The questions are set out in the attached consultation document.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan will be found unsound.	Low likelihood if UDC allocate sites in line with evidence and carry out consultation in line with regulations.	If the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan were unsound then planning permission would be granted on sites that may be in locations we would normally find unsuitable.	Ensure that evidence is used in formulating the consultation document and that consultation is carried out in line with the regulations and the SCI.

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.