Outlook

FW: East Hampshire Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate Provision of Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation

From Ellis, Jade [redacted]
Date Mon 2023-10-02 14:33
To Stevens, Heather [redacted]
Cc Harvey, Adam [redacted] Hayward, David [redacted] Crowther, Beth [redacted]

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Dear Heather

Firstly, please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to you.
As you may be aware, our current Local Development Scheme suggests that we will be targeting a Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan consultation in Q1 of 2024.
In confidence however, we are currently discussing with Members an updated LDS which would push back the Regulation 19 and submission. We are also considering further consultation options as well prior to the Regulation 19, which would be in Autumn next year. Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) consultation is being considered in Summer 2025 and submission following in Autumn 2025. This is of course very much confidential and subject to change at this point, but wanted to let you know the latest position in the interests of a good working relationship. We may be in a position to provide you with a fuller update when we meet with you on the 18th.
In terms of our ability to assist with the need for meeting GTAA – the ability to accommodate further pitches in the Borough is likely be challenging. As alluded to the email exchange with Adam last week, the emerging Constraints Study confirms the Borough is exceptionally constrained which will significantly limit our ability to meet general housing need. Within the update to your GTAA, it would be useful to understand whether there is any indication of the geographical spread in terms of the need for pitches particularly within the southern parishes.
We have just received a draft update of our GTAA, and whilst we've yet to review in detail - the expectation is that need and supply for the Borough will remain at 1 pitch.
We will of course be happy to discuss further and look forward to working with you to pull together the draft SCG.
Kind regards,
Jade

Jade Ellis

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From: Stevens, Heather [redacted]
Sent: 26 September 2023 09:29
To: Ellis, Jade [redacted]
Subject: Fw: East Hampshire Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate Provision of Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation

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Thanks.

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From: Stevens, Heather [redacted]
Sent: 18 August 2023 16:47
To: Hayward, David [redacted]
Cc: Planning Policy and Urban Design [redacted]
Subject: East Hampshire Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate Provision of Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation

Dear David

We are writing to you as we prepare for a consultation on the East Hampshire draft Local Plan (Reg.18) in the new year (See LDS July 2023).

East Hampshire District Council takes seriously its duty to plan for additional Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites to meet identified need, as part of the preparation of the Local Plan. We have kept our evidence base up to date, with ORS currently refreshing our GTAA 2020 to align with our plan period (2021-2040) and revisit key sites. We have also granted planning permission for many Traveller pitches where appropriate, only refusing permission where sites are particularly unsuitable, such as within 400m of the Wealden Heaths SPA. We annually publish our Five Year Supply, and currently have 2 years supply for Traveller pitches, and 0 years supply for Travelling Showpeople plots.

In our district, the delivery of new Traveller accommodation is particularly restricted by environmental considerations such as flood risk and for historic reasons, many existing sites being within 400m of the SPA, so now not suitable to expand or intensify. Equally the same issue applies to provision of Travelling Showpeople plots, but is further exacerbated by the rural nature of our district given the type of large vehicles that need to access such sites.

We have considered all existing Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and potential sites, reviewing constraints and identifying whether there is potential for development for Traveller pitches or Travelling Showpeople plots. Please see attached document.

The outcome of this process is that we have a high need, as shown in the GTAA 2020, and very little capacity to meet that identified need, as shown in the site assessment (see link). The refresh of the GTAA will likely show similar or increased need. That evidence base will be made available alongside the forthcoming draft Local Plan consultation in January 2024.

Our Duty to Co-operate Framework 2022 identifies the following as strategic cross boundary matters;

- Meeting the identified need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation within the District and wider unmet needs
- Consideration of the potential need for transit accommodation for Travellers (with regards to travelling routes across districts/boroughs).

And on these matters, lists the following authorities as engaged;

South Downs National Park Authority, Waverley Borough Council, Winchester City Council, Hart District Council, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Chichester District Council, Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council

The Duty to Co-operate Framework 2022 documents the efforts gone to identify sites, along with the background paper that supported the 2022/23 Local Plan consultation. That background paper included reference to requesting Hampshire County Council to review its landholdings for this purpose, which is did in 2019, but no suitable available land was identified. The Council asked Hampshire County Council to carry out this exercise again in 2023, but received the same conclusion.

Consequently, the Council requests your response under the Duty to Cooperate on whether your authority might be in a position to assist with meeting the need set out within the GTAA given that the Council is currently unable to identify how this need can be met.

For this purpose, it would be helpful to consider the following:

- Whether your authority is in a position to assist, and if so, how much and the mechanism through which this could be delivered
- The stage you are at in the plan-making process.

We kindly ask that you review the above information and respond accordingly confirming your authority's position and whether it is able to assist us with the delivery of Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites. It is appreciated that your authority may not be in a

position to do so but given the Duty to Cooperate requirements including the demonstration of the soundness test that will allow the Council to proceed to the examination of the Local Plan, could you please provide any relevant evidence to sufficiently demonstrate why your authority cannot assist.

We would be grateful to receive your response by **Friday 8 September.**

We are looking to prepare Statement of Common Grounds (SCG) to support our consultation on the draft Local Plan. Your response to this request will help form the SCG.

Many thanks for your time taken to consider this and respond. If you have any questions please get in touch, we are more than happy to discuss with you.

King regards

Heather.

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