

## Assessment of Potential Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople - Site Proforma 2019

### Background

Horsham District Council is seeking information on potential sites for future use by Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

The Council plans to allocate sites in the next iteration of the Local Plan to meet the needs of the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople community into the future.

Please complete one site proforma for each site which you would like to be considered for allocation for future Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople use.

#### Definitions:

Gypsy and Traveller sites - Sites can vary in size, although they should be at least large enough to accommodate one pitch. A pitch is an area of land where a Gypsy or Traveller household can reside; typically this may contain a building, parking space and one or more caravans with sufficient space to enable the easy manoeuvrability of caravans up to 20 metres in length. The site must be accessible by vehicles and be served, or be capable of being served, with water, electricity, drainage and sanitation.

Travelling Showpeople sites - Sites normally accommodate both residential and business uses, including the storage and repair of fairground equipment. Larger sites are often subdivided into individual family 'plots' or 'yards'. The site must be accessible by large vehicles and be served, or be capable of being served, with water, electricity, drainage and sanitation.

**Please be aware that the submitted details cannot be treated as confidential.**

## Section 1 – Site Details

1. **Site Address:**

Land north of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath RH20 2HW

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2. **Area (hectares or acres):**

0.63ha

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3. **Current Use:**

Agricultural (not in productive use)

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**Please enclose a site plan on an OS base, showing**

- Site boundaries
- Access point(s) to serve the proposed development
- Surrounding features (e.g. road names) to ensure the site can be clearly identified

4. **Can the site be viewed from public vantage points?**

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q6
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to Q5

5. **If No, please provide contact details of the person with whom access to the site should be arranged:**

## Section 2 – Land Ownership and Control

6. *Is the site, including the proposed means of access, in a single ownership or control?*

Yes	x	Go to Q8
No		Go to Q7

7. *If No, please show the extent of the different ownerships and the extent of any land options on a site plan.*

8. *Have any Gypsies or Travellers or Travelling Showpeople expressed an interest in living on the site?*

Yes	
No	x

9. *Is the site currently for sale?*

Yes	
No	x

## Section 3 – Your Contact Details

10. **Name:** REDACTED

11. **Company:**

12. **Address:**

13. **Phone number:**

14. **Email:**

15. **Client (if appropriate):**

16. **Date:** 27/08/19

17. **Are you**

Agent /Planning consultant	x	Go to Q19
Landowner		Go to Q20
Parish Council		Go to Q19
Registered social landlord		Go to Q19
Developer		Go to Q19
Other		Go to Q18



18. *If 'Other', please specify below*

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19. *If you are not the landowner, do you have the landowners' authority to promote this site as a potential site for Gypsies and Travellers or Travelling Showpeople?*

Yes	x
No	

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Any further information you can provide about the site would be very useful. Please complete as many of the following sections as you can.

**Section 4 - Constraints**

20. *To the best of your knowledge, are there any constraints which could affect the developability of this site for use?*

Yes	x	Go to Q21
No		Go to Q23

21. *If Yes, please tick which constraints apply:*

Access	
Adjacent uses	
Contamination/pollution	
Flood risk	
Ground conditions (e.g. drainage)	
Infrastructure (e.g. utilities)	x
Land ownership	
Landscape impact	
Legal (covenants, options etc)	
Listed building(s)	
Noise	x
On-site hazards (e.g. Japanese Knotweed, pylons)	
Protected species/habitats	

Relocation of existing uses	
Topography	
Tree Preservation Order(s)	
Other	

22. ***If you answered Yes to Question 20, and ticked Question 21, then please provide details of the identified constraints, and possible ways to overcome them, then go to Q23.***

Infrastructure – the adjoining property Girder Bridge is in the owner’s control where there is a water and electricity supply. It is assumed at this stage that the services can be extended into the proposed site.

Noise – this is not necessarily a constraint but recognises that the site lies adjacent to the railway line. The track is on an embankment at this point so the noise source would be higher than the proposed pitches. There are other residential properties with a similar relationship to the track in the vicinity of the site.

Please also be aware that the access track from Gay Street Lane is not in the landowner’s ownership but a right of way exists. Investigations are ongoing by the owner’s solicitor to ensure that the proposed use falls within this right.

## Section 5 - Facilities and utilities

***Based on your assessment:***

23. ***To the best of your knowledge, are these services available on site?*** Please tick if available

Water	No
Sewerage	No
Electricity	No
Gas	No

24. ***Where is the closest local facility to the site?*** Please identify location of facility

Facility	Settlement (name)
Shop	1 mile Sainsbury’s at Codmore Hill
Primary school	2 miles St Mary’s Pulborough
Doctors/GP surgery	2 miles Pulborough Medical Group, Spiro Close
Bus stop	600m on Stane Street

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## Section 6 - Gypsy and Traveller pitches or Travelling Showpeople plots

*Based on your assessment:*

25. *How many Gypsy and Traveller pitches\* or Travelling Showpeople plots\* do you believe the site could accommodate?*

It is believed that around 8 gypsy and traveller pitches could be provided on the land. Each pitch would have space for a mobile home, parking for 2 cars, space for a touring caravan and possibly a dayroom.

\*See introduction for definitions.

## Section 7 – Additional Information

26. *Please provide any additional information below.*

Thank you for this information. Please return your completed pro-forma, preferably by email, to reach Horsham District Council, by 5pm Friday 30 August 2019

By email to: [strategic.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.planning@horsham.gov.uk)

By post to:

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***Please don't forget to enclose a clear site plan.  
Thank you!***