

**Parish Liaison Meeting
Wednesday 19th October 2011**

Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Issues and Options Consultation and ‘Call for Sites’

- 2.1 The Planning Policy Team is currently in the process of preparing a Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document. This will seek to allocate **22 permanent pitches** and **20 transit pitches** for Gypsies and Travellers and **1 yard** for Travelling Showpeople in Bath and North East Somerset. These are the figures that the West of England Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2007) recommends that the Council provides over the period to 2016.
- 2.2 The Issues and Options consultation document asks for sites and related information to be put forward for assessment. No areas or sites for development are recommended at this stage.
- 2.3 The timetable for the production of this document, as set out in the most recent Local Development Scheme, is set out below:

Date	Milestone
July 2009	Project commencement Evidence gathering and scoping. Work did not fully start on the document until March 2010 when a dedicated officer was appointed.
November 2011	Publication of Issues & Options document and Call for Sites Comments can be made on the issues that the document will address and the possible options for responding to them. Land considered suitable for allocation can also be put forward.
June 2012	Consultation on the Options document Further options including preferred site allocations.
November 2012	Consultation on the Pre-Submission document Identify all suitable sites and ask for views on draft Site Allocations document.
March 2013	Submission of the document to the Secretary of State
June 2013	Examination
December 2013	Adoption The final version of the document will be adopted by the Council.

- 2.4 The first consultation will last for a minimum of 8 weeks to maximise response time. Direct meetings with the local Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, and drop-in events aimed at contacting all other relevant stakeholders, including the settled community, Parish and Town Councils will be held, to accord with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Early contact is being made with various stakeholders and community representatives to maximise opportunities for community engagement.

Please Note:

- 2.5 The Council's Corporate Policy on the Provision of Sites for Gypsies and Other Campers is currently being reviewed by a group led by the Strategic Director for Children's Services. This does not form part of the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document, although the planning team are

contributing towards its development. It is anticipated that the Corporate Policy will be adopted in December 2011.