

# Three sites identified for new Traveller pitches in Nuneaton and Bedworth

They are included in a plan set to be put out to public consultation

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The council has three independently assessed proposed traveller pitches sites (Image: CoventryLive)

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Three sites have been identified for new Traveller pitches in Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, like every other local authority across the country, has a duty to provide official traveller and gypsy pitches.

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They were all identified in the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).

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The council ran a call for sites between September 17 and October 22 last year, which included locations of pitches and traveller sites.

No sites were put forward for this type of use and the three assessed independently for the council remain the only sites for consideration.

These are:

- Sunrise Cottage, Mile Tree Lane, [Bulkington](#) - for three additional pitches within the existing site
- The Old Nursery, Parrotts Grove, [Coventry](#) - for five to six new pitches within the site
- Winter Oak, Watling Street, [Nuneaton](#) - for six additional pitches

A report to cabinet members says that the sites have also been assessed by the council, with input from key technical stakeholders, and there are no outright technical reasons why this form of development would be unacceptable in these locations

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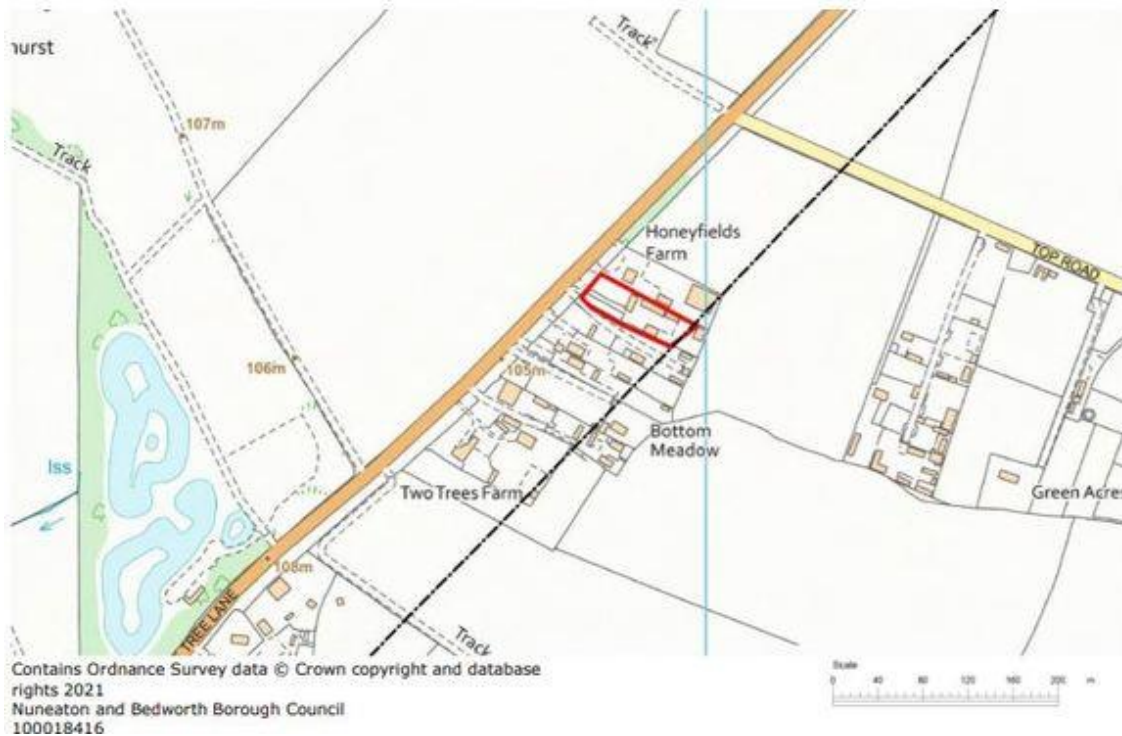
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Two of the sites are within the Green Belt, namely Sunrise Cottage and The Old Nursery, but these have been found to meet the terms of exceptions and thus allowable development in the Green Belt.

In the report, it explains what planning permission would be needed for each site.

#### **Sunrise Cottage**

- Provision of visibility splays of 160 metres.
- Suitable bin collection points should be provided within the site so that bins are not stored within the highway.
- Preliminary Ecological Assessment.



**Sunrise Cottage, Mile Tree Lane, Bulkington - a proposed location of new traveller pitches** (Image: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

### **The Old Nursery**

- Closure of the northern access within the site.
- Access to be made in and out of the site from the southern access within the site.
- Configuration of an access that allows for sufficient manoeuvring room for any vehicles entering/exiting the site.
- Any gates within the access to be setback sufficient distance to allow any vehicle entering the site to exit the highway completely whilst the gates are opened or closed.
- Provision of visibility splays of 160 metres.
- Suitable bin collection points should be provided within the site so that bins are not stored within the highway.
- Landscaping of the site boundary to soften the appearance of the pitches from external views.
- Preliminary Ecological Assessment.

- Retention of existing boundary vegetation.
- Provision of communal play area within the site.



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**The Old Nursery, Parrotts Grove, Coventry - a proposed location for new traveller pitches** (Image: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

### Winter Oak

- Suitable bin collection points should be provided within the site so that bins are not stored within the highway.
- Preliminary Ecological Assessment.
- Retention of existing boundary vegetation.





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**Winter Oak, Watling Street, Nuneaton - a proposed location for new traveller pitches** (Image: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

The locations form part of a wider Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) and planned consultation into it.

It is set to be discussed by members of the cabinet during a meeting on Wednesday, January 12.

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# Nuneaton and Bedworth could finally play home to enough legal Traveller pitches

It has a legal duty to provide a certain amount of places

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Nuneaton and Bedworth could finally play home to enough legal Traveller pitches.

For years the borough council has had an 'unmet need' when it comes to provision for Travellers.

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It, like other councils up and down the country, has to provide a certain amount of pitches especially for Travellers.

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Councillor Richard Smith, cabinet member for planning at the Town Hall, said that plans for three new traveller sites in the borough could help solve the long standing issue.

As we reported in our [newsletter three new potential traveller sites have been](#) identified.

The three sites are:

- Sunrise Cottage, Mile Tree Lane, [Bulkington](#) - for three additional pitches within the existing site
- The Old Nursery, Parrotts Grove, [Coventry](#) - for five to six new pitches within the site
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Cllr Smith explained that the three sites are due to be included in a public consultation into a wider Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

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This will give people the chance to have their say.

Cllr Kris Wilson said: "This is probably the first time we will have no unmet need.

"As an authority and as an administration, we believe in the rule of the law and those who are on legitimate sites should be tolerated in the community.

"It is the unlawful sites and encampments that are the most irksome to members of the public."

He said that the provision of the three sites should bring an end to planning applications, many on Green Belt land, that seek for permission for caravans, citing that the council has not met its traveller provision need.

"This will give greater protection for residents in [Nuneaton](#) and Bedworth."  
Cabinet members approved the consultation into the three proposed sites