

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (<i>delete as appropriate</i>):	<p>People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute</p> <p>This priority focuses on delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Place – Safe and Clean</p> <p>This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</p> <p>This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.</p>
Consultation:	The consultants undertook consultation with relevant parties as part of completing the Accommodation Needs Assessment.
Legal:	The Council has a statutory duty under the provisions of the Housing Act, 2004, to assess the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.
Financial:	There are no direct financial implications of this study at this stage beyond the cost of its completion.
Human Resource:	None other than that related to project management requirements during the completion of the study.
Risk Management:	Not having an up to date Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment to underpin emerging Policy HOU7 of the draft District Plan would mean that the Council would be likely to have the Plan declared unsound at Examination.

<p>Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:</p>	<p>The Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment will provide the first stage in ensuring that the locally arising needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople can be met in the district, which will mean that these communities have suitable permanent accommodation and not have to potentially resort to residing at unauthorised roadside encampments, which could be prejudicial to health and wellbeing.</p>
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