

Chapter 5, Policy C6

Name	Representor Number	CH5PC6Q3: Response	CH5PC6Q4: Representor's Suggested Changes	MBC Response	MBC Suggested Modifications or Proposed Changes
A.Thomas	304	<p>There is supposed to be 'localism' which gives the decision making to local people.</p> <p>This policy will override that privilege for local decisions.</p>		<p>In the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Plan is the manifestation of localism, in setting policy on Gypsies and Travellers.</p>	None
Carl Powell	231	<p>Overall I agree with this policy.</p> <p>I have in mind sites around the County which began as 'travellers sites' but have been corrupted to build permanent houses, creating mini-estates on rural sites which would not have been approved, and depriving genuinely nomadic people of the use of the land.</p>	<p>To: 'Facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community...' </p> <p>Add something like: 'Construction of fixed dwellings on designated traveller sites will not be supported'.</p>	<p>Conversion of a gypsy pitch to a permanent dwelling would require planning permission and be subject to National Planning Policy Framework policies 54 and 55 and the Local Plan policy SS3 in its determination.</p>	None
Emilie Carr (HE)	33	The policy does not fully address potential impact upon heritage assets and their settings within its criteria.	<p>An additional criteria:-</p> <p>"are not detrimental to heritage assets and their settings" would strengthen this policy to ensure soundness.</p>	<p>Sufficient protection to heritage assets, in accordance with NPPF is provided by EN13 (A).</p>	None
Howard Blakebrough	20	We agree with his policy		Support noted	None

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Ian Jordan	158	<p>The Plan needs to make clear that the 2016 GTAA has not yet been completed and therefore the quote attributed to it in paragraph 5.10.10 is not correct and should be removed. We would also like to clarify that, while Melton Borough Council is entitled to review its evidence base, NWL, alongside other partner authorities, has not agreed to an evidence base review in autumn 2018.</p> <p>In addition, we consider that it should be made clear that the 'summary' of the GTAA included within the evidence base is instead Melton Borough Council's interpretation of a summary of advanced draft findings of the GTAA obtained by Melton from the consultants undertaking the assessment. The information contained in this relates to Melton Borough Council findings only, and does not form a draft of the GTAA.</p>		<p>The wording has been changed to reflect the findings of the Leicester and Leicestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2017.</p> <p>The evidence will be updated with the new GTAA 2017</p>	<p>Minor modification recommended to the text where it reads as 'GTAA 2016', to instead read as 'Leicester and Leicestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2017'.</p> <p>Wording in 5.10.8 to be changed to state that a regular review of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people permanent pitch and plot requirements (including transit pitch requirements) will be undertaken.</p>

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Leicester City Council	406	<p>Paragraph 5.10 of the supporting text states that the 2016 GTAA identified the level of need for additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The GTAA is still a work in progress, and currently at this point in time a final, completed version is not available.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.10.10 contains a quote which is attributed to the 2016 GTAA, setting out a recommendation that review of the evidence base relating to unauthorised encampments should be undertaken in autumn 2018 once there is a new 3 year evidence base following the changes to the 'Planning Policy for Travellers Sites (PPTS) in August 2015.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.10.11 contains a commitment to update an evidence base review in 2018.</p> <p>While it is the prerogative of Melton Council to undertake an evidence base review in 2018, it is not the case that there is agreement from all of the participating authorities (including the City Council) that this is required or an additional joint GTAA planned.</p>	<p>para 5.10</p> <p>The City Council therefore requests that this paragraph is amended to make clear that the levels of need identified are draft at present.</p>	<p>The wording has been changed to reflect the findings of the Leicester and Leicestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2017.</p> <p>The evidence will be updated with the new GTAA 2017</p>	<p>Minor modification recommended to the text where it reads as 'GTAA 2016', to instead read as 'Leicester and Leicestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2017'.</p> <p>Wording in 5.10.8 to be changed to state that a regular review of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people permanent pitch and plot requirements (including transit pitch requirements) will be undertaken.</p>

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National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	419	Paragraph 10 of PPTS requires that Local Plans must set out criteria to be used in determining applications that come forward irrespective of need. Thus the element of the policy which requires evidence of need is non-compliant and unacceptable.	<p>Set out criteria to be used in determining applications that come forward irrespective of need.</p> <p>The policy should also acknowledge that regular reviews of the need will be undertaken and that steps will be taken to deliver sites in accordance with changing circumstances.</p> <p>The policy should also acknowledge that the need identified in the GTAA represents a minimum level of provision.</p>	<p>The current policy states the criteria that will be used in determining planning applications. These criteria will be used irrespective of need. In determining planning applications, the PPTS (2015) states that Local Planning authorities should consider various matters including "the existing level of local provision and need for sites" (Policy H, 24 a).</p> <p>Policy C6 states that the most recent GTAA will be used as a basis for determining planning applications.</p> <p>No changes are proposed to 'acknowledge that the need identified in the GTAA represents the minimum level of provision'. The GTAA is used as robust evidence and any planning applications will be determined within the requirements stipulated by it.</p>	<p>Minor modifications recommended for: wording in 5.10.8 to be changed to state that a regular review of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people permanent pitch and plot requirements (including transit pitch requirements) will be undertaken.</p> <p>Wording to be inserted into policy C6 first para. to read: " The most recent GTAA will be used to identify pitch and plot requirements and where a need is found, steps will be taken to deliver sites. The GTAA will also be used as a basis for determining planning applications, together with the criteria within the most up to date PPTS".</p> <p>The first para. of policy</p>

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					C6. Take out the last sentence: "All applications would need the support of an evidenced need" as this is covered with the PPTS (2015) under policy H, 24 as being one of the issues, amongst other relevant matters, when considering planning applications for traveller sites.

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Richard Simon, Clerk to BPNP Steering Group	429	Supported		Support noted	None
Richard Simon	266	Supported		Support noted	None