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**Gypsy & Traveller
Development Plan Document**

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The period for responses to this consultation is from **Monday 2 July 2018 to 5pm on Monday 27 August 2018.**

The consultation includes a number of questions which you are invited to answer, and a 'call for sites' request.

If you have any questions or general queries during the consultation period, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01623 463195 or email lp@mansfield.gov.uk

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PART A: Context

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Mansfield District Council is committed to meeting the housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community within the District. In order to meet this need, the Council is in the process of developing a Development Plan Document (DPD). The aim of the DPD is to identify a new site for Gypsies and Travellers in a sustainable way which balances the housing needs of these groups with the settled community whilst protecting the natural and built environment.
- 1.2 The intention of this consultation report is to inform statutory consultees, the public and relevant organisations of our intention to produce a DPD; the progress made so far and to consider what the DPD ought to contain. This is the first formal stage in the planning process (known as Regulation 18 consultation¹) and will help to inform the draft DPD which the Council hope to publish early in 2019. In addition, we are formally inviting the submission of potential sites and supporting information as part of a 'call for sites' to meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community. The DPD timetable can be found in Appendix 1 of this document.

2. Policy Background

- 2.1 The Equality Act of 2010 provides protection from discrimination based upon, amongst other things, race. The courts have established that because of their ethnic group, Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are protected against race discrimination under the Equality Act.
- 2.2 The Housing Act 2004 requires Local Authorities to include Gypsies and Travellers in their accommodation assessments and to take a strategic approach, including drawing up a strategy demonstrating how the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers will be met, as part of their wider housing strategies.
- 2.3 In March 2012, the Government adopted the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and a new planning policy for traveller sites, the planning policy for traveller sites replaced Circulars 01/2006 and 04/2007. This policy aims to ensure local authorities:
 - make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning;
 - develop fair and inclusive strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites;
 - plan for sites over a reasonable timescale;

¹ [The Town and Country Planning \(local Planning\) \(England\) regulations 2012](#)

- promote more private traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites;
- reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective;
- ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies;
- increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under-provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply;
- reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities;
- enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure; and
- have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment.

2.4 In August 2015 the Government published its amended planning policy for traveller sites, which replaced the previous guidance and circulars relating to Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. The guidance emphasises the need for local authorities to use evidence to plan positively and manage development. This guidance also provided a formal definition for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople which can be found in Appendix 2 of this document.

2.5 Para 10 states that Local Planning Authorities (LPA's) should, in producing their Local Plan:

- identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide 5 years' worth of sites against their locally set targets;
- identify a supply of specific, developable sites, or broad locations for growth, for years 6 to 10 and, where possible, for years 11-15 years;
- consider production of joint development plans that set targets on cross-authority basis, to provide more flexibility in identifying sites, particularly if a local planning authority has special or strict planning constraints across its area;
- relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding populations size and density; and
- protect local amenity and environment.

2.6 Para 13 states that LPA's should ensure that traveller sites are sustainable, socially and environmentally. LPA'S should, therefore, ensure that their policies:

- promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site, and the local community;
- promote, in collaboration with commissioners of health services, access to appropriate health services;

- ensure that children can attend school on a regular basis ;
- provide a settled base that reduces both the need for long distance travelling and possible environmental damage caused by unauthorised encampment;
- provide for proper consideration of the effect of local environmental quality (such as noise and air quality) on the health and well-being of any travellers that may locate there or on others as a result of new development;
- avoid placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services;
- do not locate sites in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains, given the particular vulnerability of caravans; and
- reflect the extent to which traditional lifestyles (whereby some travellers live and work from the same location thereby omitting many travel to work journeys) can contribute to sustainability.

2.7 Para 14 states that when assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings, LPA's should ensure that the scale of such sites does not dominate the nearest settled community.

2.8 Policy F in paragraph 18 states that LPA's should consider, wherever possible, including traveller sites suitable for mixed residential and business uses, having regard to the safety and amenity of the occupants and neighbouring residents. LPA's should consider the scope for identifying separate sites for residential and for business purposes in close proximity to one another if mixed sites are not practical.

3. Why a DPD is needed?

3.1 Mansfield District Council is in the advanced stages of preparing a Local Plan that will cover the period 2013 to 2033, with the Regulation 19 Consultation² programmed to commence in Autumn 2018.

3.2 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015) requires that local planning authorities identify and update annually a five year supply of deliverable sites for travellers, and to identify a supply of specific, deliverable sites, or broad locations for years 6-10 and where possible years 11-15.

3.3 The Council undertook a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) in 2017. The assessment identified a need for 3 pitches and one transit site (approx. 0.5ha) to be delivered by the end of the Local Plan period 2033. There is no need for any additional travelling showpeople provision within the district.

3.4 The Council has undertaken an initial Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment in 2018 to identify suitable, available and deliverable sites to

² [The Town and Country Planning \(local Planning\) \(England\) regulations 2012](#)

meet the need identified in the GTANA. This assessment found that whilst there were potentially suitable sites no sites were available for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation use.

- 3.5 Subject to further detailed site assessment and consideration of deliverability, the key issue / constraint in identifying a site (or sites) to meet the District's Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs, is the lack of available sites. The Council has CPO powers which it can use to acquire a site, but having regard to the tight programme for publishing the main District Local Plan Publication Draft in September 2018 there was insufficient time to complete the necessary detailed site assessment, identification of options, targeted consultations, and site investigations required to justify a CPO. It would be impossible to identify a site allocation with robust evidence of deliverability in the main District Local Plan.
- 3.6 As such, in May 2018, Mansfield District Council considered a report on meeting the District's identified Gypsy and Traveller accommodation need and resolved the following actions:
- i. Authority to commence preparation of a Gypsy and Travellers Site Allocations Development Plan Document; and
 - ii. Authority to undertake an initial consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD and issue a call for sites;
 - iii. Authority to use the Council's powers to purchase any relevant sites where appropriate.

PART B: Consultation

1. Community Involvement

- 1.2 Community involvement will follow the pattern set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2017. The Council's SCI ensures that all sections of the community, including local voluntary and community groups and organisations, key stake holders, Warsop Parish Council, service providers, landowners, individuals and developers, are actively involved throughout the process of preparing Development Plan Documents. In the case of this DPD, it will be particularly important to involve Gypsies and Travellers, those groups which represent them, and members of the settled community likely to be affected by the site allocation.

Q1 – ARE THERE KNOWN INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHICH YOU RECOMMEND WE CONSULT WITH?
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2. Supporting Evidence

- 2.1 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is an essential (statutory) part of the preparation of a DPD and the process of preparing the SA runs alongside the preparation of the DPD. It is designed to ensure that the plan preparation process maximises the contribution that a plan makes to sustainable development and minimises any potential adverse impacts. The SA process appraises the likely social, environmental and economic effects of the strategies and policies within a plan (in this case the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD) from the outset of its development. Our SA incorporates Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which is also a statutory assessment process. A Scoping Report has been undertaken and is being consulted upon alongside this consultation document. The SA will be undertaken prior to the publication of, and will inform, the preferred options.
- 2.2 A Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) is required under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) for any proposed plan or project which may have a significant effect on one or more European sites, for example a Special Protection Areas (SPAs) or a Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). The purpose of the HRA scoping exercise is to determine whether or not significant effects are likely and suggest ways in which they could be avoided.
- 2.3 An equality impact assessment (EqIA) is a method that helps us to consider a policy in terms of how it might affect different groups of people protected in law (the Equality Act 2010). This helps to ensure our policies are fair for all people within the district. Whilst not a formal part of the SA or SEA process, we will carry out an EqIA of the DPD against all equality dimensions to enable us to identify and reduce the potential for discrimination and to promote equality and diversity of all kinds.

Q2 – IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE REQUIRED AS PART OF THIS DPD PROCESS?

3. **Scope**

- 3.1 The Scope of this DPD is to identify suitable, available and achievable sites for Gypsy and Travelers accommodation to meet the identified needs of the District up to 2033.

Q3 – DO YOU AGREE WITH THE SCOPE OF THE DPD?

4. **Aims**

- 4.1 This DPD has the following aims:

1. To identify the main issues with regards to how and where sites for Gypsies and Travellers should be allocated.
2. To seek views on the proposed criteria for the assessment of sites
3. To seek and obtain suggestions of specific sites which could be considered for allocation in the Submission Document.
4. To identify a suitable, available and achievable site
5. To set out a delivery mechanism, potentially involving the Council using its Compulsory Purchase Powers to acquire the site and including the funding, construction and subsequent management of the site.

Q4 – ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL AIMS WHICH THIS DPD SHOULD CONSIDER?

5. **Need**

- 5.1 As previously stated, the Council undertook a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) in 2017. The assessment identified a need for 3 pitches and one transit site (approx. 0.5ha) to be delivered by the end of the Local Plan period 2033. There is no need for any travelling showpeople provision within the district.

Q5 – IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF NEED THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?

- 5.2 As such, this DPD could identify one site for residential occupation by Gypsies and Travellers, or split this into 2 or more sites.

Q6 – HOW MANY SITES SHOULD THE COUNCIL LOOK TO ACCOMMODATE THE APPROX 0.5ha?

Q7 – SHOULD THE REQUIRED TRANSIT SITE BE LOCATED WITHIN / ADJOINING THE SETTLED GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITY PITCHES, OR COMPLETELY SEPERATE?

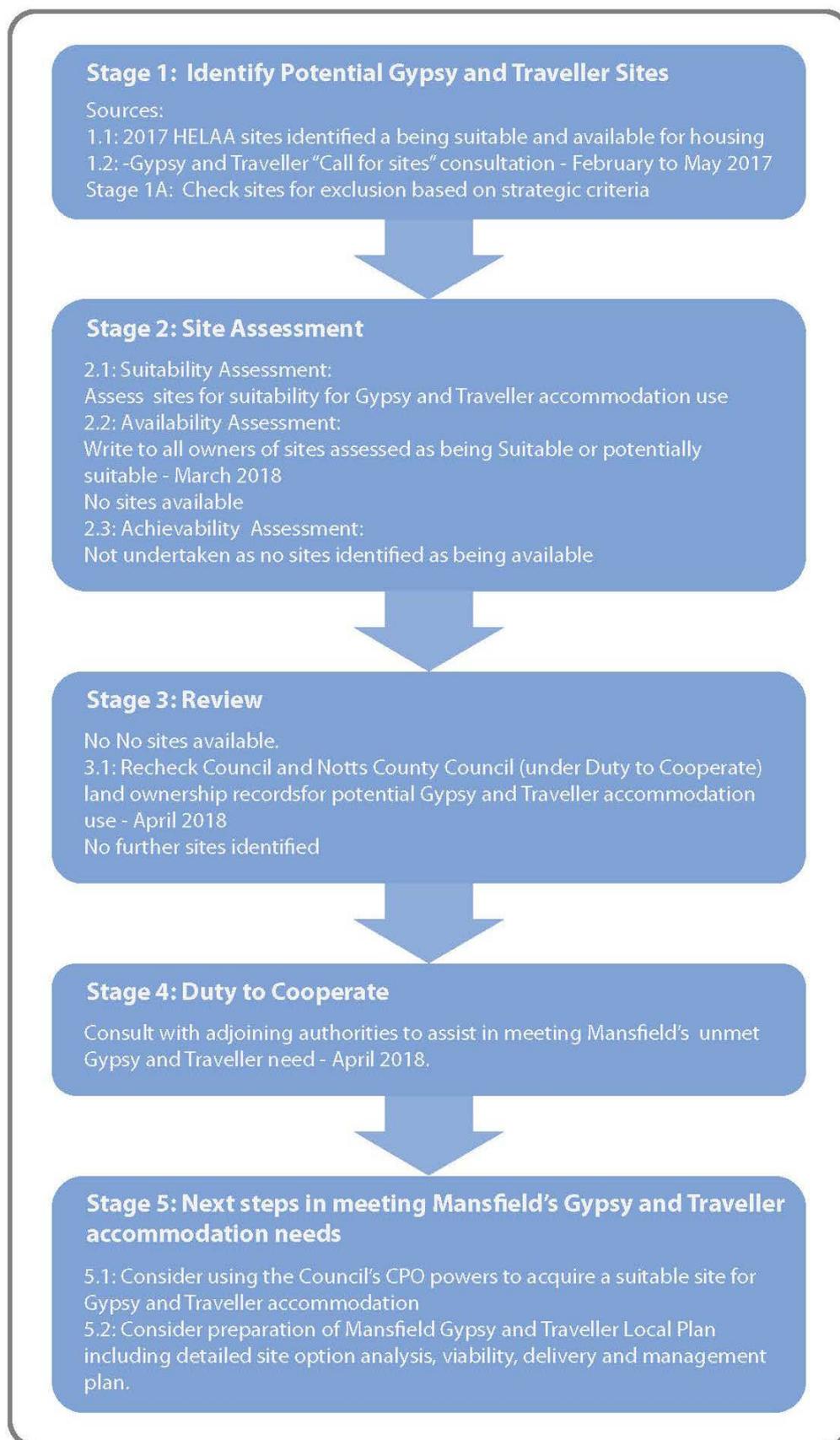
- 5.3 This DPD is not to be read in isolation from the Local Plan or other planning documents, and the selected site should not be in conflict with national and local planning policies, and be acceptable to both the travelling and settled communities.

Q8 – IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF ADDITIONAL NEED THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?

6. How will sites be identified?

- 6.1 The Council has recently undertaken an initial Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment (2018) to identify suitable, available and deliverable sites to meet the need identified in the GTANA. This assessment includes:
- potential housing sites put forward as part of the Council's Housing and Employment call for sites exercise in 2016;
 - an initial Gypsy and Traveller Call for sites exercise (March 2017); and
 - comprehensive review of potential Council and public owned sites
- 6.2 The initial Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment has not been published as it is based on a draft methodology which is subject to this public consultation.
- 6.3 The methodology for the initial assessment of sites as part of the Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment (2018) can be found in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment Methodology



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³ HELAA is the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment undertaken as part of the wider Local Plan.

Q9 – IS THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY CORRECT? IF NOT, WHAT ALTERNATIVE METHOD CAN BE USED TO SECURE THE SITE OR SITES?

- 6.4 The site exclusion criteria for the initial assessment of sites (as per stage 1A) as part of the Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment (2018) can be found in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment Exclusion Criteria

Stage 1 Exclusion Criteria	Reason
Sites less than 0.05 Ha	Threshold is based on minimum pitch size for Gypsy and Travellers for a permanent pitch.
Sites within functional flood plains (Flood Zone 3A and 3B) will not be considered for Gypsy and Traveller Purposes development purposes	Land that is in flood zone 3A and 3B proposed for residential and zone 3B for economic development will not be included in the HELAA. Any sites adjacent to flood zones will be carefully considered at Stage 2 Identified based on technical flood assessment evidence studies and EA flood mapping.
Nationally significant designated sites – Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Development within SSSI will be excluded from the HELAA. SSSI are protected by law to conserve their wildlife or geology. Any sites adjacent to SSSI will be carefully considered at Stage 2. Identified based on GIS mapping data.
Local Nature Reserves (LNR)	These carry a high level of protection and are designated by MDC under the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949. Sites within proposed LNR will be excluded. Any sites adjacent to a proposed LNR will be carefully considered at Stage 2. Identified based on GIS mapping data.
European Designated Sites - Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA)	These are strictly protected sites designated under the EC Habitats Directive. Development within these sites will be excluded from the HELAA. Any sites adjacent to these European designations will be carefully considered at Stage 2. Identified based on GIS mapping data.
Scheduled Monuments and Ancient Woodlands, Sites protected by woodland TPOs or significant numbers of group TPOs.	These are irreplaceable historical / ecological assets. Proposed sites for development will be excluded where they fall within ancient woodland. Any sites adjacent to Scheduled Monuments or Ancient Woodlands will be carefully considered at Stage 2. Identified based on GIS mapping data.

Stage 1 Exclusion Criteria	Reason
Designated Local Green Spaces (LGS)	LGS considered as locally important designations to be safeguarded and once adopted these LGS should have the same protection as Green Belt. Identified based on GIS mapping data.
Garden land	Any land identified as Garden Land will be excluded in line with para 53 of the NPPF. Identified based on GIS mapping data.

Q10 – HAVE WE USED THE CORRECT CRITERIA TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL SITES? IF NOT, WHAT OTHER CRITERIA SHOULD BE USED?

7. Management of the site or sites

7.1 There are several options for managing the site which could be considered once the site has been adopted. These include:

- Self-management – Gypsies and Travellers could develop and manage their own site. This could help to reduce the breakdown of traditional family structures, and help to ensure young people and new forming households within the community are not forced to move away.
- Private Management – Gypsies and Traveller could buy or rent individual pitches from a private developer or Housing Association who will have made the provision for the basic infrastructure required for a site.
- Council Management – Gypsies and Travellers could lease pitches or plots from the Local Authority, who will have made the provision for the basic infrastructure required.

Q11 – WHAT IS THE BEST OPTION FOR MANAGING THE SITE OR SITES, AND ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS WHICH WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED?

8. What if a site can't be identified?

8.1 To date, a total of 112 sites have been considered and assessed as part of the initial Gypsy and Traveller Land Availability Assessment. The assessment found that although there were some 32 potentially suitable sites, none were available (despite further direct contact with owners). As such, it is important to consider (at this early stage of the preparation of the DPD), what our options are if a suitable / available site cannot be found.

- 8.2 Under the Duty to Cooperate, the council have approached the neighbouring Local Authorities; Ashfield District Council, Bolsover District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and also Nottinghamshire County Council. Each of them confirmed that they do not have capacity to accommodate the need within their area.
- 8.3 As such, if negotiations with landowners prove unsuccessful, the Council may need to use its Compulsory Purchase powers in order to acquire a site as per section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Q12 – ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER TO FIND A SUITABLE, AVAILABLE AND DELIVERABLE SITE OR SITES?

9. Call for sites

- 9.1 A 'call for sites' is an opportunity for developers, landowners and other interested parties to put forward sites for development within Mansfield District that they believe are suitable for development.
- 9.2 We are seeking suggestions from landowners and other interested parties for sites to assist with the preparation of our Gypsy and Traveller DPD. We are specifically looking for 1 site to accommodate 3 Gypsy and Traveller pitches and 1 transit site.
- 9.3 If you would like to submit a site for consideration as part of this plan-making process, please complete our call for sites form which can be found in Appendix 3 of this document, attaching a 1:1250 scale Ordnance Survey map which shows the precise boundaries of the site and details of site ownership. The deadline for the submission of sites is **5pm on Monday 27 August 2018**.

Q13 – DO YOU OWN OR KNOW OF ANY SUITABLE SITES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP MEET THE COUNCIL'S NEED FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS?

10. Next Steps

- 10.1 After the closing date to this consultation, we will collate and review all of the comments received which will then inform the next stage of the plan. Any sites put forward as part of the 'call for sites' will be considered if they are suitable and available against the agreed criteria.
- 10.2 Once the period of consultation on this document has been undertaken, the responses received will be taken into account in the next stage of plan preparation. In early 2019 we intend to publish our preferred options (as an additional regulation 18 consultation). The next stage is the production of the Draft Submission version of the DPD.

- 10.3 As a result of public consultation carried out on the Draft Submission Document, minor changes may be agreed and these are notified to the Secretary of State when the DPD is submitted for approval. If as a result of the representations received, it becomes apparent that significant changes are needed, the Council will make appropriate amendments. A period of consultation on the amendments would then be necessary prior to the document being submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 10.4 The draft DPD, the Sustainability Appraisal and any representations made will then be submitted to the Secretary of State, after which will be an 'Examination in Public'. The Council will need to explain how any issues raised by objectors have been addressed. Matters raised by the DPD and particularly those to which objections have been made, are then discussed at an Examination in Public, which is a hearing chaired by a Planning Inspector acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- 10.5 Subject to the DPD being found 'sound' by the Inspector the DPD will be formally 'adopted' and made part of the Development Plan for the District. If the allocated site / sites are to be developed via a CPO, these proceedings will then commence upon adoption of the DPD.

Appendix 1:**Mansfield Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Timetable 2013-2033**

	Stage	Period	Progress/ Status
1	SA Scoping Report Preparation and Consultation (statutory consultees)	Early Summer 2018	The results of this consultation will feed into the regulation 18 consultation.
2	Consultation on Local Plan Scoping Report Gypsy and Traveller “Call for Sites” Consultation	Mid – late Summer 2018	We will carry out a call for Gypsy and Traveller sites and carry out the initial Regulation 18 consultation on what the Gypsy and Traveller DPD ought to contain, following the SA Scoping Report consultation.
3	Prepare Site Options	Ongoing from Summer 2018 to Spring 2019	During this period we will be agreeing the site selection methodology, preparing the SA draft site selections, and draft viability appraisal. If there are no available sites, the Council look consider the need to CPO a site/s at this stage.
4	SA of Preferred Sites	Autumn 2018/ Spring 2019	During this time the Preferred Sites will be assessed through the SA, HRA and EqIA to support the DPD. These will inform the consultation draft document.
5	Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Site Consultation	Spring 2019	We will consult on the Preferred Gypsy and Traveller Sites / CPO options
6	Prepare Submission draft of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.	Summer 2019	We will be drafting the final document having taken account of the representations received to the Regulation 18 consultation.

	Stage	Period	Progress/ Status
7	Consultation on the draft Gypsy and Traveller DPD- Regulation 19	Autumn 2019	We will ask for your views on whether the DPD meets the government's tests of soundness, over a 6 week period. Comments received will be provided to the Inspector when the Local Plan is submitted for examination.
8	Submission Local Plan	Winter 2019	We will be submitting the DPD to the Secretary of State to be examined by an Independent Inspector

Appendix 2:

Definitions of Gypsies and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople

1. For the purposes of this planning policy “gypsies and travellers” means: Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family’s or dependants’ educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such.

2. In determining whether persons are “gypsies and travellers” for the purposes of this planning policy, consideration should be given to the following issues amongst other relevant matters:

- a) whether they previously led a nomadic habit of life
- b) the reasons for ceasing their nomadic habit of life
- c) whether there is an intention of living a nomadic habit of life in the future, and if so, how soon and in what circumstances.

3. For the purposes of this planning policy, “travelling showpeople” means: Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family’s or dependants’ more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined above.

4. For the purposes of this planning policy, “travellers” means “gypsies and travellers” and “travelling showpeople” as defined above.

5. For the purposes of this planning policy, “pitch” means a pitch on a “gypsy and traveller” site and “plot” means a pitch on a “travelling showpeople” site (often called a “yard”). This terminology differentiates between residential pitches for “gypsies and travellers” and mixed-use plots for “travelling showpeople”, which may / will need to incorporate space or to be split to allow for the storage of equipment.

Appendix 3:**Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation-Call for Sites Response Form (2018)**

As part of Mansfield District Council's Local Plan, provision is required for sufficient pitches and plots for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople to meet current and future need.

This form should be used to provide information in response to the Council's Call for Sites inviting the submission of potential sites to be considered for future use as a Gypsy and Traveller site. **One form should be completed for each site put forward, and each site should be accompanied by a site plan, that can be hand drawn, which clearly identifies site boundaries and surrounding features such as road names, to ensure the site can be clearly identified.**

Completed forms must be returned to either of the following addresses by **5pm on Monday 27 August 2018.**

Via phone: 01623 463195

Via email: lp@mansfield.gov.uk

Via post: Planning Policy Team
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Your Contact Details	
Name	
Postal Address (including post code)	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
Agent's details (where applicable) – name, postal address, email	

address, phone number		
I am (please tick all that apply)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner..... • Planning Consultant..... • Registered Social landlord..... • Local Resident..... • Land Agent..... • Developer..... • Parish Council..... • Community Group..... 		
Other (Please specify)_____		
Owners Details - Please provide the following details in relation to the owners of the land		
If known, please tick if the site is in either in:	Single ownership <input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple Ownership <input type="checkbox"/>
Name & postal address of all owners		
I can confirm that all owners have been informed of this submission	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have the landowners' authority to promote this site?		
Is the site currently on the market?		
If you are the owner of this site or are acting as agent for the owner, Have you received any enquiries about the site? If yes, please provide details		
Site Details – Please provide the following details in relation to the site you wish the council to consider		
Site Address (including postcode)		

Site Area (hectares)	
Current Use	
Previous known land uses	
Additional Information	
Please provide any other relevant information below:	
Important Notice	
Please be aware that this Council may be required to make the information you have provided public in accordance with the provision of the Freedom of Information Act. Please sign and date your completed form	
Signature _____ Date _____	
Disclaimer	
In seeking candidate sites for development, Mansfield District Council is making no commitment in respect of which sites may ultimately be selected to be taken forward into the new Local Plan, which will be subject to consultation	
Any sites that are included within the Local Plan would still be required to follow normal planning procedures in securing planning permission. Individual planning applications on sites identified in the Local Plan will be judged on their merits against the relevant policies unless material considerations indicated otherwise. The Local Plan may represent a material consideration in determination of such planning applications.	
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