

CORE STRATEGY FOR CHILTERN DISTRICT - EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR'S REVISED AGENDA: HEARING, TUESDAY 19 APRIL

Sub Matter: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

1. National policy context

What weight should be given to Circulars 1/2006 and 4/2007 and to the consultation draft "Planning for traveller sites"?

Are there broadly consistent requirements for development plan policies in the existing Circulars and the consultation draft?

In relation to national policy, is there a clear "direction of travel" to which it is reasonable to have regard?

2. Evidence of need

Is there robust evidence of the need for sites for Gypsies and Travellers?
(See detailed questions on previous agenda, 31 March 2011).

Is there robust evidence of the need for sites for Travelling Showpeople?

Should this assessment of need have regard to the needs of some of the 42 homeless travelling showpeople families referred to in paragraphs 14.19-14.29 of the draft, uncompleted report of the Panel which held the Examination-in-Public of the South East Plan Partial Review (2010), some of whom appear to own land in Chiltern District?

3 Policy CS14

(See detailed questions on previous agenda, 31 March 2011).

Does the Council's further proposed changes (in CDN 121) overcome any unsoundness? How would the suggested revised policy in practice guide the choice of sites or assist delivery?

Overall, would the policy be likely to be effective in ensuring the delivery of the needed plots and pitches?

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