

**South Worcestershire
Traveller and Travelling Showpeople
Policy and Site Allocations
Development Plan Document**

**Further Revised Site Assessment
Background Report (Final Draft)
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Background

The Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015) states that local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plan "*identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets*". Further, Local Plans should "*identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years six to ten and, where possible, for years 11-15*".

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites says that to be deliverable, sites should:

- Be available now,
- Offer a suitable location for development now, and
- Be achievable with a realistic prospect that housing will be delivered on the site within five years and in particular that development on the site is viable.

To be considered developable, sites should be in a suitable location for Traveller site development and there should be a reasonable prospect that the site is available and could be viably developed at the point envisaged.

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites also says that "*criteria should be set to guide land supply allocations where there is identified need. Where there is no identified need, criteria-based policies should be included to provide a basis for decisions in case applications nevertheless come forward. Criteria based policies should be fair and should facilitate the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community*".

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the methodology for assessing the broad suitability of potential sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople to inform proposed allocations in the South Worcestershire Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

The methodology has been designed to be consistent with national planning policy, Policy SWDP17 in the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and good practice on designing Gypsy and Traveller sites. SWDP17 includes criteria against which planning applications for Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites will be assessed.

It should be noted that the recommended shortlisting of a potential site using the methodology in this document does not imply that an application for development would be granted planning permission. The Draft Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document will be subject to public consultation and independent examination. Any planning application would also be considered on its merits and against the relevant Development Plan policies operating at the time.

Other land assessed for potential to use for Travellers site

The use of council owned land was also investigated for use as a Traveller site – but none was suitable, available and deliverable.

In addition, there was some concern that insufficient Traveller sites would come forward within Malvern Hills district and therefore sites submitted for housing and/or employment to

the Call for Sites for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR), which lay within 800m of Malvern, Tenbury Wells, Upton-upon-Severn or Malvern's Category 1 villages, were assessed for their suitability as a Traveller site. They were assessed against the same criteria as the other sites in this document and approximately 30 were identified as having potential as a Traveller site allocation. The landowners and/or agents of these sites were then contacted to establish whether they supported a Traveller allocation on their land. None agreed to this and therefore no sites from this exercise have been suggested as Preferred Options.

In July 2020 an email was sent out to all agents and/or landowners on the SHELAA database who had submitted land for our consideration as housing or employment allocations to ask if they would consider their land for use as Traveller site.

Following an Advisory meeting with the Planning Inspectorate in October 2021 the requirement for allocated sites to be within 800m of a town, cat 1, 2 or 3 village was dropped because it was too prescriptive. Nevertheless, the south Worcestershire Councils consider that it is helpful to be able to assess a sites accessibility to services. It is suggested that sites should be within 2km of a primary school to help encourage children to attend school on a regular basis which is in accordance with one of the objectives of the Planning policy for Traveller sites. The 2km comes from the Institute of Highways and Transportation Guidelines for Providing Journeys on Foot (2000). Whilst it is acknowledged that this guidance is likely to be more suited to an urban environment where safe, lit footpaths may be provided, it is not unreasonable to use the same guidance for rural areas for the purpose of the Traveller site allocations. This will help to ensure allocated Traveller sites are relatively close to primary schools to enable children to access school even if the children from the sites are likely to be driven to and from the school, rather than walk or cycle, due to the poorer quality footpath links available in rural areas. It will help avoid the allocation of Traveller sites in more remote locations which may hinder children's access to schooling. The assessment criteria includes some flexibility in case too few sites fall within the 2km and suggests that sites within the range of 2 to 2.5km might be acceptable but that sites beyond 2.5km would not normally be allocated.

Identifying Potential Sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople – Key Considerations

National and Local Designations

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states that local planning authorities, in producing their Local Plan, should “*protect local amenity and the environment*” (paragraph 10). Sites would not be considered appropriate within International (e.g. Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites), National (e.g. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves) or Local (e.g. Conservation Areas, Local Green Spaces) designations because the objectives of the designation are likely to be compromised by the development of a Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople site.

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites also says that “*Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development. Subject to the best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt and any other harm so as to establish very special circumstances*” (paragraph 16). Significant Gaps perform a similar function to Green Belts in preventing a coalescence of settlements. Planning permission would only be granted for development in a Significant Gap if it was considered appropriate to a rural area and had no demonstrably adverse effect on the open and essentially undeveloped character of the area.

Access to Services

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites indicates that local authorities should identify sites with good access to health services and ensure that children can attend school on a regular basis (paragraphs 4 and 13).

The Good Practice Guide on Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites (published by DCLG in 2008, cancelled in August 2015) also highlighted the importance of local community services and facilities being within easy access from the site by a variety of modes of transport. Although cancelled and not yet replaced by a more up to date version, the guidance is still considered useful in its coverage of good design for Traveller sites.

In addition, there should be safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access and sites should be easily accessed by towing caravans.

Relationship to Surrounding Land Uses

The Government is keen to promote a peaceful and integrated co-existence between a Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople site and the local settled community.

The Good Practice Guide stated that “*where possible, sites should be developed near to housing for the settled community as part of mainstream residential developments*”. Planning Policy for Traveller Sites also says that local planning authorities “*should consider, wherever possible, including Traveller sites suitable for mixed residential and business uses, having regard to the safety and amenity of the occupants and neighbouring residents*” (paragraph 18).

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states that local planning authorities should “*very strictly limit new Traveller site development in open countryside that is away from existing settlements ...*” (paragraph 25). Local planning authorities should also “*ensure that sites in rural areas respect the scale of, and do not dominate the nearest settled community, and avoid placing an undue pressure on local infrastructure*” (paragraph 25). Also, “*when*

assessing the suitability of sites in rural and semi-rural settings, local planning authorities should ensure that the scale of such sites does not dominate the nearest settled community (paragraph 14).

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites identifies the need *“for proper consideration of the effect of local environmental quality (such as noise and air quality) on the health and well-being of any Travellers that may locate there or on others as a result of new development”* (paragraph 13). The Good Practice Guide suggested that this will include consideration of noise and possible disturbance to residents living on the site, and possible noise and disturbance to the wider community, in particular from movement of Traveller or Travelling Showpeople vehicles. Noise and disturbance from adjoining uses, such as from industrial areas, railway lines or from highways, should also be considered given the greater noise transference through walls of caravans than through the walls of conventional housing.

The Good Practice Guide emphasised the importance of locating Traveller sites away from heavy industry and stated that locations adjacent to industrial areas are unpopular because of their relative isolation, distance from local facilities and because of safety fears.

The Good Practice Guide also suggested that sites should provide visual and acoustic privacy and have characteristics which are sympathetic to the local environment. When selecting locations for permanent sites, consideration needs to be given to the relatively high density of children likely to be on the site.

Site Conditions

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states that sites should not be located *“in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains, given the particular vulnerability of caravans”* (paragraph 13).

The Good Practice Guide also said that a site must be relatively flat and suitable for purpose. Sites should not be developed on exposed sloping sites where there is risk of caravans being overturned or where there is a high probability of flooding risk.

Brownfield (previously developed) and derelict land may be suitable.

Essential Services

The Good Practice Guide stated that it is essential that sites have access to water, electricity, drainage and sanitation. Sewerage for permanent sites should normally be through mains systems. However, in some locations this may not always be possible and in that case suitable alternative arrangements should be made, for example a biodisc sewage plant system.

Site Suitability Criteria

The following essential and desirable site criteria are based on:

- Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2015)
- South Worcestershire Development Plan Policy SWDP17
- Good Practice Guide: Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2008, cancelled in August 2015), and
- General preferences of the Travelling community, based on published reports and the south Worcestershire Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)

The site assessment methodology differentiates between “essential” criterion which must be satisfied if a site is to be acceptable and “desirable” criterion which are important sustainability criteria but may not be essential for a site to be acceptable.

Essential Site Criteria

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| Availability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the landowner is willing to sell or is interested in developing the site for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople purposes |
| Suitability | |
| <i>Physical Constraints</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the site is within 2km (or 2.5km) of a primary school • Whether the site is outside Flood Zone 1 or vulnerable to surface water flooding • Whether the site is located on relatively flat and stable land • Whether the site is affected by contamination which cannot be mitigated • Whether the site has safe and convenient access to the public highway |
| <i>Environmental, Historic or Landscape Constraints</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the site is within an International (Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation or Ramsar) or National planning designation (Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Ancient Woodlands, Veteran Trees, Scheduled Monuments, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, Listed Buildings) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether there are any local designations affecting the site (including Local Nature Reserves, Local Wildlife Sites, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, Local Geological Sites, Local Heritage Assets, Conservation Areas, Local Green Space, Tree Preservation Orders) • Whether the site is within the Green Belt¹ • Whether the site falls within a Significant Gap |

¹ An exceptional limited alteration to the Green Belt boundary would be required for such a site to be considered suitable (Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2015))

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether there are any known protected species or habitats recognised in the Biodiversity Action Plan on the site |
| <i>Potential impacts</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether there is any likely adverse visual impact which cannot be adequately minimised • Whether there is likely to be a significant adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for either site residents or neighbouring property which cannot be mitigated • Whether the site (and possible number of caravans stationed), and cumulatively with any existing sites, respects the scale of, and would not dominate, the nearest settled community • Whether there is likely to be any adverse impact from noise for both site residents and neighbouring land uses which cannot be mitigated |
| Achievability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the site is likely to be capable of providing adequate on-site services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage - or whether there are any likely abnormal costs which would prejudice the ability of the site from being developed |

Proposed Desirable Sustainability Criteria

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| Suitability | |
| <i>Sustainability Criteria</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the site is accessible to local services and facilities including bus stops, shops and health facilities • Whether the site would be on previously developed land • Whether the site would have an adverse impact on the Green Infrastructure as defined in SWDP 5 which could not be mitigated² |

² Green Infrastructure is the network of green spaces that intersperse and connect our cities, towns and villages, providing multiple benefits for environment, economy and communities. The components of Green Infrastructure include biodiversity, landscape, historic environment, access and recreation and water.

Assessment Process

A traffic light approach was adopted, identifying sites which do not satisfy criteria in red, where criteria may be capable of being satisfied in amber and where criteria are satisfied in green.

| Essential Criteria | Designation / Issue | Red | Amber | Green |
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| Availability | Promoted sites, public land ownership, etc | Owner has confirmed that site is not available, nor is it likely to be available in the future | Site availability is unknown and requires further investigation | Evidence that landowner willing to sell or develop the site for Traveller or Travelling Showpeople purposes |
| Distance to primary school | Accessibility to education provision - primary school | Site is beyond 2.5km from a primary school | Site is between 2 and 2.5km from a primary school | Site is within 2km of a primary school |
| Flood Risk | Environment Agency Indicative Flood Mapping and SFRA | Site is within Flood Zone 3 | Site is affected by Flood Zones 1 and/or 2 requiring site FRA (and application of sequential tests) | The site is not affected by identified areas of indicative flood mapping or is located in Flood Zone 1 |
| Contaminated Land | Contaminated Land Register | On contaminated land which cannot be mitigated | On contaminated land which could be mitigated | Not on contaminated land |
| Topography | Stable location | On steep slope or unstable land | Land appears relatively flat or stable land, requiring further investigation | Relatively flat and stable land |
| Safe & Convenient Access | County Council / Highways Authority | Site does not have or could not have convenient / safe access to highway | Site has or could have access to public highway but requires further investigation about safety | Site appears to be able to accommodate safe and convenient access on to the public highway |
| International Designation | SPA, SAC Ramsar sites | Site covered by an International designation and purpose of the designation | Site within the buffer of an International designation and purpose of the designation could be | The site is not within an International designation or its buffer |

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| | | likely to be compromised | compromised | |
| National Designation | AONB SSSI National Nature Reserves Scheduled Monuments Listed Buildings Ancient Woodland Veteran Trees Historic Parks and Gardens | The site is affected by a national designation and the purpose of the designation is likely to be compromised by the site. | The site is affected by a national designation or immediately adjacent to a nationally designated site, and the purpose of the designation could be compromised. | The site is not affected by or immediately adjacent to any national designations. |
| Local Designations | Conservation Areas Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation Local Geological Sites Local Heritage Assets Local Green Space Tree Preservation Orders H&SE hazardous installations/pipelines Sewage Works - Cordon Sanitaire | The site is covered by a local designation and the purpose of the designation likely to be compromised | The site is covered by or in close proximity of a local designation and could compromise the purpose of the designation, requiring further investigation of mitigatory measures. | The site is not affected by, or immediately adjacent to, any local designation. |
| Priority Species and Habitats | Biodiversity Action Plan | The site is known to home priority species or habitats which would be adversely affected by development | The site is known to home or be near known BAP species or habitats, but mitigatory measures can be proposed | No known BAP species or habitats on the site or in close proximity |
| Green Belt | Green Belt | Site is within the Green Belt and no exceptional circumstances exist | Site is within the Green Belt but exceptional circumstances may exist | Site is not within the Green Belt |
| Significant Gap | Significant Gap | Site is within a Significant | Site could have a negative | Site not within Significant Gap |

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| | | Gap | impact on the purpose of Significant Gap designation, requiring further investigation | |
| Residential Amenity / Neighbouring Land Uses | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Land Uses | Adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for both site residents and / or neighbouring land uses which could not be mitigated | May be adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for both site residents and / or neighbouring land uses which could be mitigated | Unlikely to be significant adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for both site residents and neighbouring land uses |
| Capable of On-Site Services | On-Site Services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage | Site not capable of providing adequate on-site services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage | May be capable of providing adequate on-site services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage, requiring further investigation | Site capable of providing adequate on-site services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage |
| Desirable Criteria | Issue | Red | Amber | Green |
| Distance to Shop | Walking distance up to 800 metres | Not applicable | Site not within 800 metres of a shop | Site within 800 metres of a shop |
| Distance to GP | Walking distance up to 1,200 metres | Not applicable | Site not within 1,200 metres of a GP | Site within 1,200 metres of a GP |
| Distance to Public Transport (Bus Shop) | Walking distance up to 800 metres | Not applicable | Site not within 800 metres of bus stop | Site within 800 metres of bus stop |
| Previously Developed Land | Brownfield Land | Not applicable | Not on previously developed land | Would be on previously developed land |
| Green Infrastructure | Green Infrastructure | | The site is within an area | The site is not within an area |

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| | | | identified as “protect and enhance” or “protect and restore” as identified on the Environmental Character Areas map in SWDP 5 | identified as “protect and enhance” or “protect and restore” as identified on the Environmental Character Areas map in SWDP |
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The Institute of Highways and Transportation Guidelines for Providing Journeys on Foot (2000) suggests that for facilities such as shops and bus stops, walking distances of up to 800m can be considered, with the desirable and acceptable distances being 200m and 400m. Acceptable walking distances to facilities are defined as those where a high proportion of the trips generated by new development can be conveniently made by public transport, on foot or by bicycle.

| | Facilities e.g. shops, bus stops | Commuting/school | Other |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Desirable | 200m | 500m | 400m |
| Acceptable | 400m | 1000m | 800m |
| Preferred Maximum | 800m | 2000m | 1200m |

Source: Guidelines for Providing for Journeys on Foot (IHT 2000)

Assessment Stages

A staged approach was undertaken to identifying and assessing the suitability of potential sites for inclusion in the Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD.

Stage 1: Identification of Potential Land for Site Assessment

The first step in the assessment process was to identify land that may be potentially available for Traveller or Travelling Showpeople use.

The South Worcestershire Councils undertook three “calls for sites”: February to March 2015, November 2016 – January 2017 and the latest October – November 2020. The calls for sites provided an opportunity for individuals and organisations to suggest sites that they considered might be suitable for allocation as a Traveller or Travelling Showpeople site. It was made clear that proposals could be for either new sites or an expansion or intensification of an existing site. Proposals were invited for permanent residential sites or transit sites / temporary stopping places – although it should be noted that the latest GTAA (Oct 2019) suggests that transit or temporary stopping places are not required due to the Joint Protocol For The Management Of Unauthorised Encampments Of Gypsies And Travellers On Local Authority Land In Worcestershire³ currently operative across Worcestershire.

³ Joint Protocol For The Management Of Unauthorised Encampments Of Gypsies And Travellers On Local Authority Land In Worcestershire: [Gypsies and Travellers Downloads | Worcestershire County Council](#)

It was also made clear that all sites submitted would undergo a rigorous assessment against specific criteria to assess their potential suitability. Submitting a site for consideration was not a guarantee that it would be found suitable or that it would be allocated as part of the emerging DPD. It was also explained that any sites that were included within the DPD would still be required to follow the normal planning procedures in securing planning permission.

Individuals and organisations that were invited to submit sites in the “call for sites” included:

- All Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople households on authorised (permanent and temporary) and unauthorised Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites in south Worcestershire.
- All registered caravan parks owners in south Worcestershire.
- Public sector landowners, including the District and County Councils and Housing Associations.
- Landowners who put land forward for consideration as potential housing allocations in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

Additionally, a Press Release was issued to raise awareness so that others might put sites forward if they desired to do so.

First Call for Sites:

17 valid site submissions were received in the first call for sites – which are summarised in Table 1 below. Additionally, the potential suitability of the only Traveller site in south Worcestershire (at Crossway Green), which had temporary planning permission at the time and no conditions limiting the site to named individuals, was also assessed.

Table 1 – Sites Submitted Considered following the first “Call for Sites” (Feb/March 2015)

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential Number of New or Additional Pitches | For Gypsies/Travellers or Travelling Showpeople &/or Transit Use |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Hillbee Farm Upton Upon Severn | Malvern Hills | Existing | 5 | Gypsy + Showpeople |
| Haylers End Hanley Swan | Malvern Hills | New | 30 | Gypsy |
| Lower Howsell Road Leigh Sinton | Malvern Hills | New | 20 | Gypsy |
| Fieldview Gadfield Elm (near Staunton) | Malvern Hills | Existing | 6 | Gypsy + Transit |
| Acton Villa, Acton, Ombersely | Wychavon | Existing | 5 | Gypsy |
| Comhampton Lane, Dunhampton, Ombersley | Wychavon | New | 4 | Gypsy |
| The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton | Wychavon | Existing | 4 | Gypsy |
| Land known as the Tree Nursery, adj Westwood Way and A38 roundabout, Droitwich | Wychavon | New | 10 | Transit |

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| Land off Narrowway Lane, Crossway Green | Wychavon | New | 3 - 4 | Gypsy |
| Land off Waresley Road, Hartlebury | Wychavon | New | 2 | Gypsy |
| Torton Paddock, Charlton Lane, Torton | Wychavon | Existing | 2 | Gypsy |
| The Orchard, Knowle Hill, Evesham | Wychavon | Existing | 7 | Gypsy |
| Seven Acres, Main Rd, Crophorne | Wychavon | Existing | 3 | Gypsy |
| Orchard View, Evesham Rd, Fladbury | Wychavon | Existing | 8 - 10 | Gypsy |
| 8 Evergreen Bank, Main Rd, Crophorne | Wychavon | Existing | 3 | Gypsy |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington | Wychavon | Existing | 2 | Gypsy |
| Laurel Park, Bredon | Wychavon | Existing | 3 | Gypsy |
| Shorthill Caravan Park, Crossway Green | Wychavon | Existing - Temporary | 10 24 | Gypsy Transit |

In addition, land at Broomhall Community and Norton Barracks Community (the proposed Worcester South urban extension) and land at Temple Laugherne (the proposed Worcester West urban extension) were also assessed for their suitability for accommodating Traveller sites – but at the time no specific land parcels were identified as being suitable, available and deliverable and subsequently off-site contributions towards the provision of new Traveller pitches were agreed as an alternative for the planning applications that have been approved so far.

Second Call for Sites:

21 valid site submissions were received in the second call for sites – which are summarised in Table 2 below. The second call for sites included two sites which had previously been submitted in the first call for sites and a site at Baughton that was submitted twice. The second call for sites also included three sites which were either located within the proposed urban extensions or on sites beyond the urban extensions in lieu of sites on the urban extensions.

Table 2 – Sites Considered following the second “Call for Sites (Nov 2016 to Jan 2017)

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential Number of New or Additional Pitches | For Gypsies/Travellers or Travelling Showpeople &/or Transit Use |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Halfkey Farm, Halfkey | Malvern Hills | New | 170 | Gypsy + Showpeople + Transit |
| Mountain View, Bastonford | Malvern Hills | Existing | 3/4 | Gypsy |
| The Paddocks, Newlands | Malvern Hills | Existing | 7 | Gypsy |
| Willows End, Guarlford | Malvern Hills | Existing | 3 | Gypsy |
| Abbey College, Malvern Wells | Malvern Hills | New | Not stated | Gypsy + Showpeople + Transit |

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| Main Road, Kempsey ⁴ | Malvern Hills | New | 10 | Travelling Showpeople |
| Baughton View | Malvern Hills | Existing | 12 | Gypsy |
| The Dog Inn, Baughton | Malvern Hills | Existing | 10 | Gypsy |
| Broomfield, Newnham Bridge | Malvern Hills | Existing | 2 | Gypsy |
| Church Meadows Caravan Site, Dormston Lane, Dormston | Wychavon | New | 10 | Gypsy |
| Badsey Road, Aldington | Wychavon | New | 4 | Gypsy |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington | Wychavon | Existing | 2 | Gypsy |
| Seven Acres, Main Rd, Cropthorne | Wychavon | Existing | 3 | Gypsy |
| Land opposite Newlands, Evesham Rd, Norton | Wychavon | New | 21 | Gypsy |
| Walnut Place (formerly The Caravan), Radford Rd, Rous Lench | Wychavon | Existing | 20+ | Gypsy |
| Orchard View, Main St, Aldington | Wychavon | New | 8 | Gypsy + Showpeople |
| Hughes Barn, Bretforton Rd, Badsey | Wychavon | New | 8 | Gypsy + Showpeople |
| Former caravan storage site, Land off A449, Crossway Green | Wychavon | New | up to 10 | Gypsy |
| Hatfield Bank – Worcester South) | Wychavon | New | up to 10 | Gypsy |
| A38 south of Carrington Bridge (Worcester South) | Malvern Hills | New | up to 10 | Gypsy + Showpeople + Transit |
| Sherriff Street, Worcester (potentially in lieu of a site on Worcester West) | Worcester | New | up to 10 | Gypsy + Showpeople + Transit |

Third Call for Sites:

Ten valid site submissions were received in the third call for sites – which are summarised in Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Sites Considered following the third “Call for Sites (Oct/Nov 2020)

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential Number of New or Additional | For Gypsies/Travellers or Travelling Showpeople |
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⁴ The landowner confirmed on 30 Jan 2018 that it is not available for Gypsy and Traveller use but instead want it considered for Travelling Showpeople use.

| | | | Pitches | |
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| 1 The Hill, Canada bank, Charlton* | Wychavon | Existing | 3 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor | Wychavon | Existing | 16 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land adj. 2 The Laurels, Evesham Rd, Egdon | Wychavon | Existing | 10 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land Adj The Caravan, Rous Lench* | Wychavon | Existing | 6 - 20 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land at the Caravan, Rous Lench* | Wychavon | Existing | 10 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land at Wood Norton, Evesham | Wychavon | Existing | 2 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Plot 2 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton* | Wychavon | Existing | 1 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Plot 4 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton | Wychavon | Existing | 1 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land next to Trotshill Lane East, Warndon, Worcester | Worcester | New | Number not suggested | Gypsies and Travellers; Travelling Showpeople and/or Transit site |
| Land south of Broomhall Way (A4440), Worcester | Malvern Hills | New | 10 -12 | Gypsies and Travellers |

* The third call for sites included four sites which had previously been submitted in the previous call for sites but which now indicate a revised parcel of land and so have been assessed again.

Other Submitted Sites (Including During the 2021 Preferred Options Consultation):

Six other sites were submitted at various times including during the 2021 Preferred Options consultation. One was the site at Broomhall Way, Worcester (previously submitted in the third call for sites) which was accompanied by further information on the highway arrangements from A4440 and therefore required the site to be reassessed. The sites are summarised in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Other Sites submitted including during the 2021 Preferred Options consultation

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential Number of New or Additional Pitches | For Gypsies/Travellers or Travelling Showpeople |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Former gas works, east side of Lower Howsell Rd, Malvern | Malvern | New | 4 | Gypsies/Travellers |
| Land at Naunton, WR8 0PY | Malvern | New | 4 | Gypsies and Travellers; Travelling Showpeople |
| Kimberley's Field, Field Barn | Wychavon | Existing | | Travelling |

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| Lane, Cropthorne | | | | Showpeople |
| Land south of Broomhall Way (A4440), Worcester | Malvern Hills | New | 10 -12 | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land north of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | Wychavon | New | | Gypsies and Travellers |
| Land south of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | Wychavon | New | | Gypsies and Travellers |

Stage 2: Initial Suitability and Availability Assessment

The second stage involved a desk-based assessment of suitability criteria, together with an initial investigation of likely availability.

This stage sieved out immediately sites which were likely to fail on the grounds of either the site being unavailable for Traveller or Travelling Showpeople purposes or potential sites contravening major constraints such as being within planning designations, areas prone to flooding, on contaminated land etc.

The accessibility of a site was measured in relation whether it was within 2km of a primary school to help encourage children to attend school on a regular basis which is in accordance with one of the objectives of the Planning policy for Traveller sites. The distance was increased to 2.5km in case there were insufficient sites to allocate.

The initial site availability and suitability assessment is summarised in Tables 5a to 5d.

If a site could not satisfy all the essential suitability and availability criteria it was rejected – shown as red shading in the table.

All sites which did not receive a “red” in the Initial Availability and Suitability Assessment were taken forward to be considered at the next stage and this is shown in Tables 6a to 6d.

Table 5a - Initial Availability and Suitability Assessment Matrix for the First Call for Sites

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Site Name / Location | Source | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Land Recorded on Contaminated Land Register | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | Should the site be considered further? If no, reason for rejecting site |
| Hillbee Farm Upton Upon Severn | Call for Sites | | 1.9km | | | | | | | Yes |
| Haylers End Incinerator Hanley Swan | Call for Sites | | 4+km | | | | | | | No - 4+km from primary school. Incinerator in use |
| Lower Howsell Road Leigh Sinton | Call for Sites | | 1.5km | | | | | | | Significant Gap |
| Fieldview Gadfield Elm (nr Staunton) Planning permission now granted | Call for Sites | | 2.3km | | | | | | | No - Planning permission now granted. Part of site in Flood Risk zones 2 & 3. Gas pipeline runs through site. |
| Acton Villa, Acton, Ombersley | Call for Sites | | 1.1km | | | | | | | Yes |
| Comhampton Lane, Dunhampton, Ombersley | Call for Sites | | 1.7km | | | | | | | Yes |
| The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton | Call for Sites | | 1.8km | | | | | | | Yes |
| Land known as the Tree Nursery, adj Westwood Way and A38 roundabout, Droitwich | Call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Site no longer available for Traveller use.. Adj. SSSI. Adj. Listed building (The Boat House). Adj. Historic Park and Garden (Westwood House). In a local or regional wildlife site. TPO on surrounding land. |

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Site Name / Location | Source | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Land Recorded on Contaminated Land Register | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | Should the site be considered further? If no, reason for rejecting site |
| Land off Narrowway Lane, Crossway Green ⁵ | Call for Sites | | 2.1km | | | | | | | Yes - 2.1 km from primary school |
| Land off Waresley Road, Hartlebury | Call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Green Belt. |
| Torton Paddock, Charlton Lane, Torton | Call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Green Belt. |
| The Orchard, Knowle Hill, Evesham, Planning permission now granted | Call for Sites | | 1.7km | | | Potential impact on setting of Listed building Manor House | | | | Yes - Smaller cut of site to include first third (western third) to reduce impact on setting of listed building – planning application now granted 21/01725 |
| Severn Acres, Main Rd, Cropthorne Planning permission now granted and implemented | Call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Planning permission now granted |
| Orchard View, Evesham Rd, Fladbury | Call for Sites | | 1.9km | | | | | | | Yes - Planning application 17/02120 awaiting signing of S106 Agreement. |
| 8 Evergreen Bank, Main Rd, Cropthorne Planning permission now granted and implemented | Call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Planning permission now granted |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington Planning permission now granted | Call for Sites | | | Access road in flood zone 3 | | | Within 100m of special wildlife site | | | No - Planning permission now granted |
| The Laurels, Main Rd, | Call for | | | | | | | Located in | | No - Located in |

⁵ Crossway Green is categorised as a Category 4 village in the new Village Facilities and Rural (Public) Transport Survey published in Sept 2019 – it was previously a category 3 village.

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Site Name / Location | Source | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Land Recorded on Contaminated Land Register | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | Should the site be considered further? If no, reason for rejecting site |
| Bredon | sites | | | | | | | local gap in adopted Bredon Neighbourhood Plan - allocation would be contrary to this policy | | local gap in adopted Bredon Neighbourhood Plan - allocation would be contrary to this policy |
| Shorthill Caravan Park, Crossway Green ⁶ | Temporary consent, without personal occupancy restriction – now expired, appeal pending | | 2.4 | | | | | | | Yes - 2.4km from primary school. Appeal dismissed w/18/02270 |
| Worcester South Urban Extension | SWDP | | | | | | | | | Yes but may be situated in a Significant Gap – but the principle of this is accepted by SWDP. Precise location of potential Traveller site not known so difficult to assess suitability criteria further at this stage. |
| Worcester West Urban Extension | SWDP | | | | | | | | | Yes but Precise location of |

⁶ Crossway Green is categorised as a Category 4 village in the new Village Facilities and Rural (Public) Transport Survey published in Sept 2019 – it was previously a category 3 village.

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Site Name / Location | Source | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Land Recorded on Contaminated Land Register | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | Should the site be considered further? If no, reason for rejecting site |
| | | | | | | | | | | potential Traveller site not known so difficult to assess suitability criteria further at this stage, but principle of Traveller site development accepted in SWDP. |

Table 5b - Initial Availability and Suitability Assessment Matrix for the Second Call for Sites

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|------------|--|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | | Known Priority Species & Habitats |
| Halfkey Farm, Halfkey | Second call for sites | | | Parts of site susceptible to groundwater vulnerability | | | | | Significant Gap | | No - Significant Gap |
| Mountain View, Bastonford | Second call for sites | | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| The Paddocks, Newlands | Second call for sites | | 2.2km | | | | | | | | Yes - 2.2km from primary school |
| Willows End, Guarford | Second call for sites | | 3+km | Susceptible to surface water flooding – 1 in 200 year | | | Site of Local Wildlife Importance along entrance | | | | No - 3+km from primary school |
| Abbey College, Malvern Wells | Second call for sites | | | | | AONB | Site covered by an area TPO | | Species records for badger (Meles meles), senecio sylvaticus (plant) and paver argemone (plant) | | No - AONB. Area TPOs on site. Priority species and habitats on site. |
| Main Road, Kempsey ⁷ | Second | | | Poss 1 | | | | | | | Yes |

⁷ The landowner confirmed on 30 Jan 2018 that it is not available for Gypsy and Traveller use but instead want it considered for Travelling Showpeople use.

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | |
| | call for sites | | | in 200 year , less than 0.3m Ground water vulnerability | | | | | | |
| Baughton View | Second call for sites | | 4+km | North west corner Flood Zones 2 or 3. Site subject to ground water vulnerability | | Ancient woodland 50m to north of the site | | | Records of badger (Meles meles) neighbouring the site | No - 4+km from primary school Priority species and habitats on site. |
| The Dog Inn, Baughton | Second call for sites | | 4+km | North west corner Flood Zones 2 or 3. Site subject to ground water vulnerability | | Ancient woodland 50m to north of the site | | | Records of badger (Meles meles) neighbouring the site | No - 4+km from primary school (Priority species and habitats neighbouring the site). |

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | |
| Broomfield, Newnham Bridge | Second call for sites | | 4+km | Flood Zones 2 and 3 at north of site. Site subject to groundwater vulnerability | | | | | Record of Carex pseudocyperus (plant) within the site | No 4+km from primary school Priority species and habitats on site. |
| Church Meadows Caravan Site, Dormston Lane, Dormston (10 pitches) | Second call for sites | | 3+km | | | Adj. to SSSI. Close to the Grade I listed church | | | Adj to SSSI (Dormston Church Meadow); ecological and protected species surveys | No - 3.2 km from primary school |
| Badsey Road, Aldington (4 pitches) | Second call for sites | | | | | | | | ecological and protected species surveys required – ecological mitigation and enhancement | Yes |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington Planning permission now granted | First and second call for sites | | 1300m | Access road appears to be in flood | | | Within 100m of special wildlife site | | | Yes but planning permission now granted |

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | |
| | | | | zone 3 | | | | | | |
| Seven Acres, Main Rd, Crophorne Planning permission now granted and implemented | First and second call for sites | | | | | | | | | No - Planning permission now granted |
| Land opposite Newlands, Evesham Rd, Norton (21 pitches) | Second call for sites | | 2.6km | | | | | | ecological and protected species surveys – ecological mitigation and enhancement | No - 2.6km from primary school |
| Walnut Place (formerly The Caravan), Radford Rd, Rous Lench (20+ pitches) | Second call for sites | | 4+km | | Further investigation would be required | | | | ecological and protected species surveys if on more than just the pony paddock. | No - 4km+ from primary school |
| Orchard View, Main St, Aldington | Second call for sites | | 2.2km | | Further investigation would be required | | | | ecological and protected species surveys | Yes - 2.2km from primary school |
| Hughes Barn, Bretforton Rd, Badsey (8 pitches) | Second call for sites | | 1.3km | Flood zone 1, but high risk of surface water flooding | | | | | | Yes – although high risk of surface water flooding – would need to be mitigated against |

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | |
| Former caravan storage site, Land off A449, Crossway Green (up to 10 pitches) | Second call for sites | | 2.1km | | | | | | | Yes - 2.1km |
| Worcester South - Hatfield Bank | Urban Extension | Unknown. Site not submitted by landowner. Views of landowner not known. | | Possible Ground water vulnerability | | | | Significant Gap ⁸ | | No - Site availability for Traveller use not established |
| A38 south of Carrington Bridge | Second call for sites | Unknown. Site not submitted by landowner. Views of landowner not known. | Within proposed urban extension | Site adjacent to Flood Zone 2 and 3 Ground water vulnerability on most of the site | | Site 120m from Listed Building | Site adjacent to site of Regional or Local Wildlife Importance (River Severn). Site 180m from Conservation Area | | No protected species records within the site but records of bats adjacent to site (Nyctalus noctula and Pipistrellus pipistrelles). | No - Site availability for Traveller use not established |
| Sherriff Street, Worcester | Urban extension | Site for sale. Site not submitted by landowner. Not confirmed that is available for | | Site entrance on Newtown Road potentially | Needs to be checked – dismantlers yard | Large Scheduled Monument 110m from the site but seems to be well screened from | Site adjacent to an archaeological sensitive area. | | | No - Site availability for Traveller use not established |

⁸ At the SWDP Examination, the South Worcestershire Councils did not consider Traveller sites within Significant Gaps to be appropriate development unless they are associated with an urban extension. Notwithstanding this, the SWCs considered that a single Traveller site within each of the Worcester South and Worcester West urban extensions in the Significant Gap would be an acceptable exception because the principle of large scale development within the urban extension boundaries had already been accepted.

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Site Ref No. | Source | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | Known Priority Species & Habitats | Should the site be considered further? If no, reason for rejecting site |
| | | Traveller use. | | subject to surface water flooding | | the site Site adjacent to an archaeological sensitive area. | | | | |

Table 5c - Initial Availability and Suitability Assessment Matrix for the Third Call for Sites

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------|---|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | | Known Priority Species & Habitats |
| 1 The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton | First and Third Call for Sites - amended site boundary | | 1.8km | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor | Third call for Sites | | 3+km | | | | | | | | No - 3+km from a primary school and would result in a large site that is likely to be difficult to manage |
| Land adj. 2 The Laurels, Egdon | Third call for Sites | | 4+km | | | | | | | | No - 4km+ from primary school |
| Land adj. The Caravan, Radford Road, Rous Lench | Second and Third call for Sites - amended site boundary | | 4+km | | Further investigation would be required | | | | ecological and protected species surveys if on more than just the pony | | No - 4+km from primary school |
| Land at The Caravan, Radford Road, Rous Lench | Third call for Sites - amended site boundary | | 4+km | | Further investigation would be required | | | | ecological and protected species surveys if on more than just the pony | | No - 4+km from primary school |
| Land at Wood Norton, Evesham | Third call for Sites | | 2.7km | | | | Adj. regional/Local Wildlife Site | | | | No - 2.7km from primary school (current application pending: 21/01318) |
| Plot 2 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton, Ombersley | First and Third call for Sites - | | | | | | | | | | Yes |

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | |
| | amended site boundary | | | | | | | | | |
| Plot 4 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton, Ombersley | Third call for Sites | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Land ad. Trotshill Lane East, Warndon, Worcester | Third call for Sites | | | | | | | | | No - Significant Gap. Conservation Area, Archaeological Sensitive Area |
| Land off Broomhall Way, A4440, Worcester | Third call for Sites | | | Part of site on Flood risk zones 2 & 3 – access onto A4440 is mainly in Flood Zone 1 | WRS recommend conditions requiring a contamination assessment prior to works commencing | | Site shown as part of local green network on map for SWDP45/1 and green space in policy 45/1, no other local designations apply | | | Yes |

Table 5d - Initial Availability and Suitability Assessment Matrix for Other Sites Submitted including Preferred Options Submitted Sites

| Site Details | | Essential Availability Criteria | Essential Suitability Criteria | | | | | | | Conclusion | |
|---|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---|
| Site Ref No. | Source | | Availability for T&TS Use | Distance from primary school | Flood Risk | Contaminated Land | International or National Designation | Local Designation | Green Belt or Significant Gap | | Known Priority Species & Habitats |
| Former gas works, east side of Lower Howsell Rd, Malvern | | | | Northern boundary of site in Flood zones 2 and 3. | | | | TPOs | | | No - Contaminated land, TPOs |
| Land at Naunton, WR8 0PY | | | 4+km | | | | | | | | No - 4+km from primary school |
| Kimberley's Field, Field Barn Lane, Cropthorne Planning permission now granted and implemented | | | | Surface water flooding | | | | | | | No - Site has planning permission for use as a Travelling Showpeople yard |
| Land north of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | | | 2.5km | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Land south of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | | | 2.3km | | | | | | | | Yes |

Stage 3: Detailed Site Assessment

The third stage involved a more detailed on-site assessment of suitability, achievability and sustainability issues. The potential capacity of sites was also considered.

The on-site assessment helped determine the suitability of a site against the following essential criteria:

- Whether the land is relatively flat and stable.
- Whether the site has (or has potential of) safe and convenient access to the highway network.
- Whether there is likely to be any significant adverse visual impact which could not be adequately minimised.
- Whether there is likely to be a significant adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for either site residents or neighbouring properties that could not be mitigated.
- Whether the site is likely to be capable of providing adequate on-site services for water supply, mains electricity, waste disposal and foul and surface water drainage.

If a site could not satisfy all of the essential suitability and availability criterion (ie red on the matrix) it was rejected. In addition to the essential criterion, sites were also assessed against the following criteria “desirable” suitability criterion. Whilst a failure to meet the criteria listed below may not, in themselves, preclude the development of Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites, they are important considerations which could assist in assessing the sustainability of sites and prioritising between a choice of potential sites.

- Whether local services and facilities such as schools and health facilities are reasonably accessible.
- Whether it would be an extension to an existing site or a new site.
- Whether the site would be on previously developed land.

The results of the Stage 3 detailed site assessment are summarised in Tables 6a to 6d.

Table 6a - Suitability and Achievement Assessment Matrix for the First Call for Sites

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Hillbee Farm Upton Upon Severn | | | | Dwellings immediately adjacent site | | 1870m | 1130m | 410m | Intensification | | Protect and restore | 5 | No - Visibility splays and safe access cannot be achieved |
| Acton Villa, Acton, Ombersely | | | | | | 720m | 2.9km | 100m | | | | | No - Direct access onto dual carriageway A449 |
| Comhampton Lane, Comhampton | | | | | | 3km | 3.6km | 1.3km | | | | | No - There are several other Traveller sites along this relatively short stretch of Comhampton Lane. It is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |
| The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton | | | Flat, open, elevated site - would require additional planting | | | 2.7km | 4km | 480m | | | | 2 | Yes |
| Land off | | | | | | 390m | 5km | 180m | New | | | | No - Access |

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Narrowway Lane, Crossway Green | | | | | | | | | | | | | from Narrowway Lane is not feasible because of the very narrow lane – one vehicle width with no proper waiting bays. Would also be inappropriate to increase use of access via Mayview as this is a single width domestic drive onto the A449 where national speed restriction applies. |
| The Orchard, Knowle Hill, Evesham | | | | Dwellings within 200m | | 1300m | 1740m | 1400m | Intensification | | Protect and enhance | 5 | Yes - Note - Planning application approved 21/01725 |
| Orchard View, Evesham Rd, Fladbury | | | | | | | | | Extension | | | | No - This site is subject to a pending planning application for an |

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | increase of 3 pitches (from 3 to 6 pitches) and it is not considered appropriate to allocate any more pitches |
| Shorthill Caravan Park, Crossway Green | | | | Travel Lodge and dwellings adjoin the site | | 490m | 5km | 290m | | | | | No - Appeal pending. This site is considered too large to allocate (more than 10 pitches in total) and therefore likely to be difficult to manage effectively |
| Worcester South Urban Extension | | | | | | | | | New site | | | 10 | No specific site suggested |
| Worcester West Urban Extension | | | | | | | | | New site | | | 10 | No specific site suggested |

Table 6b - Suitability and Achievement Assessment Matrix for the Second Call for Sites

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Mountain View, Bastonford | | Highway authority would require further evidence | 19/01540 refusal on adverse impact on character and appearance of area and of views towards Malvern Hills AONB | Local objections to planning applications | Water and electricity. Sewerage ? | 2.2km | 3.7km | 320m | Temporary planning permission now expired | | | 2 | No - Site refused, temporary permission granted at appeal and renewal refused – latest appeal pending 19/01540 |
| The Paddocks, Newland, Malvern | | | | House on opposite side of road, agricultural land | | 2.5km | 2.5km | 100m | | | | | Yes - Site is between 2 and 2.5km from primary school – potential for 4 extra pitches |
| Main Road, Kempsey ⁹ | | Access not suitable for large vehicles | | 30m from Mear Cottage. 50m from nursery | Landowner says utilities and services available, but no details provided | 1530m | 1450m | 270m | New | | | 10 suggested 6 | No - Access not suitable |
| Badsey Road, | Sloping site | Access problematic | | Not adjacent to | | 960m | 2100m | 70m | New site | No | Protect and enhance | 4 | No - Access problematic |

⁹ The landowner confirmed on 30 Jan 2018 that it is not available for Gypsy and Traveller use but instead want it considered for Travelling Showpeople use.

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|--|--------------------|--|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Aldington | | Access due to limited visibility | | residential, opposite existing traveller sites. | | | | | | | | | due to limited visibility |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington | | | | | | 1.1km | 3.8km | 100m | | | | | Yes but site now has planning permission 21/00786 |
| Land opposite Newlands, Evesham Rd, Norton | | Access problematic due to limited visibility | | Potential noise from A46 | | 2950m | 1400m | 375m | New site | No | Protect and enhance | 6-8 | No - Access problematic due to limited visibility |
| Orchard View, Main St, Aldington | | | | | | 1.5km | 2.5km | 780m | New site | | | | No – there are several existing Traveller sites along both entrance roads to the village and it is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |
| Hughes Barn, Bretforton Rd, Badsey | | Highway authority would require further evidence | | | | 1.5km | 4km | 170m | Extension | | Protect and enhance | 8 pitches suggested by owner | No – no confirmation that right of way over access is unencumbered so highway and surface water flooding mitigation measures unlikely to be implementable |

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Former caravan storage site, Land off A449, Crossway Green (up to 10 pitches) | | | | | | 490m | 5km | 290m | New | | | | No – there is an existing, adjoining large Traveller site (Shorthill Caravans) which has recently been dismissed at appeal but further appeals or applications possible and it is not considered appropriate to allocate more pitches |

Table 6c - Suitability and Achievement Assessment Matrix for the Third Call for Sites

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|---|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Plot 2 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton, Ombersley | | | | | | 3 | 3.6 | 1.3 | Extension | | | | No - There are several other Traveller sites along this relatively short stretch of this lane. It is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |
| Plot 4 The Paddocks, Comhampton Lane, Comhampton, Ombersley | | | | | | 3 | 3.6 | 1.3 | Extension | | | | No - There are several other Traveller sites along this relatively short stretch of this lane. It is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |
| Land off Broomhall Way, A4440, Worcester Extra information submitted in PO consultation | relatively flat. Remade land following improvement to A4440 | | Likely to be highly visible from A4440 – planting required | A4440 to north - source of possible air and noise pollution to site residents. | | 660m | 820m | 580m | New | No | Contrary to Green Space designation | 10 | No – contrary to Green Space designation, no suitable access demonstrated, potential air quality and noise nuisance may be possible to mitigate against) |

Table 6d - Suitability and Achievement Assessment Matrix for the other Sites Submitted including Preferred Options Submitted Sites

| Site Name / Location | Essential Criteria | | | | | Desirable Criteria | | | | | | Potential Number of New / Additional Pitches | Should Site be Short-Listed? |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | Topography | Safe Access on to Public Highway | Visual Impact | Residential Amenity and Neighbouring Uses | Capable On-Site Services | Distance to Shop | Distance to GP | Distance to Bus Stop | Intensification / Extension to existing Site | Previously Developed Land | Green Infrastructure | | |
| Land north of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Green | 2.4km | 5km+ | 250m | New | Yellow | Yellow | | No - There are several other Traveller sites close to Lower Moor. It is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |
| Land south of Evesham Road, Lower Moor | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Green | 2.6km | 5km+ | 0m | New | Yellow | Yellow | | No - There are several other Traveller sites close to Lower Moor. It is not considered appropriate to allocate more. |

Conclusions

Based on the assessment of sites submitted during the **first “call for sites”** (including an assessment of responses to a Preferred Options consultation in March / April 2016), the following 2 sites appear to meet, or have the potential to meet, the essential suitability criteria for Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites and should be taken forward as allocations for Traveller pitches.

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential No. New Pitches | For Traveller or Travelling Showpeople use |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton | Wychavon | Existing | 2 | Traveller |
| The Orchard, Knowle Hill, Badsey | Wychavon | Existing | 5 | Traveller |
| South Worcs Total | | | 7 | Traveller |

Based on the assessment of sites submitted during the **second “call for sites”**, the following site appears to meet, or have the potential to meet, the essential suitability criteria for Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites and should be taken forward as an allocation for Traveller pitches.

| Site Name and Location | District | New or Existing Site | Potential No. New Pitches | For Gypsy, Showman &/or Transit Use |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The Paddocks, Newlands | Malvern | Existing | 4 | Traveller |
| Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington* | Wychavon | Existing | See below* | Traveller |
| South Worcs Total | | | 4 | Traveller |

* Blossom Hill, Village St, Aldington (please note the pitches from this site have already been taken into account in the supply of pitches calculations. The site is only included in the DPD as an allocation in accordance with the planning permission granted under 21/00786 – it is **not** allocated for extra pitches over and above those already granted planning consent)

No other sites submitted to the **third call for sites**, the **Preferred Options** or at **other times** were considered suitable for allocation.