



Adoption Statement

Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

The Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) was adopted on the 18th January 2024, including the Main Modifications recommended by Thomas Hatfield, the Planning Inspector who was appointed to carry out an independent examination of the DPD. The Council have also included Additional Modifications, which taken together do not materially affect the policies that would be set out in the Document if it was adopted with the Main Modifications but no other Modifications.

Anyone aggrieved by the DPD can make an application to the High Court under section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The grounds on which an application can be made are that the Document is not within the appropriate power, and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. The period within which the application must be made is before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the adoption date, therefore the expiry date is the 29th February 2024.

The DPD, this Adoption Statement and Sustainability Appraisal Report and addendum are available for inspection on the Council's website at: www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk as well as at the Town Hall from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm. The documents are also available at Nuneaton, Bedworth and Bulkington libraries during their respective opening times.

The address for the Town Hall is as follows:

Town Hall
Coton Road
Nuneaton
CV11 5A

For information

How sustainability considerations have been integrated into the Development Plan Document and how the options and consultation responses received on the Development Plan Document and Sustainability Appraisal reports have been taken into account

During the development of the DPD a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been carried out and updated as the DPD progressed. The SA was published along with the DPD and other submission documents under (Regulation 19) Publication stage. The appraisal was then updated via an addendum to assess the Main Modifications. The Executive Summary of the SA and SA Addendum annotates the sustainability considerations and how these were implemented within the DPD.

The reasons for choosing the Development Plan Document in light of other reasonable alternatives

The adopted Local Plan sets out the need for new residential dwellings within the Borough for all parts of the community, including those who travel. Policies DS4 and H3 set out the need for new pitches for Gypsies and Travellers but neither set out where the new pitches would be provided and instead Policy H3 sets out the criteria that will be used to identify potential locations for residential and permanent pitches through the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). The need for the DPD was therefore approved by the Secretary of State during the examination of the Local Plan. Whilst the Local Plan is currently being reviewed and therefore could have provided this information, it was still considered that a DPD was the most appropriate method to allocate sites and was considered appropriate as would carry more material weight than a Supplementary Planning Document.

Monitoring measures

Monitoring measures were suggested within the DPD but the Inspector requested there were some Modifications to these during the Examination process. The final monitoring measures are as follows:

Policy	Indicator	Target
Strategic Policy GT1 – Overall Need	Monitor the continued need for additional pitches.	Within five years of adoption of this DPD undertake a new Gypsy, Traveller, and Showpeople Accommodation Assessment.
Strategic Policy GT2 – Strategy	Sites permitted in accordance with the criteria mentioned in policy GT2.	100%. Timescales as below.
Policy GT3 – Site Allocations	Monitor the supply and delivery of allocated sites and report annually through the Authority Monitoring Report. Contact the proposed sites on a yearly basis after the AMR to encourage the sites to come forwards and answer any concerns the owners may have on bringing the sites forwards at that time.	A minimum of six additional residential pitches permitted and available for use by 2025 and a minimum of 11 additional residential pitches permitted and available by 2037.
Policy GT4 – Site Safeguarding	Monitor the use of the safeguarded site.	The identified site at Spinney Lane/Whittleford Road, Nuneaton to remain used for Travelling Showpeople unless it is clearly demonstrated that the site is no longer required for Travelling Showpeople accommodation.