

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY DRAFT POLICY GT1

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Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

6.1.12 Under the provisions in the Housing Act 2004, local authorities are required to consult with, and consider, the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in their areas and outline in their housing strategies how any identified need will be met.

6.1.13 Circular 01/2006 *Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites* (February 2006) requires Local Planning Authorities to establish criteria for the location of Gypsy and Traveller sites in their Core Strategies as a guide to the specific allocation of sites in the relevant Development Plan Document (DPD). The circular requires local authorities to assess Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs as part of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) process and to consult on those assessments with Gypsies and Travellers, both housed and travelling. The GTAA process has informed the RSS in terms of an overall assessment of need. In some locations it is expected that further transit provision will be phased in once significant progress at the local level has been made in meeting the need for residential pitches.

GT1 Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Requirements

Local authorities should identify realistically deliverable sites in their DPDs to provide for about 1,600 additional pitches for Gypsies and Travellers in the region, over the period 2006-2011, distinguishing between residential and transit pitches, to deliver the distribution of pitches contained in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3 Housing Market Areas, Unitary Authorities and Districts: Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Requirements to 2011

	Residential Pitch Requirement	Transit Pitch Requirement
WEST OF ENGLAND HOUSING MARKET AREA	207 – 227	47
BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET	18 estimate	n/a
BRISTOL CITY	14 – 34 estimate	n/a
NORTH SOMERSET	45 estimate	17 estimate
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE	74 estimate	n/a
WEST WILTSHIRE	7 fdp	0 fdp
MENDIP	49 fdp	30 fdp
GLOUCESTER CHELTENHAM HOUSING MARKET AREA	193	n/a
CHELTENHAM	0 estimate	n/a
GLOUCESTER	14 estimate	n/a
TEWKESBURY	122 estimate	n/a
COTSWOLD	15 estimate	n/a
FOREST OF DEAN	25 estimate	n/a

STROUD	17 estimate	n/a
SWINDON HOUSING MARKET AREA	31	12
SWINDON	7 estimate	0 estimate
NORTH WILTSHIRE	24 fdp	12 fdp
KENNET	0 fdp	0 fdp
SALISBURY DISTRICT & HOUSING MARKET AREA	9 fdp	0 fdp
BOURNEMOUTH & POOLE HOUSING MARKET AREA	227	261
BOURNEMOUTH	28 fdp	20 fdp
POOLE	35 fdp	13 fdp
CHRISTCHURCH	33 fdp	27 fdp
EAST DORSET	50 fdp	38 fdp
PURBECK	44 fdp	35 fdp
NORTH DORSET	37 fdp	128 fdp
WEYMOUTH & DORCHESTER HOUSING MARKET AREA	44	65
WEST DORSET	44 fdp	36 fdp
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	0 fdp	29 fdp
WEST CORNWALL HOUSING MARKET AREA	135	25
KERRIER	30 fdp	5 fdp
CARRICK	24 fdp	10 fdp
PENWITH	13 fdp	5 fdp
RESTORMEL	68 fdp	5 fdp
ISLES OF SCILLY	0	0
POLYCENTRIC DEVON & CORNWALL HOUSING MARKET AREA	29	20
NORTH CORNWALL	0 fdp	10 fdp
TORRIDGE	24 fdp	5 estimate
NORTH DEVON	5 fdp	5 estimate
EXETER HOUSING MARKET AREA	100	20
EXETER	12 fdp	5 estimate
EAST DEVON	9 fdp	5 estimate
TEIGNBRIDGE	65 fdp	5 estimate
MID DEVON	14 fdp	5 estimate
PLYMOUTH HOUSING MARKET AREA	109	30
PLYMOUTH CITY	40 fdp	15 estimate
SOUTH HAMS	51 fdp	5 estimate
CARADON	12 fdp	5 fdp
WEST DEVON	6 fdp	5 estimate
DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK	0 fdp	0 fdp
TORBAY UNITARY AUTHORITY & HOUSING MARKET AREA	0 fdp	5 estimate
SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT & HOUSING MARKET AREA	17 fdp	10 fdp
TAUNTON HOUSING MARKET AREA	35	0

TAUNTON DEANE	17 fdp	0 fdp
SEDGEMOOR	15 fdp	0 fdp
WEST SOMERSET	3 fdp	0 fdp
EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK	0 fdp	0 fdp
TOTAL	1,136 – 1,156	460

fdp First Detailed Proposals (advice provided by County, Unitary and National Park Authorities)
 estimate Technical estimates provided by County and Unitary Authorities
 n/a First Detailed Proposals / technical estimates not available
