

Committee: Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Uttlesford Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation – Update

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Summary

1. The Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation started on Monday 8 December 2014 and runs until 5pm on Monday 2 February 2015.
2. The attached report summarises the representations received to date.

Recommendations

3. That the Working Group notes the report.

Financial Implications

4. Costs of the consultation will be met from existing budgets.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The revised LDS will be posted on the website and made available for inspection.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate equalities impact assessments.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate

	Sustainability Appraisal
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Existing staff resources.

Situation

7. At the start of the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation letters and emails were sent to everyone who is registered on the Council's consultation database. Letters were sent to all statutory consultees. Parish and Town Councils were sent hard copies of the document and comments form. The document is available at the libraries, information centres and on the Councils website; comments can be made on-line, via the comments form, letter or email.
8. As of Wednesday 14th January 2015 64 people have made 174 comments. Question 12 has received the largest response rate with 54 comments.
9. A representation has been received from 3 of the land owners of the site south of the B1256 opposite Taylors farm stating that their site is not available for Gypsy and Traveller use. This site can therefore not go forward for further consideration.
10. The attached report is for information only and gives the UPPWG an update of the representations received to date. A full report of all representations will be presented to the group once the consultation has ended.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council submits an unsound Plan if the consultation process has not been carried out in accordance with the regulations and the SCI	1. The SCI and the regulations have been followed.	3. If the plan is found unsound this will cause delay and uncertainty	Ensure consultations are carried out in accordance with the regulations and the SCI. Ensure that members are involved throughout the process and plan preparation.

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.