

## Supplementary to Council minutes – 27 July 2022

Response to Councillor Crofton's question under minute number 120

In relation to the provisions for Travelling Showpeople at the East of Stevenage strategic allocation in the District Plan (Policy EOS1), the outline planning permission 3/19/0118/OUT contains a condition (52) which states:

The Travelling Showpeople site as identified on Drawing Number: SK012 DEVELOPMENT PARCELS PLAN shall be used for residential occupation by those meeting the definition of "Travelling Showpeople" as defined by Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2015), ancillary business use, and for the storage and maintenance of equipment and for no other purpose.

Prior to commencement of the Travelling Showpeople site, a Reserved Matters Application for the Travelling Showpeople site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The application shall provide detail regarding:

- a. The number of mixed use plots;
- b. The number of caravans;
- c. The number of permanent structures/buildings;
- d. Boundary treatments;
- e. External public lighting
- f. Landscape strategy; and
- g. Noise attenuation

### Reason

To ensure that no alternative use is made of the site and to ensure the amenity of future residents of the site, in accordance with Policies DES4 and HOU9 of the District Plan.

Therefore, this area of land is specifically reserved for occupation by Travelling Showpeople. Should any future occupants choose to vacate the site, the land would only be able to be occupied by other people meeting the definition of Travelling Showpeople. Given the level of need identified in the East Herts Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA), May 2022, and demand for additional plots already being generated by households on the Rye House Yard in the district, it is anticipated that there will be no lack of potential occupiers for this site going forward, and approaches are already known to have been made to the site's owner, Redrow, from Travelling Showpeople on that Yard seeking to acquire the land.