

WHERE
IS HOME?

**CASE STUDY: MANAGING TRAVELLER SITES
AND IMPROVING GRT INCLUSION IN
PLANNING**

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WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

- Gypsy and travellers are members of our local communities
- Their health and well-being is our responsibility
- Individuals with the poorest physical and mental health do not have a settled home

IMPACT OF NO SETTLED HOME

- ❖ Reduced life expectancy
- ❖ Increased demand on NHS services – use of A&E
- ❖ Lower educational achievements
- ❖ Poorer life chances
- ❖ Community tensions
- ❖ Increased enforcement burdens and associated costs
- ❖ Additional costs on NHS, Education and other public services

DOES IT MATTER A SETTLED BASE

“Individuals with the highest rates of self-reported bad, very bad or poor health (both physical and mental) predominantly lived on unauthorised tolerated and roadside sites, local authority sites and in housing.”



“Those at private sites with planning permission were most likely to report good or very good health as well as higher levels of satisfaction with their surroundings.”



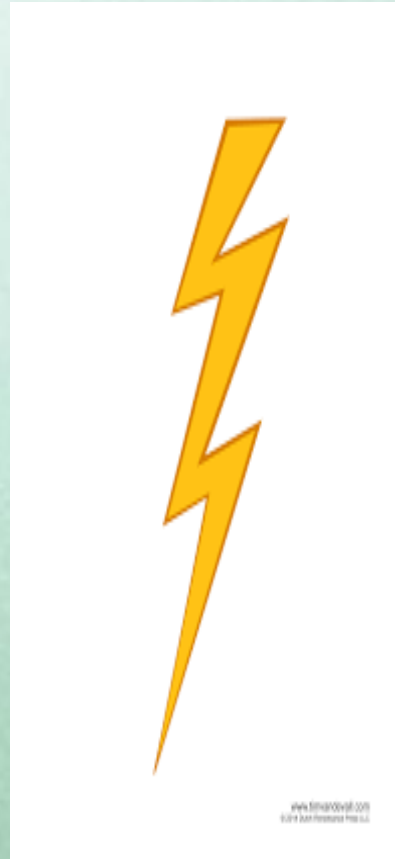
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G&T community

- Want rural location
- Need land can afford
- Want to be where have community and family links
- Want to be safe and live quiet life



Others (Settled community)

- Protect Green Belt, countryside, AONB
- Don't want change in their villages
- Fear
- Had new pitches in village and don't want more
- Councillors (reflecting views of) supporting local residents

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL – COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Engagement with G&T community
- Assess need (GTAA)
- Plan to meet need in a Local Plan
 - Site allocations
 - Criteria based policies
- Consider planning applications from all
- Work with other neighbouring councils
- Equalities Act and Human Rights



COUNCILS — GOING THAT EXTRA MILE

- Get to know local G&T community (early and effective engagement)
- Have a Champion for the cause
- Educate and work with councillors (events/training)
- Cross service working group
- Be proactive, ask questions, get involved
- GTAA – get involved and supply information
- Pay close attention to neighbouring councils and challenge
- Better Local Plan policies
- Explore innovative options
- Look ahead and strategise
- Make contacts at these events and keep in touch



WHY GO THE EXTRA MILE?



FULL CIRCLE – remind ourselves of the link between settled base and positive outcomes



ACHIEVE RESULTS AND REWARDING

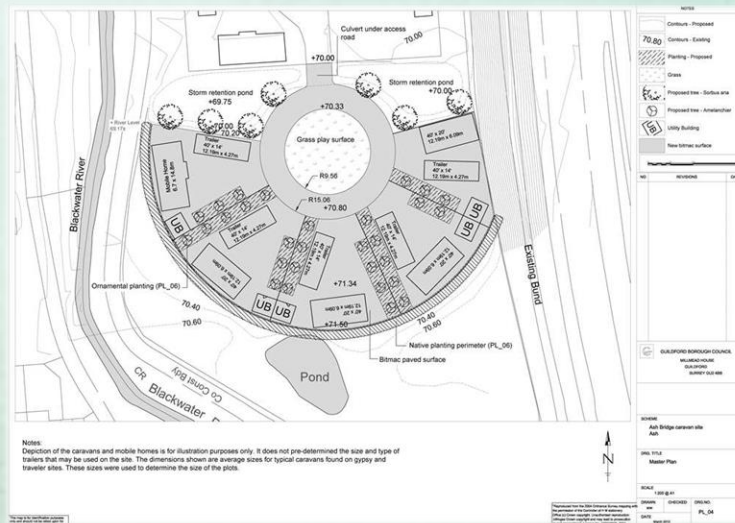
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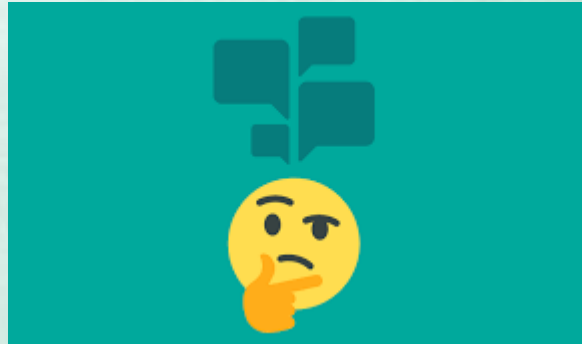
FINAL THOUGHTS

- Striving for positive outcomes from the planning process to provide suitable sites where G&Ts can live happily and be part of local community, resulting in better outcomes
- Little encouragement for pressed councils to do this other than the dedication of individual officers, councillors and members of the G&T community



New pitches in Guildford borough

ANY QUESTIONS?



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