

Customer and
Equality Impact Assessment
**Addendum Gypsies and Travellers and
Travelling Showpeople**

Local Development Framework:
Havant Borough
Pre-Submission Core Strategy

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Section 1

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<p>Person responsible for managing the assessment (author)</p>	<p>Flo Churchill, Interim Planning Policy and Urban Design Manager</p>
<p>Name and brief description of the service/policy to be assessed</p>	<p>This addendum forms part of the planning policy team’s work on the Local Development Framework (LDF) and involves delivering a varied programme of community engagement and consultation. The production, monitoring and review of the LDF is a statutory function which provides the policy framework against which decisions on applications for development are judged. This addendum is specifically concerned with assessing a new policy that is concerned with Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople proposed at the hearing into the Core Strategy as a direct result of the revocation of the South East Plan.</p>
<p>Objectives of the service/policy to be assessed</p>	<p>The new policy seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set out criteria that will be used to judge applications for development in respect of both temporary and permanent accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. • Set a framework to allow for the identification of sites within the forthcoming Development Delivery (Allocations) DPD
<p>Scope of this assessment</p>	<p>This is a detailed and specific Equality Impact Assessment relating to the introduction of a new policy specifically to deal with the issue of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople It will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to be considered alongside the proposed changes to the submission core strategy.</p>
<p>Has the equality group template been attached?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have you considered any complaints data? If yes please state</p>	<p>Very few complaints are received and are dealt with in accordance with the council’s established corporate procedure.</p>

<p>Have you undertaken any consultation?</p>	<p>Yes: The new policy was circulated to the respondents to the Submission Core Strategy. As a result there have been some changes proposed to provide greater clarity for the policy and to ensure its conformity with national legislation.</p>
<p>Consultation outcomes – regarding equalities information</p>	<p>It has been identified that the council needs to reach the travelling community using appropriate methods to ensure that the community has the opportunity to fully engage in the local development framework process.</p>
<p>From the equalities template/complaints data what area (s) are there concerns that the policy could have a differential (either positive or negative) impact?</p>	<p>Further work is required to identify appropriate ways of approaching the travelling community to ensure that the new policy is implemented in a fair and consistent manner.</p>
<p>Do you need to seek more information to make a more informed decision? (bench-marking with other LA's or setting focus groups?</p>	<p>Continued benchmarking with other LAs – desk exercise analysing other core strategies that have been found sound.</p> <p>Seeking specific responses through targeting relevant special interest groups specifically within the travelling community.</p>
<p>Reasons for any impact and any changes considered to the policy/service</p>	<p>The revocation of the South East Plan meant there was a policy vacuum that required the introduction of a new policy to deal with the housing needs of the travelling community.</p>
<p>Are there opportunities to better promote service/policy inclusion?</p>	<p>Explore ways of addressing needs of the travelling community</p> <p>Review impact of the new adopted methods to engage with the travelling community.</p>

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Assessment conclusion and improvement plan	We would look to explore ways of addressing the needs of people within the travelling community in future stages of the local development framework process. In particular we would look to engage with organisations such as Friends, Families and Travellers and over the coming 12 months in relation to the production of the Development Delivery (Allocations) DPD.
Monitoring timetable of this report and the improvement plan	To be reviewed annually (next review: 11 March 2011).

Please ensure that you have provided as much evidence as possible to support the responses you have given.

Additional Comments: None

Signed: **(Completing Officer)**

Flo Churchill, Interim Planning Policy and Urban Design Manager

Signed: **(Head of Service)**

Julia Potter, Executive Head Planning Built Environment

Signed: **(Critical Friend)**

Steve Weaver, Interim Development Services Manager

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SECTION 2

Customer and Equality Impact Assessment – Screening Template 2

	GROUP	IMPACTS				REASONING & EVIDENCE
		+ve	-ve	?	No	
ISSUE	Gypsies/Travellers & Travelling Showpeople	√				Whilst legislation is currently undergoing some change the council has a statutory responsibility to provide for the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers. These requirements will be met as part of the LDF. The Development Delivery (Allocations) DPD will aim to identify appropriate sites. The inclusion of a new policy specifically to deal with the accommodation needs of the travelling community within the Core Strategy sets out the criteria that will be used to judge any applications for development on sites identified within the Development Delivery (Allocations) DPD