

Written Comment Form

Options Report

This consultation is open for comments until 5pm on 21st February 2020

The questions set out in this form are cross-referenced to the relevant Options Report page. Please read the supporting information in the Options Report to assist in answering the questions. You do not need to answer every question, but where you do, an explanation of your option choice is useful. Please use additional sheets if necessary but include your name and question references at the top of each extra page. If you would like more forms please email planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk or call 01233 330229.

This form is for hand written comments only. A digital copy of the Options Report, online comment form and site submission forms are available at: www.ashford.gov.uk/gypsy-local-plan. You can register and make comments on our online portal here, which saves time and enables you to edit your responses.

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Options Question 1: Plan Objectives (Page 7)

Do you support the Objectives? (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – I support the objectives of the plan

Option 2 – I disagree / propose changes to the objectives

Please explain your answers below:

What does PPTS and Cultural Need mean? The Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) 2015 Annex 1 revised the definition of who is considered a Gypsy or Traveller for planning purposes. This revision no longer includes those who have ceased travelling permanently for any reason. Residents who meet the planning definition are referred to as having a ‘PPTS need’ for accommodation and those who, whilst culturally defining themselves as Gypsy or Traveller, do not meet that current planning definition are referred to having a ‘Cultural Need’. See page 10 of the Options Report for more information.

Options Question 2: PPTS v Cultural Need (Page 10)

Which need calculation option do you think this plan should deliver? (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Meet PPTS need only (39 pitches) through pitch allocation in this plan and remaining cultural need (25 pitches) will be addressed at Ashford Local Plan 2030 review

Option 2 – Meet full Cultural need (64 pitches) through pitch allocation in this plan

Option 3 – Meet PPTS need with pitch allocation (39 pitches) and additional Cultural need through a ‘windfall’ policy (HOU16 or alternative)

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 3: Pitch ‘buffer’ Allowance (Page 11)

Do you think the plan should provide more allocations / allowance for pitches over the identified need figure to create a ‘buffer’ of pitch supply? (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Yes, support buffer allowance

(please answer one Sub-Option)

1a - As a % of Cultural need – what % is suitable?

1b - As a % of PPTS need – what % is suitable?

1c - As a set pitch number – what pitch number is suitable?

Option 2 – No, do not support additional pitch supply buffer -just provide for identified need

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 4: Transit Site (Page 12)

How should Transit site need be addressed? (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Seek to address transit site need with neighbouring Kent authorities and KCC as a Kent-wide issue.

Option 2 – Address Borough transit need within public site/s (existing or new)

Option 3 – Address Borough transit need through specific site allocation

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 5: Site Assessment Criteria (Page 14)

Views on proposed site assessment criteria (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Support proposed site assessment criteria

Option 2 – Suggest changes or additions to site assessment criteria

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 6: Borough Distribution and Family Need Balance (Page 18)

Views on borough site distribution and family expansion needs (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Support proposal to consider borough distribution and family expansion needs as a balanced assessment.

Option 2 – Do not support proposal to consider family needs as part of the borough distribution assessment.

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 7: Windfall Supply and Policy HOU16 (Page 21)

Question 1 – Should we count windfall pitches in our supply? *(please ✓ one option)*

Option 1a – As supply 'buffer' only – do not include in supply figures

Option 1b – Count a % of windfall towards supply.

How should this % be calculated?

Option 1c – Do not count any windfall pitches as supply

Please explain your answers below:

Question 2 – Policy HOU16 should be: *(please ✓ one option)*

Option 2a - Retained

Option 2b - Amended

Option 2c - Deleted

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 8: Chilmington Public Site Turnover (Page 23)

How should we count Chilmington turnover as Supply? *(please ✓ one option)*

Option 1 - Count all 32 pitches as 'supply' over the plan period

Option 2 - Reduce it by 50% to balance outward migration – count 16 pitches in supply

Option 3 – Reduce by a different amount than suggested above

Option 4 - Retain as part of a supply 'buffer' only (as 'windfall' supply not a set calculation)

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 9: New Public Site (Page 25)

Question 1 – Principle of new public site (please ✓ one option)

Option 1a - provide an additional public site in the borough to meet some of identified pitch need

Option 1b - do not provide a new public site

Question 2 – Management of new public site (please ✓ one option)

Option 2a - private sector management of the public site

Option 2b - council managed site

Question 3 – Size of new public site (please ✓ one option)

Option 3a - less than 10 pitches

Option 3b - 10-15 pitches

Option 3c - more than 15 pitches

Please explain your answers below:

Call for sites: New Public Site

Do you have suggestions for suitable broad locations or specific sites, which could accommodate the requirements for a public site set out above?

Options Question 10: Safeguarding Existing Sites through Policy HOU17 (Page 26)

Views on Policy HOU17 of the Local Plan 2030 which safeguards existing sites for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Retain adopted policy HOU17

Option 2 – Amend policy HOU17

Option 3 – Delete policy HOU17

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 11: Site / Pitch Design Policy (Page 27)

Should the plan include a design policy with the criteria listed in the Options Report?

(please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Support proposals for design policy covering all criteria listed

Option 2 – Support principle of design policy but have suggestions/comments on criteria

Option 3 – Do not support principle of design policy in plan

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 12: Site / Pitch Plans and Maps (Page 29)

Views on whether Plan should include site plans/maps (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 – Support proposals to provide plans/maps for allocated sites/pitches in the plan

Option 2 – Do not support principle of creating site/pitch plans/maps in the plan

Please explain your answers below:

Options Question 13: Pitch Monitoring (Page 30)

Views on proposals for future monitoring of pitches (please ✓ one option)

Option 1 - Support the proposals for future site, pitch and household monitoring in addition to the caravan counts

Option 2 – Do not support proposals for additional monitoring of sites

Please explain your answers below:

Question A - Do you have views on how site visits and counts should be arranged with the Gypsy and Traveller community?

Options Question 14: Public Engagement

Question A - Are there any specific individuals or groups which you recommend we consult with on this plan?

Question B - Do you recommend any particular methods of engagement?

Other Comments

Please let us know if you think we have missed any information or a specific planning issue or option relating to this Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan subject below:

Call for sites/pitches

Are there any specific existing sites/pitches which meet the criteria set out for family expansion, regularisation, or temporary sites which could be made permanent?

Are there any currently unidentified sites/pitches which meet the criteria set out for allocation as a new single pitch or family site?

Please provide details on a separate site submission form

Consultation Information

- **Forms can be sent back by post to:** Planning Policy Team, Gypsy and Traveller 'Options Report', Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL
- A digital copy of this document, supporting documents, response forms and site submission forms are available at: www.ashford.gov.uk/gypsy-local-plan
- You can register and make comments using the online portal (link above) which saves time and enables you to record your responses.
- The documents are also available to view in hard copy at the Civic Centre, Ashford and Tenterden Gateways, and Wye and Charing libraries where comment and site submission forms can also be collected.
- Additional hard copy comment forms and site submission forms can be requested by calling 01233 330229 or emailing planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk and we will post them out to you.

What Happens Next?

Everyone that comments on this consultation will receive an acknowledgment.

The next stage in this document production process will be to assess the comments received and use that feedback and other material to produce topic policies which effectively deal with all the issues identified.

In addition we will assess sites/pitches for allocation, using the criteria set out in this consultation document, and identify specific sites and/or pitches which are considered suitable for allocation in the next consultation stage.

It is anticipated that this next version of the document (known as Regulation 19 draft submission) with draft policies and identified sites will be available for public consultation in mid-2020. All stakeholders and those that have made comments at this stage will be invited to participate.

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