

Gypsy and Traveller DPD - Sustainability Appraisal of Options:

OPTION B					
Sustainability Appraisal Objectives ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS	Investigating Question or Decision Making Criteria	Assessing the impacts (++ / - - / 0 / ?)			Nature of Effects and Overall Assessment: Quantify where possible. Include justification, comments and recommendations eg. for mitigation measures
		Short term	Medium term	Long term	
ENV1: To maintain and enhance biodiversity, geodiversity, species and habitat quality, and avoid habitat fragmentation					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect sites of nature conservation value from inappropriate development? • Will it increase the number or diversity of sites of nature conservation interest? • Will it bring negative effects to designated sites and what would this involve? • Will it adversely affect sites of geological interest? • Will it contribute to achieving BAP targets? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to influence Biodiversity Action Plan progress and protect SSSIs • Limiting detrimental change to areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value 			
		+	++	+	Option B aims to avoid environmentally-sensitive areas for permanent sites, and the LDD will assist effective action against future unauthorised sites.
ENV2: To limit or reduce vulnerability to climate change, including minimising the risks from flooding					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it minimise the risk of flooding? • Will it help reduce the vulnerability of agriculture to changes in weather patterns? • Is it promoting sustainable use of flood zones? • Does it encourage habitat relocation or compensation? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the number of planning applications permitted in flood zones • Reducing the vulnerability of planning applications permitted in flood zones 			
		+	+	+	Option B aims to avoid areas vulnerable to flooding for permanent sites, and the LDD will assist effective action against future unauthorised sites.
ENV3: To maximise the use of renewable energy solutions and reduce contributions to climate change					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage efficient use of energy? • Is it promoting a sequential approach to the pattern of development? • Will it reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases, including from traffic? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the provision of renewable energy generating schemes • Reducing household energy use and increasing use of energy from renewable sources 			
		-	-	-	Option B is not sequential. The option aims to respect the traditional culture and way of life of Gypsies and Travellers, and it would therefore not be appropriate to seek a reduction in vehicle use, or more efficient use of energy. However, the total volume of energy use and emissions is tiny, compared to other users.

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ENV4: To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce traffic volume? • Will it reduce traffic congestion? • Will it reduce the effect of HGV traffic on people and environment? • Will it increase the % of journeys using non-car modes? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % residential development complying with car-parking standards • Encouraging the use of non-car modes of transport 			
		0	0	0	Option B aims to respect the traditional culture and way of life of Gypsies and Travellers, and it would therefore not be appropriate to seek a reduction in vehicle use. The scale of this vehicle use is tiny compared to other land uses.
ENV5: To improve air quality and minimise noise, vibration and light pollution					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce emissions of atmospheric pollution? • Can it improve the ambiance of local areas? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising the instances of particulate, NO2 and ozone pollution • Trying to avoid the need for Air Quality Management Areas 			
		+	+	+	Option B aims to avoid locating permanent sites in location where they would cause, or suffer, significant local atmospheric or ambient noise pollution.
ENV6: To maintain and enhance the distinctiveness and quality of landscapes, townscapes and the historic environment					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect vulnerable and valued landscapes, or mitigate the effects of inappropriate development? • Will it ensure that building design makes a positive contribution to the local area, and enhances the character of local landscapes? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and under-used land? • Will the District's heritage be preserved or enhanced? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments considered 'at risk' • Conservation Area management plans 			
		+	+	+	Option B aims to avoid environmentally-sensitive locations for permanent sites.

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ENV7: To minimise the loss of undeveloped land and conserve and improve the quality of soil resources					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it avoid the use of productive agricultural land? • Will it minimise the irreversible use of soil resources? 	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of new dwellings built on previously developed land • New dwellings densities and land use efficiency • Contaminated land: its availability and restrictions to new development 				
	0	0	0	Because of the tiny area of land involved. Option B would have a negligible effect on this objective.	
ENV8: To improve water qualities and provide for sustainable sources of supply and sustainable use					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems? • Will it reduce water consumption? • Will the supply of water be efficient in terms of the overall network? 	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency water quality advice • Groundwater resource availability across the District 				
	0	0	0	Option B will have a negligible effect on water supply and drainage systems	
ENV9: To minimise the production of waste and increase recycling					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it result in less waste being produced or requiring disposal? • Will it facilitate better community recycling facilities? 	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the number of kilograms of household waste collected per head • Increasing the % of waste that is recycled or composted 				
	0	0	0	Some Gypsies and Travellers are involved in their traditional recycling activities, but overall the impact is negligible.	
Summary: SA vs. Environmental Objectives		0	0	0	For option B, positives and negatives tend to cancel out

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S1: To provide everybody with the opportunity to live in a decent, suitable and affordable home					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce homelessness? • Will it increase the range and affordability and quality of housing stock for all social groups? 		Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing completions per year against overall housing completions • Reducing the number of unfit private sector dwellings 			Option B aims to meet identified needs for accommodation in the locations preferred by Gypsies and Travellers
		++	++	++	
S2: To reduce poverty, inequality and social exclusion					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected? • Will it improve the level of activity available to young people in the District? • Will it support the development of Social Cohesion? 		Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of the population living in the most deprived super output areas of the country • Reducing the numbers of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance 			Option B aims to overcome the significant disadvantages currently faced by Gypsies and Travellers because of the lack of sufficient permanent sites, and will assist social cohesion
		+	+	+	
S3: To offer opportunities for all sections of the population to have rewarding and satisfying employment					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce unemployment overall? • Will it improve earnings? • Will it improve access to employment and help to create a better housing-jobs balance? 		Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of the population of working age in employment • Improving the level of average earnings 			Option B is unlikely to change existing employment patterns
		0	0	0	

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S4: To improve accessibility to essential services, facilities and the workplace, particularly for those most in need					
Decision-making criteria • Will it improve accessibility to key local services?	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the effectiveness of public transport to service public facilities Improving the level of facilities in local areas for local people to access 				
	+	+	+	Provision of adequate permanent sites, whatever their location, is the most effective means of enabling Gypsies and Travellers to access local health services.	
S5: To improve the education and skills of the population overall					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve qualifications and skills of young people? Will it improve access to schools / education facilities? Will it encourage opportunities for vocational skills training and improve local links with the workplace? 	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the level of school exam performance Improving the vocational training amongst the working population 				
	+	+	+	Provision of adequate permanent sites, whatever their location, is the most effective means of enabling Gypsies and Travellers to gain access to education. At Preferred Options stage, consider the impact on local schools, in liaison with the County Education Authority.	
S6: To improve the health of the population overall					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce death rates? Will it improve access to high quality health facilities? Will it encourage healthy lifestyles? 	Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to access GP services within 2 working days Improving the general life expectancy at birth 				
	+	+	+	Provision of adequate permanent sites, whatever their location, is the most effective means of improving the health of Gypsies and Travellers.	

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S7: To encourage local community identity and foster mixed communities with co-operative attitudes, helping to reduce anti-social activity					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce actual levels of crime?/ fear of crime? • Will it encourage engagement in community activities? 		Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of crime and the community's general fear of crime • Ability to create mixed and participative communities, eg. through election turnout 			
		0	+	+	Small sites of the scale proposed tend to become integrated into the local community within a short period
S8: To improve the quality of where people live					
Decision-making criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods? Will it increase access to and provision of quality open space?		Indicator-based concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of green open spaces for the wider population • Residents' perception of the quality of their neighbourhoods as places to live 			
		+	+	+	Option B is likely to increase satisfaction - among the Gypsy and Travellers communities because sites will be sought in the locations they prefer, and among the settled communities because it should result in fewer unauthorised sites and more effective enforcement
Summary: SA vs. Social Objectives		+	+	+	Option B has an overall positive impact

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ECONOMIC FACTORS		Short term	Medium term	Long term	
EC1: To encourage sustained economic growth					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it support emerging employment uses in the District (e.g. Research, tourism)? • Will it help retain existing businesses? • Will it aid farming diversification? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving floor space used for economic uses, especially in regeneration areas • Facilitation more VAT registered businesses in the District, eg. by providing land 			
		0	0	0	Negligible effect on this objective
EC2: To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment promoting a positive image of the District					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it provide for a variety of locations for businesses? • Will it add to a ready supply of employment premises? • Is it supporting targeted emerging employment types? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the availability of employment land across the District 			
		0	0	0	Negligible effect on this objective
EC3: To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage the development of local employment locations? • Is it located so as to minimise the journey to work? • Will it enhance a group of existing employment generating uses? • Will it encourage mixed use or live / work? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel-to-work by mode data • Reducing the reliance on accessing the workplace via private car 			
		0	0	0	Negligible effect on this objective

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EC4: To improve the social and environmental performance of the economy					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it offer the opportunity for more flexible working? • Will it operate in a way that seeks to minimise impact on the environment? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging business to work towards gaining Investors in People accreditation • Amount of floor space developed by employment type on previously developed land 			
		+	+	+	
		Under option B, choice of sites, and site design, aim to avoid damage to vulnerable and protected environments			
EC5: To improve economic performance in rural areas					
Decision-making criteria		Indicator-based concerns			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage rural diversification? • Will it offer sources of employment in rural areas? • Will it improve electronic communication potential? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permissions granted for business use outside towns • Improving the 'jobs density', as number of jobs to every resident of working age 			
		+	+	+	
		Under option B, provision of permanent sites to meet need will assist Gypsy and Traveller to broaden their traditional range of economic activities and access fixed electronic communications.			
Summary: SA vs. Economic Objectives		0	0	0	
		Option B has some positives, but overall neutral effect			
Key to Effects Score: ++ Major Positive + Minor Positive 0 Neutral Effect - Minor Negative -- Major Negative ? Uncertain Effect					
Overall Conclusions:					
Option B: Environmental overall neutral, Social overall positive impact, Economic overall neutral impact.					
Recommendations for Policy:					