

Ad hoc statement by Peter Suppa-Miller,
Secretary of the Local Councils Association

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Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Site
Allocations Development Plan Document

- I urge Cabinet to finalise the necessary assessment of the suggested sites AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, in order to remove the uncertainty currently being experienced by the relevant settled communities.
- In the light of the Core Strategy's Inspector's Preliminary Conclusions (Note ID/30 dated 30 August 2012) concerning Core Policy CP11 (at section 4), is Cabinet in any way uneasy that the Inspector may decide that this long-drawn-out process would render the Core Strategy "unsound", with all the ensuing implications?
- Finally, is there way in which the Local Councils could help with the finalisation of the assessments? For example, paragraph 5.15 of the report indicates the need to understand the archaeology of the sites - most Local Councils hold such information and would readily make it available.