

**Committee:** Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 23 February 2015

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**Title:** Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options -  
Consultation Responses and Officer  
Recommendations

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### Summary

1. Attached is the report of representations following the consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options.

### Recommendation

2. The report is for noting prior to members site visits.

### Financial Implications

3. None

### Background Papers

4. None

### Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The consultation was published in December 2014 and ran for 8 weeks.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The consultation was subject to a sustainability appraisal which was out to consultation at the same time.
Ward-specific impacts	ALL
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

## Situation

6. Consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options took place between 8 December 2014 and 2 February 2015, a total of 8 weeks.
7. 2589 comments were received from 689 people. The attached report summarises the representations made and sets out officers comments and recommendations.
8. Two additional sites have been proposed to the Council, one at Hill Top Yard Henham and one in Penntington Lane Stansted.
9. Site UTT026 has been withdrawn by the landowners and can therefore go no further in the plan making process.
10. An update on the enforcement situation on the Stansted sites is given under question 17.
11. Members are being asked to note the report prior to members' site visits. Once site visits have been undertaken the Planning Policy Working Group can discuss the sites in detail and advise officers during the new Local Plan preparation regarding Gypsy and Traveller site allocations.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Council's prepares an unsound plan. This could either be when the plan is submitted and the Inspector advises the Council that the plan is likely to be found unsound; or that following the formal hearing the plan is found unsound.	The council is preparing a plan which is positively prepared; justified; effective and consistent with national policy.	That adoption of the Local Plan will be delayed whilst additional work is undertaken	That the Council ensures that the Plan meets the requirements of the NPPF and Planning Policy for traveller sites and is justified by the evidence.

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.