

## Appendix 7

### Glossary - definitions and further reading

The following definition of Gypsies and Travellers, taken from current Government guidance, has been adopted for the purposes of this DPD:

***“Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family’s or dependants’ housing, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling show people or circus people travelling together as such.”***

A “pitch” is the basic unit of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers. The “pitch” could accommodate a single van, and could be empty when the occupiers are travelling, but many will have several caravans and vehicles, some of which are left permanently on the “pitch”. For short periods, there could be more, for example caravans belonging to visiting relatives, particularly for weddings and similar family events, or to provide family support during illness. For this reason, planning conditions to limit the number of caravans would not meet the objective of respecting the traditional travelling way of life.

**LDF** – Local Development Framework. See the LDF pages on our website: <http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/planning/1952.asp>

**Joint core strategy** - see <http://www.eastspace.net/gndp/>

**“LDF regulations”** - the Town and County Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 made under the Planning and Compensation Act 2004. Available at : [http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi\\_20081371\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20081371_en_1)

**“Current Government guidance”** is contained in Circular 1/2006, available on the website of the Department of Communities and Local Government: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/circulargypsytraveller>, and in Planning Policy Guidance 12 on spatial planning: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyguidance/planningpolicystatements/planningpolicystatements/pps12>

**RSS** - Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England, prepared by the East of England Regional Assembly, the Regional Planning Authority. The draft RSS review of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England can be found at <http://www.eera.gov.uk/category.asp?cat=583>

For the independent inspection of the draft RSS review, see: [http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/rss/east\\_of\\_england\\_gypsy/index.htm](http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/rss/east_of_england_gypsy/index.htm)

**“environmentally-sensitive area”** – for the purpose of this document, a location where the natural, cultural or built environment is recognised as requiring protection from development in designations of national status, including listed buildings, Conservation Areas, historic parks and gardens, ancient monuments, sites of special scientific interest, wildlife sites, archaeological sites, areas at risk of significant flooding.