

DACORUM SITE ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 3 (AM)

Thursday 6 October 2016 at 10am

Venue: Bulbourne and Gade Rooms, Civic Centre,
Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1HH

MATTER 3 – GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspector in her Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (already circulated).
- In order to make efficient use of time whilst allowing each participant the opportunity to put their case, the hearing will be run as a 'rolling programme', with no set timings for agenda items. The matters to be discussed will be dealt with in Agenda order unless any participants have time constraints, in which case the programme will be adjusted by agreement at the commencement of the hearing.
- The hearing will run until around 13.00 with a mid-morning break.

1. Inspector's Introduction
2. Initial statement by the Council (if required)
3. Does the Council's approach in relation to traveller sites generally conform with the expectations of the CS and Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015)? If not, why not?
4. Does the requirement to provide gypsy and travellers policies as part of some of the Local Allocations accord with para 204 of NPPF and CIL reg 122.
5. How is it envisaged G&T sites will be provided and delivered?

6. Will just the land be provided or with access and services etc?
7. Who will be funding it?
8. Will the pitches be private or public?
9. If private will they be marketed?
- 10.If public what will be the County Council's involvement?
- 11.What is likely to be the effect of the change in definition of gypsy and travellers in Planning Policy for Traveller Sites on need?
- 12.Paragraph 6.2 of the Dacorum Borough Council and Three Rivers District Council Traveller Needs Assessment - January 2013 (GTAA), says that the owner of the Timber Yard, Water Lane, Bovington wishes to convert the site which currently contains Showmen plots to residential use. Can you provide any more up to date information on this situation?
- 13.Figure 13 on page 32 of the GTAA shows that in Dacorum Borough there is a need for 7 extra pitches in the period 2012-2017, 8 pitches between 2017 and 2022 and then one pitch in each of the following 5 year periods. The Plan seeks to provide 5 pitches on site LA5, which is available for immediate development and 12 pitches on 2 other new 'local allocation' sites that will be permitted to come forward from 2021 (unless they are needed earlier to secure a 5 year supply of deliverable housing land). The likely development/release of the traveller sites allocated under policies LA1, LA3 and LA5 does not correlate with figure 13 of the GTAA. It would appear that there is likely to be a lag in their provision compared to when they are likely to be required. Is it expected that some other private sites will come forward and be approved to fill this void? Could, if necessary, the traveller site element of these allocated sites come forward early (in advance of the rest of the development) or would the whole of the allocation be required to be developed comprehensively?
- 14.Any Other Relevant Matters
- 15.Close