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Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

This is the NTS of the Sustainability Report

1. This is the Non-Technical Summary of the Sustainability (Integrated) Appraisal Report documenting the processes of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Winchester City Council Gypsy, Traveller and Traveling Showpeople Development Plan Document (DPD). The NTS describes the SA process, how the SA of the DPD was carried out, and the findings of the SA.

The Gypsy, Traveller and Traveling Showpeople Development Plan Document (DPD)

2. The Winchester Local Plan comprises several local development documents that set out Winchester City Council's policies relating to the development and use of land in its area. The over-arching document is Local Plan Part 1- the Joint Core Strategy, which sets out the long-term vision and strategic objectives for the Winchester District area, and was adopted in 2013. Local Plan Part 2- Development Management and Site Allocations (LPP2) includes development management policies and site allocations for development and was adopted in 2017. Both LPP1 and LPP2 were subject to Sustainability Appraisals that were found sound through independent examination with SA Adoption Statements published in 2013 and 2017 respectively.
3. LPP1 includes Core Policy CP5 Sites for Gypsies, Travellers, & Travelling Showpeople stating that the Council will undertake needs assessments in LPP2 to quantify the accommodate requirements; sites will be allocated and planning permission granted providing they meet all the required criteria. LPP2 includes Policy DM4 that states that planning permission will be granted for pitches/plots to meet identified traveller needs of about 15 gypsy/traveller pitches and 24 travelling showpeople's plots over the Plan period, subject to the criteria outlined in policy CP5, and that sites will be identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD and consent granted as necessary to meet this need. The criteria referred to in CP5 relate to requirements for encouraging social inclusion and minimising tension with existing communities, capacity of local services/facilities and highways, and environmental protection.
4. The Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople (Traveller) DPD is being developed by Winchester City Council and includes that part of the District that lies outside the South Downs National Park. The plan period is for September 2016 to August 2031. The purpose of the DPD is to identify and allocate sites and ensure that the identified pitches/plots reflect the requirements of LPP1 Policy CP5. The Traveller DPD will form part of the Development Plan, along with LPP1 & 2, the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan, and the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

5. The Traveller DPD has been prepared with wide evidence and consultation, including accommodation needs assessment of gypsies & travellers and travelling showpersons, call for sites, site options assessments, and an options consultation published on the Council's website during late March to early May 2017. The Council found that a combination approach provides a flexible and pragmatic response to helping resolve the issue of limited site availability and accommodating the needs of travellers. Therefore, the Traveller DPD considers the following:
- Safeguarding existing permitted and lawful sites
 - Regularising suitable existing sites
 - Specific site allocation policies to consider the needs of larger sites, particularly for travelling showpersons plots

Integrated Appraisal: SA, SEA and HRA

6. The purpose of Sustainability (Integrated) Appraisal (SA) is to promote sustainable development through the integration of environmental, social and economic considerations in the preparation of Local Plans. This requirement for SA is in accordance with planning legislation and paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Local Plans must also be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Government advises that an integrated approach is taken so that the SA process incorporates the requirements for SEA – and to the same level of detail. The Council is also required to undertake a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) that considers the effects of plans on designated habitats and species. The Council commissioned independent specialists Enfusion Ltd to undertake the Sustainability Appraisal of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document.

Characteristics of the Winchester District

7. Winchester District is in the South of England, and has a landscape of rolling downland typical of the Hampshire area. There are over 50 rural settlements in the area, and the major settlement of Winchester Town. The area has an approximate population of 120,000 people, and is a generally prosperous area with key employment sectors including public administration, banking and finance. The area has reasonably low deprivation, good health conditions and low crime rates. There is an identified need for affordable housing which is currently not being met. Areas for development are limited by physical constraints, including areas at risk of flooding, protected for their landscape, historic, and ecological values.

Key Sustainability Issues, Problems and Opportunities

8. The key sustainability issues and opportunities for the District overall were identified for the SAs of LPP1 & 2 and remain relevant, as follows:
- Maintaining and developing Winchester City as a centre for commerce and learning, and stimulating the rural economy

- Reducing unsustainable traffic and transport trends (commuting patterns)
- Creating opportunities for renewable energy development
- Improving the supply and availability of affordable housing
- Protecting valued landscape and habitats; enhancing Green Infrastructure networks
- The needs of an ageing population
- Ensuring that infrastructure requirements meet the needs of new development and take account of constraints

9. The characteristics of the District with sustainability issues that are particularly relevant to Travellers' pitches/plots may be summarised as follows:

- Tensions with the settled community
- Accessibility to services, especially schools and medical facilities
- Connections to local infrastructure, especially drainage
- Safe play space
- Sites with direct road access and capacity for storage and parking
- Limited number of sites appropriate for the preferred size of 5 or less pitches/plots
- Unauthorised pitches, those with temporary planning permission, and concealed/doubled-up households

How has the DPD been assessed?

10. The initial SA scoping report (2007) included an SA Framework of SA Objectives informed by the Plans/Programmes Review and the baseline information. This SA framework was used to test LPP1; it was then refined to be more applicable to consideration of sites for the SA of LPP2. For the SA of the Traveller DPD, the SA Framework was further refined with more specific and relevant thresholds of significance to reflect the key sustainability issues for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople site options.

11. The overall SA Framework of Objectives remained the same as that used to appraise LPP1 & 2 and as follows:

| SA No | SA Objective |
|-------|--|
| 1 | To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion |
| 2 | To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs |
| 3 | To provide good quality housing for all |
| 4 | To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs |
| 5 | To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel |
| 6 | To improve the health and well-being of all |
| 7 | To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way |
| 8 | To ensure sustainable waste management |

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| 9 | To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy |
| 10 | To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places |
| 11 | To conserve and enhance biodiversity |
| 12 | To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage |
| 13 | To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District |
| 14 | To secure high standards of design |
| 15 | To minimise local and global sources of pollution |

12. In the same way that site options were tested through for LPP2, the traveller site options were grouped according to relevant settlements. Each option was assessed against each SA Objective using baseline information and professional judgment and the likely significant effects recorded. The SA considered the nature of the likely sustainability effects (including positive/negative, duration (short, medium or long term), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic) and according to categories of significance as set out in the following table:

| Categories of Significance | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Symbol | Meaning | Sustainability Effect |
| x | Absolute constraints | Absolute sustainability constraints to development, for example, internationally protected biodiversity |
| -- | Major Negative | Problematical, improbable because of known sustainability issues; mitigation likely to be difficult and/or expensive |
| - | Minor negative | Potential sustainability issues: mitigation and/or negotiation possible |
| + | Minor positive | No sustainability constraints and development acceptable |
| ++ | Major Positive | Development encouraged as would resolve existing sustainability problem |
| ? | Uncertain | Uncertain or Unknown Effects |
| 0 | Neutral | Neutral effect |

13. The SA considered both positive and negative effect; suggestions were made for mitigating significant negative effects, where possible, and possibilities for enhancement, where relevant. Sustainability Appraisal is informed by the best available information and data. However, data gaps and uncertainties exist and it is not always possible to accurately predict effects at the plan level. The Traveller DPD is a topic specific DPD and some mitigation measures have already been taken into account through core and development management policies in LPP1 & 2, together with the requirements set out in criteria in Policy CP5, such that the SA was limited at this stage of planning.

What reasonable alternatives have been considered & addressed?

14. Policies CP5 and DM4 set out the identified traveller pitch/plot needs. The Council identified 41 options and these were tested through the SA process. It may be noted that the Do-Nothing scenario is not a reasonable option for the

Traveller DPD as the Council is obliged to provide development according to the identified needs.

What are the likely significant effects of the Traveller DPD?

15. The SA found positive effects for sustainability objectives on housing, employment (for travelling showpeople), communities, and cultural heritage. There is the potential for negative effects on integrating with existing communities, access to services and facilities, noise & light pollution, water and waste management; however, there is strong mitigation provided by LPP1 CP5 and the Policies in the Traveller DPD TR1-6. There are further positive effects on the soil resource through the continuing use of existing sites.
16. The SA found that there is the potential for negative effects on some sites for landscape and visual amenity; however, strong mitigation is provided by LPP1 CP5 and the Policies in the Traveller DPD TR1-6. None of the sites are likely to have significant effects on protected or important biodiversity; some sites are located within 5.6km of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy for internationally protected sites at the coastline and as such may be required to contribute to this Mitigation Strategy.
17. The SA found some potential negative cumulative effects for the clusters of sites at Shedfield and North Boarhunt. These have been mitigated through the approach of specifying the size and numbers of pitches/plots and the site-specific requirements set out in TR4 Shedfield & TR5 N Boarhunt (subsequently removed from the DPD at Regulation 19 stage). Furthermore, by continuing with existing sites, there will be limited change reducing the potential for adverse effects. The general requirements in TR6 and the site-specific requirements in TR3-4 will ensure that effects are reduced to residual neutral and there is the potential for enhancement with biodiversity and landscape screening.

How could negative effects be mitigated?

18. Potential negative effects have been mitigated by limiting development size and ensuring in policy that general and site-specific requirements will avoid or reduce potential negative effects on community integration, noise, light & water pollution, and landscape/visual amenity. Limiting the number of pitches/plots in clusters, particularly for Shedfield, provides mitigation measures for potential synergist or cumulative negative effects.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

19. Several sites were found to be within 5.6km of the internationally protected coastline on the Solent with the potential for additional recreational pressures on protected wintering birds. However, these sites proposed in the DPD are existing gypsy, traveller & travelling showpeople sites such that the recreational impacts are negligible. Nonetheless, the draft Traveller DPD acknowledges that there is a requirement to contribute towards mitigating recreational impacts affects some sites proposed in the DPD. Overall, the

HRA found that the policies and sites in the Traveller DPD would not, either alone or in-combination, have impacts on any designated European sites.

Were there any difficulties encountered?

20. There were no significant technical difficulties encountered during the preparation of this SA and any data gaps or uncertainties about the effectiveness of mitigation measures were recorded.

How has the SA influenced the draft Traveller DPD?

21. The SA made suggestions for mitigating potential negative effects, such as limiting the size and number of sites to avoid cumulative negative effects. The SA identified some sites where additional screening could mitigate landscape/visual amenity effects and potentially provide enhancement with positive effects for both landscape and biodiversity.

Monitoring Proposals

22. The SEA Directive and Regulations require that the significant effects (positive and negative) of implementing the plan should be monitored to identify at an early stage any unforeseen effects and to be able to take appropriate remedial action. Government guidance on SA/SEA advises that existing monitoring arrangements should be used where possible to avoid duplication. Government requires local planning authorities to produce Monitoring Reports (MRs), and the Winchester City Council Monitoring Report (produced annually) and the Monitoring Framework set out in Appendix C of the Traveller DPD are considered sufficient to ensure appropriate monitoring takes place.

Consultation & Next Steps

23. The draft SA Report accompanied the Regulation 18 draft Traveller DPD for public consultation from July through to 4 September 2017. Comments received on the draft DPD have been taken into account in the preparation of the Publication (Pre- Submission) DPD and changes have been screened for their significance with regard to the SA and HRA. Comments received on the SA and HRA have been considered in preparing this SA Report to accompany the Publication (Pre-Submission) DPD on Regulation 19 consultation. Any further comments received will be considered in preparing the Submission DPD that will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in due course.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) & Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 1.1 The purpose of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is to promote sustainable development through the integration of environmental, social and economic considerations in the preparation of Local Plans. Initially the scope of the SA is determined by establishing the baseline conditions and context of the draft plan by considering other relevant plans and objectives, and by identifying issues, problems and opportunities for the area. From this scope, an SA Framework of objectives relevant for sustainable development in the plan area is developed to form the basis against which the draft plan is assessed.
- 1.2 This requirement for SA is set out in planning legislation¹ and paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2012)². Local Plans must also be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment³ (SEA) and Government advises⁴ that an integrated approach is taken so that the SA process incorporates the requirements for SEA – and to the same level of detail. Winchester City Council has commissioned independent specialist consultants Enfusion Ltd to undertake the SA process (incorporating SEA) of the Gypsy, Traveller and Traveling Showpeople Development Plan Document (Traveller DPD).

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- 1.3 The Council is also required⁵ to undertake a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Gypsy, Traveller and Traveling Showpeople Development Plan Document. The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) [the Habitats Regulations] require that HRA is applied to all statutory land use plans in England and Wales. The aim of the HRA process is to assess the potential effects arising from a plan against the conservation objectives of any site designated for its nature conservation importance. The HRA screening considers if the potential impacts arising as a result of the plan are likely to have significant effect on these sites either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. HRA reports were prepared for both Local Plan Part1 and Local Plan Part 2 of the Winchester District Development Framework and the findings incorporated into the SA Reports.

¹ Section 19(5) of the 2004 Act and Regulation 22(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

³ EU Directive 2001/42/EC, and, Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations, 2004

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal>

⁵ The Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2010/490/contents/made>

The Gypsy, Traveller and Traveling Showpeople Development Plan Document (Traveller DPD)

- 1.4 The Winchester District Local Plan comprises a number of documents which taken as a whole set out Winchester City Council's policies relating to the development and use of land in their area. The Plan includes:
- Local Plan Part 1 - Joint Core Strategy (with South Downs National Park)
 - Local Plan Part 2 - Development Management and Allocations
 - Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document
 - Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which supplement the Local Plan by providing direction on specific issues: Village and Neighbourhood Design Statements
 - Neighbourhood Plan
 - Council's Strategy 2017 (replacing the previous Community Strategy)
 - Monitoring Report
- 1.5 LPP1⁶ is the overarching strategic document of the Local Plan and sets out the key elements of the planning strategy for the district; it is the spatial expression of the Community Strategy. In particular, the LPP1 established various development requirements for the District's larger settlements, including outlining levels of housing provision from 2011 to 2031. The LPP1 also supports the retention and improvement of employment, public transport, facilities and services in these settlements, as well as setting standards for the provision of open space and built recreation facilities. LPP1 was developed between 2007 and 2013, informed by the findings of the SA/SEA, and adopted in 2013.
- 1.6 LPP2⁷ refined the development requirements for the District's larger settlements as set out in the LPP1 and includes the development management policies required to assess and determine planning proposals and applications, particularly where these were not already covered by the general policies set out in LPP1. LPP2 allocates sites to deliver the development need outlined in LPP1 but only covers the part of Winchester District that lies outside the South Downs National Park. The plan was subject to SA/SEA and the findings informed the development of the plan with LPP2 adopted in April 2017.
- 1.7 Local Authorities are required by Central Government through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015) to assess the accommodation needs of the gypsy and traveller community, including travelling showpeople, and to develop a strategy that addresses any unmet need. Policy CP5 (LPP1) and Policy DM4 (LPP2) will act in conjunction to determine planning applications and have assisted in proposing allocation sites in the Traveller DPD.
- 1.8 Core Policy CP5 Sites for Gypsies, Travellers, & Travelling Showpeople states that the Council will undertake needs assessments in LPP2 to quantify the

⁶ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-1/>

⁷ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

accommodate requirements; sites will be allocated and planning permission granted providing they meet all the required criteria – these relate to encouraging social inclusion and minimising tension with existing communities, capacity of local services/facilities and highways, and environmental protection. LPP2 Policy DM4 states that planning permission will be granted for pitches/plots to meet identified traveller needs of about 15 gypsy/traveller pitches and 24 travelling showpeople's plots over the Plan period, subject to the criteria outlined in policy CP5, and that sites will be identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD and consent granted as necessary to meet this need.

1.9 Thus, the purpose of the Traveller DPD is to:

- Identify and allocate a supply of deliverable sites in the first 5 years of the plan and a strategy to accommodate growth in years 6-10 and where possible years 11- 15 in accordance with Policy DM4 and advice set out in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, published by the Government in August 2015
- Ensure that the identified pitches/plots reflect the requirements of Policy CP5

1.10 The Traveller DPD comprises the elements following:

- Introduction, Background, Evidence & Consultation
- Proposed Approach
- Safeguarding Existing Permitted Sites
 - Policy TR 1 – Safeguarding Permitted Sites
- Sites with temporary consents
 - Policy TR 2 – Sites with Temporary Consent
- Site Specific Policies
 - Policy TR 3 – Carousel Park
 - Policy TR 4 – The Nurseries, Shedfield
- Expansion or intensification within existing sites
 - Policy TR 5 - Expansion or intensification within existing sites
- General Design Guidance and Site Layout
 - Policy TR 6 – Traveller Site Design Guidance and Layout
- Transit Sites
- Monitoring Framework

Inter-Relationships between SA & Plan-Making Processes

1.11 Sustainability Appraisal is an iterative and ongoing process that informs plan-making by assessing developing elements of the Plan, evaluating and describing the likely significant effects of implementing the plan, and suggesting possibilities for mitigating significant adverse effects and enhancing positive effects. The Government's extant guidance recognises value in undertaking SA and HRA concurrently (although the findings and reporting of the two processes should be kept distinct)⁸. In practice, the

⁸ Planning for the Protection of European Sites: Appropriate Assessment: Guidance for Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents (DCLG, August 2006)

evidence base for both SA and HRA processes can be shared, as well as with the evidence base for the plan-making process.

Consultation: Statutory, Public, Community & Stakeholder Engagement

- 1.12 The Council has undertaken wide consultation during the preparation of the draft Traveller DPD. A consultation on the scope of the DPD was available through the Council's website between 28 October and 12 December 2016; comments received were considered in the development of the DPD. A second consultation ran through April until 8 May 2017 and comprised a questionnaire that sought opinions on potential options for the DPD, including extending existing sites or allocating new sites.
- 1.13 The draft DPD Regulation 18 with accompanying SA & HRA Report (June 2017) was available on public consultation from July through to 4 September 2017. Comments received on the draft plan and the SA/HRA have been taken into consideration in this next stage of plan-making and assessment. The responses to consultation have been published on the Council's website⁹. The Publication (Pre-Submission) DPD and its accompanying SA/HRA Report are agreed for consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town & Country (England)(Local Plan) Regulations 2012, prior to submission in 2018.

Compliance with the Requirements of the EU SEA Directive

- 1.14 National Planning Policy and National Planning Practice Guidance advises that where the SEA Directive/Regulations apply to local plans there are some specific requirements that must be complied with and that should be addressed as an integral part of the SA process. Therefore, it is important that the sections of this SA Report which meet the requirements of SEA Directive are clearly signposted -and as provided in Appendix I: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive/Regulations.

Structure of this SA Report

- 1.15 Following this introductory Section 1, Section 2 describes the methods used to appraise the draft Traveller DPD and Section 3 provides the sustainability context and characteristics of the Plan area. Section 4 explains how options in plan-making and alternatives in SA have been addressed and reported explicitly to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the SEA Directive. The findings of the SA of the draft Traveller DPD are discussed in Section 5 with details of the SA of site options presented in Appendix II. Section 6 explains the changes made arising from the Regulation 18 consultation and the implications for the SA. Consideration of HRA is reported in Section 7 and proposed monitoring in Section 8 with Section 9 explaining the next steps and the requirements for consultation.
- 1.16 Technical details are provided in three Appendices- I: Statement of Compliance with SEA Regulations; II SA of Site Options; and III Summary of SA/HRA Representations to Regulation 18 consultation. In accordance with the SEA Regulations, a Non-Technical Summary is also provided - at the beginning of this SA Report and can also be available separately.

⁹ <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/gypsy-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople/>

2.0 METHODS

Introduction

- 2.1 Sustainability (Integrated) Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment is an iterative and ongoing process that aims to provide a high level of protection for the environment and to promote sustainable development for plan-making. The role of SA is to inform the Council as the planning authority; the SA findings do not form the sole basis for decision-making – this is informed also by other studies, feasibility and feedback from consultation.
- 2.2 There is a tiering of appraisal/assessment processes that aligns with the hierarchy of plans – from international, national and through to local. This tiering is acknowledged by the NPPF (2012) in paragraph 167 that states that “Assessments should be proportionate and should not repeat policy assessment that has already been undertaken.” This SA is an Integrated Appraisal that has incorporated the requirements of the EU SEA Directive and the findings from the review of the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Scoping & the SA Framework

- 2.3 SA scoping was initially undertaken during 2007 to help ensure that the SA covers the key sustainability issues that are relevant to the spatial and development planning system in the Winchester area. The SA Scoping Report was published in July 2007 for consultation with statutory bodies and the public (available on the Winchester City Council Website¹⁰). Comments received were considered in the final Scoping Report.
- 2.4 The SA Framework provides the basis by which the sustainability effects of the emerging Local Development Documents are described, analysed and compared. It includes sustainability objectives, elaborated by ‘decision-aiding questions’, to provide a systematic guide to the assessment. These have been developed from considering the objectives of other relevant Plans and Programmes, analysis of baseline information, identification of the key sustainability issues, and responses from the scoping consultation.
- 2.5 The sustainability objectives seek to address and progress the main sustainability issues and opportunities identified as important in the Winchester area. The decision-aiding questions assist by clarifying the detail of the issues, improving objectivity, ensuring that the appraisal is relevant to land use planning, and making the SA Framework more locally specific.
- 2.6 The framework was reviewed and kept updated throughout the development of LPP1. It was further updated to assess the potential site allocations of LPP2, to avoid duplication and make the appraisal more relevant to appraisal of locationally specific sites, whilst ensuring that the SA of LPP2 remained in conformity with that for LPP1.

¹⁰ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/sustainability-appraisals/>

- 2.7 The Traveller DPD is a topic focussed plan and with the specific aim to guide implementation of development requirements as set out in LPP1 Policy CP5 and LPP2 Policy DM4 by allocating sites. Therefore, the SA framework was further refined to better reflect the plan-making and assessment processes relevant to such a specific plan.
- 2.8 The table below (table 2.1) sets out the refinement of the SA and shows how it relates to the decision-aiding questions for the previous SAs of the higher-level plans. Column 1 lists the headline SA Objectives; column 2 lists the decision-aiding questions applicable to LPP1 and those in column 3 refer to the site-specific questions amendments used for LPP2 (shown in coloured text that reports changes made after consultation comments). Column 4 explains further refinement of questions to make them applicable to the assessment of the Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD. This includes explanation of the approach to identifying the thresholds of significance for likely effects, considering the issues associated with such plots and pitches.

Table 2.1: SA Framework

| SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (SA) OBJECTIVE | DECISION-AIDING QUESTIONS - LOCAL PLAN PART 1 (LPP1) (ALSO TO BE USED FOR POLICIES IN LOCAL PLAN PART 2 OR A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN | DECISION-AIDING QUESTIONS – FOR SITE ALLOCATIONS IN LOCAL PAN PART 2 (LPP2) or a NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN | Refinement and Applicability to SA of site options for Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople with Thresholds of Significance of Likely Effects |
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| <p>1) Building Communities <i>SEA topics: Population</i></p> <p>To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Help provide facilities for social interaction ▪ Promote diverse communities and meet a range of housing needs ▪ Ensure inclusion of all sections of the community ▪ Ensure equality of access to services ▪ Integrate new and existing communities ▪ Encourage community cohesion and a sense of community ownership ▪ Reduce social exclusion of disadvantaged groups ▪ Meet the needs of an ageing population | <p>All development proposed on the sites are required to meet DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles and CP21 – Infrastructure and Community Benefit. Housing needs are covered in SA Objective 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does the site deliver the vision as set out in Policies WT1/SH1 or MTRA1 of LPP1? ▪ How does the site deliver the locally derived vision and objectives identified by the community? ▪ Could the site provide space for facilities for social interaction? ▪ Does the site allow for equality of access to services? Please refer to objective 5 – transport for distances to services. | <p>If a site option is an existing gypsy & traveller or travelling showpeople site, there is the potential for major positive effects as communities are likely to already have been formed and groups integrated. If a site option is not existing, it will result in a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Potential for negative effects if site option sizes are disproportionate to local community or over-concentrated & thus might not be in compliance with the requirements as set out in Policy CP5 Sites for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople.</p> |
| <p>2) Infrastructure <i>SEA topics: Material Assets</i></p> <p>To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the provision of community facilities, for example cultural, health, recreational and social facilities. ▪ Encourage the enhancement of green infrastructure (strategic | <p>All sites proposed are required to meet the requirements of policies: DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles; CP6 – Local Services and Facilities; CP7 Open Space, Recreation and Built facilities; CP15 – Green Infrastructure; and CP21 – Infrastructure and Community Benefit.</p> | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>Loss of GI, POS or local facilities & services would be likely major negative effects; minor negative effects if the site option is likely to put pressure on capacity of local facilities, such as a school, health, or GI & POS.</p> |

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| <p>suitable to meet community needs</p> | <p>network of protected sites, nature reserves, greenspaces, and greenway linkages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure the delivery of infrastructure that meets the needs of new and existing development ▪ Ensure appropriate timing and phasing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could the site provide space to deliver enhancement of green infrastructure and open space and provide linkages to existing local network of protected sites, nature reserves, greenspaces, and greenway linkages (e.g. footpaths)? ▪ Will the development of the site result in the loss of green infrastructure identified in: the Green Infrastructure Study 2010; PUSH GI Strategy; PUSH Implementation Framework 2012; or land identified in the 2015 Open Space Strategy? ▪ Will the development of the site result in the loss of a local facility or service or registered community assets? ▪ Is the site within the specified distances of other facilities as identified in Policy CP7 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation? | <p>Neutral effects if local services/facilities have capacity.</p> <p>Minor positive effects if site option within specified distances as identified in Policy CP7 Open Space, Recreation & Built Facilities.</p> |
| <p>3) Housing <i>SEA topics: Population</i></p> <p>To provide good quality housing for all</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deliver affordable and sustainable housing both in urban and rural areas, in keeping with local character ▪ Support the sympathetic accommodation of housing growth in sustainable locations ▪ Balance housing and employment land delivery with community facilities and environmental capacity | <p>Sites which provide for residential development can achieve the requirements set out in the decision aiding questions through the following Local Plan Part 1 Policies, where applicable, (Policy CP 1 – Housing Provision; Policy CP 2 – Housing Provision and Mix; Policy CP3 – Affordable Housing Provision on Market Led Housing Sites; Policy CP4 – Affordable Housing on Exception Sites to Meet Local Needs; Policy CP5 - Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpersons; Policy CP6 – Local Services and Facilities); Policy CP13 – High Quality Design; DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles.</p> | <p>All site options are likely to have the potential for major positive effects on the SA Objective due to the safeguarding and allocation of sites, and granting permanent planning status to temporary/unauthorised sites.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for an appropriate mix of dwelling size, type, density and phasing to meet local needs Provide for a range of housing to meet the needs of specific groups, (e.g. the elderly, disabled, young, Gypsies and Travellers) and adaptable housing that meets the needs of people in different life stages | | |
| <p>4) Economy and Employment <i>SEA topics:</i> <i>Population</i></p> <p>To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a diverse range of jobs that meet the needs of local people Ensure jobs are located in sustainable locations Support the rural economy Reduce both out commuting and in commuting Help maintain Winchester City as a major focus of learning and education Assist in the retention of young people and graduates Recognise the role of tourism in the local economy Support retail diversity across the district Support live work units & working from home | <p>Sites which propose mixed use or employment related development sites are required to meet the requirements of Policies: CP8 – Economic Growth; CP9 – Retention of Employment Land and Premises; and DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How well is the site located in relation to places of employment? Please refer to objective 5 – transport for distances to employment. Would the use of the site lead to a loss of employment land/ jobs? Could the site provide a balance between housing and local employment opportunities and local community facilities and retail? | <p>Likely neutral effects for most site options as no employment land is explicitly being proposed.</p> <p>Potential for negative effects if employment land is lost.</p> <p>Sites for travelling showpeople include provision of space for vehicles & equipment to support their work, so there is the potential for minor positive effects by supporting diversity of jobs.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Balance suitable employment with housing growth ▪ Encourage environmentally and socially responsible employment and help to create local markets for local goods/services ▪ Aim towards establishing a low carbon economy for Winchester District | | |
| <p>5) Transport <i>SEA topics: Air, Climatic Factors, Population, Material Assets</i></p> <p>To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support delivery of quality public transport that is accessible to all sections of the community ▪ Enable the enhancement of a District-wide network of footpaths and cycle links between settlements, homes and work and community facilities ▪ Support the need to reduce travel, especially during peak times ▪ Locate new development to reduce the need to travel ▪ Help create an integrated sustainable transport | <p>All sites proposed are required to meet the requirements of Policies CP10 – Transport and DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Is the site served well by public transport (i.e. frequency of service every hour on days when a bus service operates¹¹)?</i> ▪ <i>Is the site within walking distance (ideally between 400 to 800 m¹²) of a number of services and facilities including¹³: opportunities for local employment; Bus stop; and Local facilities which could include (shop, health and education facilities)?</i> ▪ <i>Is there safe access to and from the site (pedestrian, cycle and</i> | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>A good site access (road, footpaths) will have minor positive effects; if none, then minor negative effects.</p> <p>New site options or extensions to existing sites may result in additional car usage.</p> |

¹¹ Winchester City Council (July 2011) Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy Background Paper, Table 3: Accessibility criteria, pp. 14.

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/local-communities/market-towns-rural-area-development-strategy/>

¹² Winchester City Council (2013) Transport Assessment for Potential Allocations (Draft).

¹³ Winchester City Council (July 2011) Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy Background Paper, paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 (list of facilities), pp. 15. Online at

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| | <p>system, for example through providing for safe storage for cycles, respect for users of shared road space, green lane linkages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopt maximum parking standards | <p>vehicle) to the facilities mentioned above, onto an adopted road with pavements to key facilities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are there any existing transport infrastructure issues in the local area such as congestion, single track roads, and accident hotspots which development of the site could exacerbate? ▪ Is access to and from the site (pedestrian, cycle and vehicle) to the facilities mentioned above, constrained by typography? ▪ Could the site enable the enhancement of a local network of footpaths and cycle links between settlements, homes and work and community facilities? ▪ Could the site help create an integrated sustainable transport system, for example through providing for shared road space, green lane linkages? | |
| <p>6) Health <i>SEA topics: Human Health</i> To improve the health and well being of all</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect and increase the provision of and accessibility to community, cultural and recreational facilities ▪ Require design that ensures safe, attractive places and engenders a sense of place ▪ Require design that promotes healthy lifestyles | <p>All sites proposed are required to meet Policy DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles.</p> <p>Design is dealt with under Objective 14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will the site improve access to healthy and affordable food through, for example, the provision of allotments? Through meeting the specified standards in CP7. | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>Open space, recreation & use of allotments can promote healthy lifestyles. If an under provision or over walking distance, minor negative effects; if within walking distance to an allotment, then minor positive effect.</p> <p>Potential for minor positive effects if site options have good access to open space and sports facilities, and</p> |

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| | <p>and increased physical activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase accessibility to health facilities and encourage multi-functional use of facilities ▪ Ensure residents have access to healthy and affordable food through, for example, the provision of allotments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is there access to community, cultural facilities by walking/ cycling and access open space, sport and recreational facilities? Please refer to Objective 5 – transport for distances to community and cultural facilities and Objective 2 – Infrastructure for open space, sport and recreational facilities. | <p>are within walking/cycling distance. Minor negative effects if not.</p> |
| <p>7) Water <i>SEA topics: Water, Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Health</i></p> <p>To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Require the use of water efficiency measures ▪ Manage and minimise risk of flooding including regard to future climate change (promotion of adaptation measures) ▪ Promote the adoption and use of sustainable drainage systems ▪ Protect ground and surface water sources: quality & quantity ▪ Progress compatibility with the objectives of the Water Framework directive ▪ Promote access to water for recreation, enjoyment and understanding (including valued biodiversity/ habitats) | <p>All sites proposed are required to meet Policies: CP11 – Sustainable Low and Zero Carbon Built Development; DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles; and CP17 – Flooding, Flood risk and the Water Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is the site Flood Zone 2 or 3? ■ Are there any known problems with flooding on the site? ■ Is the site in a ground water protection zone, safeguarded zone, water protection zone and/ or situated on major aquifer with high/ intermediate vulnerability? ■ Is there potential for adverse effects on the quality of ground and surface water sources? | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>If in flood zone, safeguarded water zone, nitrate vulnerable zone, or vulnerable aquifer zone potential for minor negative effects; otherwise likely neutral effects.</p> |

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| <p>8) Waste <i>SEA topics: Material Assets</i></p> <p>To ensure sustainable waste management</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Help reduce waste and facilitate recycling in construction and operation ▪ Encourage composting ▪ Encourage development that is self-sufficient in waste management ▪ Support the recovery of energy from waste | <p>Not applicable at the site level as all sites can achieve this objective through meeting the requirements set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Policies (including Policy DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles).</p> | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options – N/A.</p> <p>Policy CP5 requires accommodating G,T &TSP uses to acceptable standards including waste management appropriate to the type & size of the site – providing mitigation measures for potential negative effects such as litter & with likely neutral effects.</p> |
| <p>9) Climate Change <i>SEA topics: Climatic Factors, Air, Water</i></p> <p>To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote renewable energy generation ▪ Help reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions ▪ Ensure adaptation planning that maximises opportunities and minimises the costs of climate change. ▪ Promote community involvement, understanding and action on climate change | <p>Not applicable at the site level as all sites can achieve this objective through meeting the requirements set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Policies (including DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles; CP11 – Sustainable Low and Zero Carbon Built Development and CP12 – Renewable and Decentralised Energy).</p> | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options – N/A.</p> <p>Neutral effect likely as all site options are generally of a small size.</p> |
| <p>10) Sustainable Construction <i>SEA topics: Air, Water, Climatic Factors, Material assets</i></p> <p>To promote the sustainable design</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures and renewables in new development aiming for zero carbon dwellings and workplaces | <p>Not applicable at the site level as all sites can achieve this objective through meeting the requirements set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Policies (including CP11 – Sustainable Low and Zero Carbon Built Development and CP12 – Renewable; and Decentralised Energy; CP14 – Effective Use of Land).</p> | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options –</p> <p>Policy CP5 requires accommodating G,T &TSP uses to acceptable standards including any proposals for permanent brick and mortar dwellings.</p> |

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| <p>and construction of buildings and places</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seek higher density in new development in appropriate locations ▪ Require the use of sustainable building standards (Code for Sustainable Homes, BREEAM) ▪ Promote locally and sustainably sourced (e.g. recycled) materials in construction and renovation | | |
| <p>11) Biodiversity <i>SEA topics: Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora</i></p> <p>To conserve and enhance biodiversity</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect and enhance designated and locally valued habitats and species ▪ Prevent and reverse habitat fragmentation, where possible promote understanding of and access to biodiversity ▪ Provide opportunities for provision and enhancement of a network of greenspaces. | <p>All sites proposed are required to meet Policies: CP16 – Biodiversity; DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles; and CP15 – Green Infrastructure, when developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Does the whole or part of the site or is the site near to a designated site (international, European, national or local)? ■ Does the site contain any protected species? ■ Are there any locally valued habitats and or species (non-recorded biodiversity interests) present or adjacent, for example: mature hedgerows, traditional orchards, veteran trees etc.? <p>Could the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Have any adverse impact on any designated sites or protected species (International, European, National or | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>Potential for major negative effects if any designated sites or protected species. Minor negative effects if the option affects a SINC or other locally valued biodiversity.</p> <p>For any site options with existing trees/hedgerows acting as boundaries and/or screening, there is the opportunity to enhance local biodiversity with minor positive effects.</p> |

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| | | <p>Local) and/ or on any locally valued habitats and species (non-recorded biodiversity interests)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have potential to enhance designated and locally valued habitats and species? ▪ Provide space to reverse habitat fragmentation? ▪ Provide opportunities for provision and enhancement of a network of greenspaces using an ecosystems approach? ▪ Are there streams, rivers, lakes or other watercourses/ aquatic habitat on or within 200m of the site¹⁴? ▪ Is the site within 500m of a large¹⁵ pond? ▪ Will development of this site affect any structure or features that could be habitats for protected species? | |
| <p>12) Heritage <i>SEA topics: Cultural Heritage</i></p> <p>To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect and where appropriate, enhance the historical and archaeological environment (landscapes, sites, buildings and settings), including resources of local value ▪ Support, develop and where appropriate, enhance and increase access to cultural & | <p>All proposed development on all the sites are required to meet Policies: CP20 – Heritage and Landscape Character; and DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does the site contain or is it close to heritage assets, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled Monuments ○ Conservation Areas ○ Listed Buildings ○ Archaeological sites (recorded and non-recorded) | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>Major negative effects if nationally designated assets adversely affected; minor negative effects if locally important.</p> <p>All site options are likely to have minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting the G&T and TSP ways of life.</p> |

¹⁴Hampshire & Isle of Wight Chief Planning Officers Group (No date) Biodiversity Checklist. <http://www.hampshirebiodiversity.org.uk/1app.htm>

¹⁵ Where the surface area of the pond, when water is at its highest level (excluding flood events), is 225m² (c. 15m x 15m)

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| | <p>heritage resources and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Help accommodate new development without detriment to the existing built and cultural heritage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historic Parks and Gardens ○ Existing landscape and townscape character? ▪ Would the use of the site increase access to local cultural and heritage resources and activities? ▪ Could the site accommodate new development without detriment to the existing local built and cultural heritage? ▪ Could the site have an adverse impact on the historical and archaeological environment (landscapes, sites, buildings and settings), including resources of local value? ▪ Could the site enhance the historical and archaeological environment (landscapes, sites, buildings and settings), including resources of local value? | |
| <p>13) Landscape & Soils <i>SEA topics: Landscape, Soils</i></p> <p>To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimise adverse impact on the landscape setting of the city, towns and rural settlements ▪ Prioritise the use of previously developed land to minimise greenfield development ▪ Conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the South Downs National Park, and locally designated landscapes | <p>All development on proposed sites is required to meet Policies: CP20 – Heritage and Landscape Character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could the site adversely impact on the landscape setting of the city, towns and rural settlements? ▪ Is the site classified as previously developed land or Greenfield? Prioritise the reusing of land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. ▪ Could the site contribute towards conserving and enhancing: | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>If a site option will result in the erosion of the settlement gap, there is the potential for a minor negative effect.</p> <p>Similarly, with loss of the soil resource.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect soil resources and manage in a sustainable way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognised built form and designed or natural landscapes that include features and elements of natural beauty, cultural or historic importance; local distinctiveness, especially in terms of characteristic materials, trees, built form and layout, tranquillity, sense of place and setting. Could the use of the site protect soil resources or would it result in the loss of high grade (1 – 3a) agricultural land? Is the site within a defined settlement gap (LPP1 Policy CP18)? Is the site or part of the site underlain by mineral reserves? Is extraction possible within the timeframe of the plan or could it be extracted prior to development? Is the site or part of the site in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone? | |
| <p>14) Built Environment <i>SEA topics: Cultural heritage, Population, Material Assets</i></p> <p>To secure high standards of design</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote recognition of local distinctiveness and a sense of place in style, materials and scale within the public realm Make best use of existing buildings through reuse and conversion Promote innovation in sustainable design for new and heritage development | <p>All sites can achieve the requirements set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Policies (including DS1 – Development Strategy and Principles; and CP13 –High quality design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would the development of the site be in keeping with the character and sense of place of the local area and where applicable, aid with the delivery of locally derived design principles as set through a Village Design | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote integration of new development with existing context/design Recognise the role of the community in securing good design e.g. Village design statements, community planning | <p>Statement/ Neighbourhood Design Statement?</p> | |
| <p>15) Pollution <i>SEA topics: Air, Climatic Factors, Human Health, Soils, Water</i> Minimise local and global sources of pollution</p> | <p>Does the option/policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve air quality, e.g. through transport management and reduction of employment related emissions Reduce and manage noise pollution Reduce and manage the impact of light pollution Ensure there is no pollution of water sources Ensure there is no pollution of the soil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the use of the site result in an increase in air, noise, light, water, odour and soil pollution in the area? Is there a risk of contamination on the site? Are there overhead power cables on the site? Is the site a known landfill site? Are there any adjacent uses to the site which may cause noise, light, odour or air pollution conflicts? Is the site in or adjacent to an AQMA? | <p>As for the SA of LPP2 site options.</p> <p>All site options have the potential to increase noise and/or light pollution in the local area.</p> <p>Conflicting neighbouring land uses have the potential for minor negative effects.</p> |

Appraising the Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD

- 2.9 The Council identified 41 reasonable site options for potential gypsy & traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots, comprising existing sites, sites allowed on appeal, or granted planning permission since September 2016. One site greenfield site was submitted through the call for sites.
- 2.10 The SA for LPP2 grouped site options together with their location in individual settlements, and this approach was taken for the assessment of the DPD. Some settlements included several site options, whilst other settlements only one site option. Each settlement grouping of options was appraised using the full SA Framework and a narrative provided to record the significant negative and positive effects identified; mitigation was suggested for any negative effects found.
- 2.11 The appraisal was undertaken using professional judgment, supported by the baseline information and available plan evidence, as well as any other relevant information sources available, such as through Defra Magic maps¹⁶. The narrative reported any significant effects found for each site option and the potential cumulative effects on the settlement – represented by colours and symbols as set out in the following table:

Table 2.2: Categories of Significance of Likely Effects

| Key: Categories of Significance | | |
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| Symbol | Meaning | Sustainability Effect |
| x | Absolute constraints | Absolute sustainability constraints to development, for example, internationally protected biodiversity |
| -- | Major Negative | Problematical, improbable because of known sustainability issues; mitigation likely to be difficult and/or expensive |
| - | Minor negative | Potential sustainability issues: mitigation and/or negotiation possible |
| + | Minor positive | No sustainability constraints and development acceptable |
| ++ | Major Positive | Development encouraged as would resolve existing sustainability problem |
| ? | Uncertain | Uncertain or Unknown Effects |
| 0 | Neutral | Neutral effect |

CConsultation

- 2.12 The SEA Regulations require that the SA/SEA scoping stage is subject to formal consultation with the statutory environmental bodies – Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England. The SA scoping for assessment of the Local Plan documents LPP1 & 2 was subject to formal consultation and comments received were considered in the SA process. SA Reports

¹⁶ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

accompanying the draft and submission Local Plans LPP1 & 2 were subject to public consultation, comments received and responses made were reported.

- 2.13 The SA of the draft Traveller DPD uses the same SA Framework of Objectives refined for applicability to a lower level Plan. Comments and responses made from consultation on the SA/HRA Report accompanying the draft DPD on Regulation 18 consultation are provided in this SA/HRA Report in Appendix III. This SA Report accompanies the Traveller DPD on statutory Regulation 19 consultation prior to submission for independent examination in 2018.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT, OBJECTIVES & BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

Review of Plans & Programmes and Baseline Conditions

- 3.1 The SA Scoping Report was originally produced in 2007, and since then both the baseline information and the Plans and Programmes review (PP review) have been updated during the SA process for the appraisal of both LPP1 and LPP2. The most recent PP Review is set out in Appendix IV of the LPP2 SA Report (2015) and is still relevant for the SA of the Traveller DPD. The key update for the PP Review and the baseline information is the revision to the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites published by DCLG¹⁷ in August 2015 that amended definitions of Travellers.
- 3.2 The baseline information compiled for the SA of LPP2 as set out in Appendix V of the SA Report (2015) is still valid and relevant for the SA of the draft Traveller DPD. The SA used evidence compiled for the preparation of the DPD, such as the PBA Sites Assessment Study (2016), and other information available through various Government sources, including Magic Maps for environmental data and Environment Agency flood maps for planning.

Key Sustainability Issues

- 3.3 The key sustainability issues, problems and opportunities distilled from the relevant baseline information informed the development of the SA Framework of SA Objectives, as described previously and shown in Table 2.1. The sustainability issues identified for the Winchester District area and detailed in the SAs of LPP1 and LPP2 are still considered applicable and relevant to the SA of the DPD. The key issues may be summarised as in the table 3.1 following:

Table 3.1: Key Sustainability Issues

| Key sustainability issues identified for Winchester City Council |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintaining and developing Winchester City as a centre for commerce and learning, and stimulating the rural economy in the context of growing development pressures from the urban centres to the south of the District. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reducing unsustainable traffic and transport trends (commuting patterns), including associated carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car and creating opportunities for renewable energy development. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving the supply and availability of affordable housing. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protecting valued landscape and habitats; including seeking opportunities for new Green Infrastructure networks. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catering for the need of an ageing population. |

¹⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-policy-for-traveller-sites>

- Ensuring that infrastructure requirements meet the needs of new development and take account of constraints (water, biodiversity etc).

3.4 The characteristics of the District with sustainability issues that are particularly relevant to Travellers' pitches and plots may be summarised as follows:

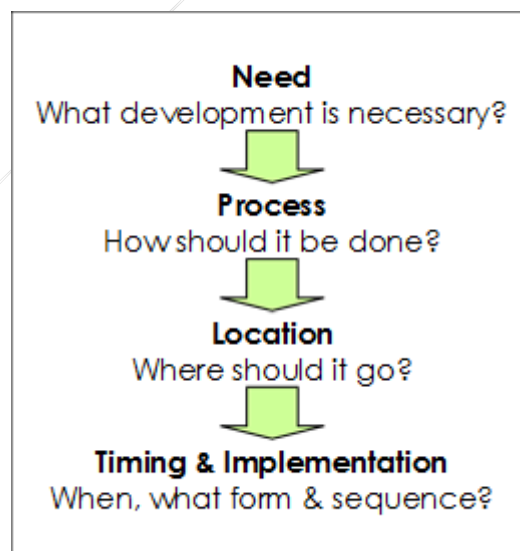
- Tensions with the settled community
- Accessibility to services, especially schools and medical facilities
- Connections to local infrastructure, especially drainage
- Safe play space
- Sites with direct road access and capacity for storage and parking
- Limited number of sites appropriate for the preferred size of 5 or less pitches/plots
- Unauthorised pitches, those with temporary planning permission, and concealed/doubled-up households

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF PLAN-MAKING OPTIONS & ALTERNATIVES IN SA/SEA

Assessment of Alternatives in SA/SEA

- 4.1 The EU SEA Directive¹⁸ requires assessment of the likely significant effects of implementing the plan and “reasonable alternatives” taking into account “the objectives and geographical scope” of the plan and the reasons for selecting alternatives should be outlined in the Report. The Directive does not specifically define the term “reasonable alternative”; however, UK SA/SEA guidance¹⁹ advises that it should be taken to mean “realistic and relevant” i.e. deliverable and within the timescale of the plan. The NPPF (paragraph 165) requires that a Sustainability Appraisal which meets the requirements of the SEA Directive should be integral to the plan preparation process.
- 4.2 Extant SEA guidance²⁰ sets out an approach and methods for developing and assessing alternatives. This includes acknowledgement of a hierarchy of alternatives that are relevant and proportionate to the tiering of plan-making. Alternatives considered at the early stages of plan-making need not be elaborated in too much detail so that the “big issues” are kept clear; only the main differences between alternatives need to be documented i.e. the assessment should be proportionate to the level and scope of decision-making for the plan preparation. The hierarchy of alternatives may be summarised in the following diagram:

Figure 4.1: Hierarchy of Alternatives in SA/SEA and Options in Plan-Making



¹⁸ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

¹⁹ <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/>

²⁰ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7657/practicalguidesea.pdf

Assessment of Options in Plan-Making

- 4.3 At the later stage of development planning, such as with the Traveller DPD, there are limited options available for consideration. The role of the SA is to inform the Council in the selection and assessment of options; SA is undertaken of those reasonable alternatives (options) identified through the plan-making process. The SA findings do not form the sole basis for decision making – this is informed also from planning and other studies, feasibility, and consultation feedback.

Options for Gypsies & Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

- 4.4 The Council identified 41 options that might be suitable for allocation as pitches or plot sites for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople. These options were identified through the call for sites; various technical studies, including a sites assessment study²¹; and early consultation with resident and travelling communities. Most of the identified site options are established gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites – some are authorised, some have temporary planning permission, and some are unauthorised. The Council has taken an approach in line with responses received during consultation and to focus on safeguarding existing sites and granting planning permission to temporary sites to meet the identified need²² for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople plots/pitches in the District.
- 4.5 Each option was subject to SA using the full SA Framework of Objectives and decision-aiding questions, thresholds of significance refined for applicability to testing the emerging elements of the draft Traveller DPD. The options investigated through SA are listed in the table 4.1, which groups sites according to their nearest settlement in the District, as follows:

Table 4.1: Site Options Tested through SA

| |
|---|
| Carousel Park |
| W020-Carousel Park-Travelling Showpeople (8 Plots) |
| Colden Common |
| W005- Ashbrook Stables- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) |
| W011- Riverside- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) |
| Curridge |
| W004- Joymount Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) |
| W083- Bowen Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (3 Pitches) |
| Denmead |
| W001- The Ranch- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) |
| W003- Westfork- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) |
| W007- Windy Ridge- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) |
| W021- The Haven- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) |
| Durley |
| W087- Durley Street- Gypsy & Traveller (4 Pitches) |

²¹ PBA for Winchester & East Hampshire Councils & the South Downs NPA (2016) Travellers Site Assessment Study

²² ORS for Winchester Council (2017) Winchester Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment

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| Knowle |
| W002- Ash Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (2 Pitches) W017- Ourlands- Gypsy & Traveller (3 Pitches) |
| Lower Upham |
| W010- Land Opposite Woodward Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W012- Big Muddy Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W086- Woodley Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) |
| Fishers Pond |
| W084 Little Ranch- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) |
| New Alresford |
| W008- Travellers Rest- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) |
| North Boarhunt |
| W014- The Piggeries- Gypsy & Traveller (4 pitches) W019- The Old Piggery- Gypsy & Traveller (3 pitches) W027- The Bungalow- Travelling Showpeople (2 pitches) W030 Firgrove Lane- Travelling Showpeople (8 pitches) W081 Caravan 2 & 3, Firgrove Lane- Gypsy & Traveller (n/a pitches) |
| Shedfield |
| W009- Rambling Renegade- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W023- Plot 1, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W024- Plot 2, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W025- Plot 5, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (N/A) W032a- Plot 3, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W032b- Plot 4, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W032c- Plot 6, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (2 Plots) W032d- Plot 7, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W085- Land adjacent to Gravel Hill- Gypsy & Traveller (3 pitches) |
| Swanmore |
| W006- Barn Farm Caravan Park- Gypsy & Traveller (5 pitches) W013- Land west of Lasek- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W015- Cushty Tan- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W018- Stablewood Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W022- The Orchard- Travelling Showpeople (4 pitches) W028- Stokes Yard- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) W029- The Vardo- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) W082- Beacon Haven- Gypsy & Traveller (6 pitches) |
| Whiteley |
| W016- Tynefield- Gypsy & Traveller (18 Pitches) |
| Wickham |
| W026- Grig Ranch- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) |

The Do-Nothing Scenario

- 4.6 If the Council did not produce a Traveller DPD, it is likely that the unauthorised gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites within the District would remain, including any negative effects; there may be an increase in unauthorised sites and/or expansion of sites with the potential for further cumulative effects. The development of the DPD allows the Council to meet the identified need for plots/pitches in a sustainable manner, by allocating sites that meet the requirements of relevant Policies in LPP1 and 2.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF THE REGULATION 18 GYPSY, TRAVELLER & TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE DPD

SA of the Site Options

- 5.1 The findings of the SA of the site options are detailed in Appendix II. This section provides summary SA findings. It may be noted that the options identified as reasonable alternatives for travellers' pitches/plots were determined with consideration of various technical studies and from early consultation responses. Thus, mitigation measures had been utilised to some extent by avoiding significant effects on sensitive environmental and community receptors, including limiting the size of pitches/plots to reduce negative effects on the existing communities.
- 5.2 For several sustainable development themes and SA Objectives, the SA found likely effects to be similar for all the site options, as follows:

Housing, Social Inclusion, Employment, Health, & Cultural Heritage: All site options were found to have major positive effects through providing pitches/plots that will meet the needs of gypsy & travellers and travelling showpeople; minor positive effects on health and cultural heritage, by provision of pitches/plots accessible to services and facilities, and helping maintain travellers' ways of living. Neutral effects for employment except for those site options with space that could be suitable for traveller showpeople who need space to store equipment – minor positive effects indicated.

Water Resources, Waste, Energy & Climate Change, Sustainable Construction, Pollution: Neutral effects were indicated for all site options were indicated since most of the sites are small with caravans/mobile homes such that energy and water efficiencies are not applicable, capable of accommodating waste. Options are unlikely to result in significant brick and mortar development such that sustainable construction objectives not applicable and neutral effects. All options are not in or adjacent to an AQMA, nor any overhead power cables. The existing sites are unlikely to result in an increase of significant noise or light pollution, and those that are small such that any increase in noise and light is likely to be negligible – with overall likely neutral effects.

Soils, Land, Biodiversity & Landscape: Site options on existing brownfield land have the potential for major positive effects by reuse of land. Most existing site options have the potential to enhance current natural screening with minor positive effects on biodiversity and mitigation of landscape/visual impacts – particularly through limiting the size of pitches and plots.

- 5.3 The following summarises the key other effects identified through the SA for each defined group of site options. The common effects as described above have not been included in the summaries to avoid repetition; details remain in Appendix II.

- 5.4 **Carousel Park, North of Stratton Park, 1 Site Option (W020 with 9 plots):** Minor positive effects on soils by reuse of brownfield land. There is no footpath access and the nearest public transport is irregular, with potential for minor negative effects on transport and health.
- 5.5 **Colden Common, 2 Site Options (W005 1 pitch & W011 with 1 pitch):** Minor positive effects on soils by reuse of brownfield land. Good site access and good public transport with minor positive effects on transport. W011 has the potential for a minor positive effect on health, as it is in walking distance to an allotment, whilst W005 is not. However, both site options are within walking distance to some public open space areas, with a minor positive affect. W011 is in flood zone 3 designated area, with the potential for a major negative effect without mitigation measures.
- 5.6 **Curdrige, 2 Site Options (W004 1 pitch & W083 3 Pitches):** Minor positive effects on soils by reuse of brownfield land; both have poor site access, with potential minor negative effects for transport, and neither are within walking distance to allotments or most public open space with potential minor negative effects for health. Both site options are located within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area, and therefore could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see the HRA in Section 6 of this report).
- 5.7 **Denmead/Hambledon, 4 Site Options (W001 1 pitch; W003 1 pitch; W007 1 pitch; W021 1 pitch):** Minor positive effect on soils through the reuse of brownfield land. W021 is a travelling showpeople site, with minor positive effects for employment. No site options have footpath access or are in walking distance to the nearest bus stop, with a minor negative effect for transport. None of the site options are within walking distance to an allotment garden or any public open space, with a minor negative effect on health.
- 5.8 **Durley, 1 Site Option (W087 4 pitches):** No footpath access, with a minor negative effect for transport, nor within walking distance to an allotment garden or public open space with potential for a minor negative effect on health. A greenfield site located in the countryside, with the potential for minor negative effects on soils, landscape and the built environment. As the site option is not an existing gypsy & traveller site, there is the potential for negative effects with new residents and the capacity of local services/facilities; - some uncertainty of assessment at this stage. The site option is located within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA in Section 6 of this SA Report).
- 5.9 **Knowle/Wickham, 2 Site Options (W002 2 pitches; W017 3 pitches):** Both site options at Knowle have poor site access and are not within walking distance to an allotment, with potential for minor negative effects. W017 has the potential for a minor negative effect on landscape due to its location and current lack of screening. It is within walking distance to a range of public open space with a minor positive affect for health. The option at Wickham W026 has minor positive effect on soils through the reuse of brownfield land; proposed for a travelling showpeople site, with a minor positive effect on employment. All three site options are located within 5.6km of a Special

Protected Area and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA in Section 6 of this SA Report).

- 5.10 **Lower Upham/Upham, 3 Site Options (W010 1 pitch; W012 1 pitch; W086 1pitch):** Positive effects for soils through the reuse of brownfield land. All site options have the potential for minor negative effects on health and transport with poor access to sustainable transport and public open space.
- 5.11 **Fishers Pond, 1 Site Option (W084 1 Pitch):** The site option has the potential for minor negative effects on transport as there is no footpath access and the nearest public transport does not provide a regular service. The site option is not within walking distance to an allotment garden or public open space, therefore, with a potential minor negative effect for objectives on health.
- 5.12 **New Alresford, 1 site option (W008 1 Pitch):** Positive effect on soils through the reuse of brownfield land. No footpath access and poor sustainable transport links; not within walking distance to an allotment garden or public open space, therefore, with the potential for a minor negative effect on health objectives.
- 5.13 **North Boarhunt, 4 site options (W014 4 Pitches; W019 3 Pitches; W027 2 Pitches; W030 8 Pitches):** Minor positive effect for soils through the reuse of brownfield land. Site options W027 and W030 are travelling showpeople sites, with a minor positive effect for employment. Potential for a minor negative affect for integrating with the existing community, due to clustered sites being possibly disproportionate to the surrounding community. Most of the site options are only partially screened with the potential for a minor negative affect on both landscape and the built environment. There is poor sustainable transport access and options are not within walking distance to an allotment garden or public open space, with the potential for a minor negative affect on health objectives.
- 5.14 Mitigation for these potential minor negative effects could be provided by site specific policy requirements for the cluster of sites. All the site options are located within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area and therefore could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA and Section 6 of this SA Report).
- 5.15 **Shedfield, 8 site options (W009 1 Pitch; W023 1 Plot; W024 1 Plot; W025 1 Plot; W032a 1 Plot; W032b 1 Plot; W032c 1 Plots; W032D 1 Plot):** Positive effect on soils through the reuse of brownfield land; further minor positive effects on health due to some access to public open space. Site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d are all travelling showpeople site options, with a minor positive effect on employment. Potential for a minor negative affect for integrating with the existing community, due to clustered sites being possibly disproportionate to the surrounding community. The site options are not within walking distance to well serviced bus stops, with a minor negative affect for sustainable transport.
- 5.16 Mitigation for these potential minor negative effects could be provided by site specific policy requirements for the cluster of sites. All site options are located within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA and Section 6 of this SA Report).

- 5.17 **Swanmore, 9 site options (W006 5 Pitches; W013 1 Pitch; W015 1 Pitch; W018 1 Pitch; W022 4 Pitches; W028 1 Pitch; W029 1 Pitch; W082 6 Pitches; W085 3 Pitches):** Site options W022, 28 & 29 are travelling showpeople site options, with a minor positive effect on employment. The site options have no footpath access and are not in walking distance to the nearest allotment gardens, with potential minor negative effects. Site options W022, W028 and W082 are located within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA and Section 6 of this SA Report).
- 5.18 **Whiteley, 1 site option (W016 18 Pitches):** Reuse of brownfield land with a minor positive effect on soils. Potential for a minor negative affect for integrating with the existing community, due the number of pitches and being possibly disproportionate to the surrounding community. There is no footpath access, poor access to sustainable transport, and the site is not in walking distance to the nearest allotment garden or public open space, with potential minor negative effects. It is within 5.6km of a Special Protected Area and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy (please see HRA and Section 6 of this SA Report).

Developing the Draft Regulation 18 Traveller DPD

- 5.19 The Council identified the needs of the Traveller community by commissioning a comprehensive accommodation needs assessment²³ of gypsies and travellers in the Winchester district area. The study identified a need within the plan period of up to 2031 for 15 pitches for gypsies & travellers and for 24 plots for travelling showpersons. The Council had a limited number of potentially suitable available options for traveller sites to meet with this identified need. An approach has been proposed in the draft DPD that aligns with consultation comments received and takes into account limited options. Consultees indicated a preference for retaining existing sites, authorising temporary sites, supporting sites of 5 or less pitches, and in locations that have good access to services and facilities.
- 5.20 There are a number of traveller sites that have been established for some years within the area and the Council investigated an approach as follows:

| | G&T pitches | TSP plots |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Requirement Policy DM4 (2016 – 2031) | 15 | 24 |
| Sites with planning permission/allowed on appeal since 1/9/16) | 6 | 3 |
| Vacant sites to be retained | 1 | 0 |
| To be delivered through the DPD | About 15 | About 18 |

²³ ORS for Winchester Council (2017) Winchester Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|----|
| Total supply (b+c+d) | 22 | 21 |
| Surplus/shortfall | + 7 | -3 |

5.21 Therefore, the Council utilised most of the available options for traveller sites (39 out of 41 options) to meet the identified need in developing the Traveller DPD. Two options were not taken forward: W015 is currently unauthorised with non-travellers and it is not proposed to regularise the site; W087 is a greenfield option that is not needed as the identified need can be met through the strategy of safeguarding and regularising extant traveller sites. **Policy TR1 Safeguarding Permitted Sites** lists 17 existing gypsy & traveller sites and 11 existing sites for travelling showpersons that will be safeguarded from alternative development unless acceptable replacement accommodation can be provided or the site is no longer required to meet any identified need. **Policy TR2 Sites with Temporary Consent** recognises those sites with temporary consent and 4 sites are listed for which planning permission will be granted for permanent traveller accommodation subject to certain site specific requirements.

5.22 For three more complex sites, site specific matters and requirements are detailed in three separate policies:

Policy TR3 Carousel Park, Micheldever

Policy TR4 the Nurseries, Shedfield

Policy TR5 Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt

5.23 **Policy TR6 Expansion or Intensification within Existing Sites** explains how the Council will consider proposals for any additional provision of pitches/plots on sites covered by Policies TR1-5. **Policy TR7 Traveller Site Design Guidance and Layout** sets out the general requirements of sites in so far as they are relevant regarding access & parking, landscaping/reducing visual impacts, open/safe play areas, minimising light pollution, wastewater & waste management, site drainage with SUDS where possible, and no commercial activities are permitted.

SA of Draft Regulation 18 Traveller DPD

5.24 The SA considered the likely significant effects of each Policy TR1-7 and the implementation of the DPD as a whole, in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Regulations. Considering the stage of this DPD in the hierarchy of plans (LPP1&2) and assessments (SA Reports for LPP1&2), a pragmatic approach was taken that also aligns with the SA of LPP2. SA Objectives were grouped into Sustainable Development themes to demonstrate the inter-relationships and any potential synergistic and cumulative effects – and to focus the reporting on the significant likely effects – negative and positive.

Housing, Employment, Communities, Health & Cultural Heritage

SEA Directive Topics: Population & Human Health, Cultural Heritage
NPPF paras 18-27; 47-78; 126-141

Relevant SA Objectives:

- SA Objective 1: To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion
- SA Objective 2: To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs
- SA Objective 3: To provide good quality housing for all
- SA Objective 4: To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs
- SA Objective 6: To improve the health and wellbeing of all
- SA Objective 10: To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places
- SA Objective 12: To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage
- SA Objective 14: To secure high standards of design

- 5.25 The SA found that there are major positive effects for housing, equality and cultural heritage by provision of pitches and plots for the gypsies, travellers and travelling showpersons traditional ethnic group. There is the potential for negative effects through tensions between travellers and the resident communities. However, there are mitigation measures in place by restricting the size and numbers of pitches and plots in any one area or settlement; also, most sites are existing such that there will be insignificant change for integrating communities and to minimise effects.
- 5.26 The DPD has recognised where there have been tensions and Policy TR3 Carousel Park, Micheldever provides strong mitigation measures by seeking to ensure that there the numbers of travelling showpersons should be restricted to 9 plots and that these should only be for people that meet the definition of travelling showpersons. Policies TR4 the Nurseries, Shedfield & TR5 Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt limit the number of pitches/plots and prohibit any further expansion or intensification.
- 5.27 Positive effects are also indicated for health by having a safe place to live and work (for travelling showpersons) and with good access to public open space. Neutral effects are indicated for SA Objectives on sustainable design and construction and travellers' mobile homes; mitigation is available through LPP1 Policy CP5 that requires development to be consistent with policies on design and limits any built structures to essential facilities such as a small amenity block.

Transport and Accessibility

SEA Directive Topics: Population & Human Health
NPPF paras 29-41

Relevant SA Objectives:

- SA Objective 5: To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel

- 5.28 Most of the sites are located within or in proximity to settlements with access to services and facilities indicating neutral or positive effects for sustainable transport. There were no major significant negative effects found through the SA.

Air Quality, Climate Change, Water & Flooding

SEA Directive Topics: Air, Climatic Factors & Water
NPPF paras 93-104 & 109-125

- Relevant SA Objectives:
- SA Objective 9: To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy
- SA Objective 7: To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way
- SA Objective 15: Minimise local and global sources of pollution

- 5.29 The traveller pitches/plots represent very small development that is not likely to have any significant effects on air quality, climate change, and sustainable water management. Policy CP5 requires all sites to provide appropriate facilities regarding water supply, foul water drainage, and waste management, and confirmed through requirements set out in Policy TR6, providing mitigation measure such that effects will be neutral. All development is required to meet with national policy to avoid flood risk and most site options were not located in or near any flood risk zones. The SA found potential negative effects for flood risk for 3 options – W011 and W006/18 at Swanmore – considering the proximity of flood zone 3. Site W011 at Colden Common has planning permission. Mitigation measures are provided by Policy TR2 that includes a requirement for flood risk assessment for W018 Stablewood Farm Swanmore.

- 5.30 There is the potential for polluting effects from noise and light; however, Policy CP5 provides mitigation measures by requiring that harmful impacts on nearby residential properties should be avoided. Further mitigation is provided by limiting the size and numbers of pitches/plots, minimising the potential for negative effects, including cumulative effects.

Natural Environment (Landscape, Flora & Fauna, Soils)

SEA Directive Topics: Biodiversity, Flora, Fauna, Soil and Landscape
NPPF paras 17, 79-92 & 109-125

Relevant SA Objectives:

- SA Objective 11: To conserve and enhance biodiversity
- SA Objective 13: To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District

- 5.31 The SA found neutral effects for biodiversity as all the sites are not located within or adjacent to any nationally designated or locally important habitats or nature conservation areas. However, some sites are within 5.6km of an internationally Special Protected Area on the Solent coastline and therefore, could be expected to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. This is discussed in the HRA Section 6 of this SA Report. Overall, the HRA considered that the numbers of additional residential accommodation and corresponding additional recreational use with risk of adverse effects on the SPAs is negligible but it is acknowledged that there may be some requirement to contribute towards the Mitigation Strategy.
- 5.32 The SA found several sites where the effectiveness of current screening and landscaping was uncertain with the potential for negative effects. However, mitigation measures are provided by Policy CP5 that states that additional landscaping may be necessary to maintain visual amenity and provide privacy for occupiers. Further mitigation is provided by the Traveller DPD Policy TR7 that requires avoidance of any boundary treatment that would have a detrimental impact on the character of the site and locality; also, a requirement local biodiversity and landscape.

6.0 SA OF THE REGULATION 19 PUBLICATION TRAVELLER DPD

Comments on the Regulation 18 Consultation

- 6.1 Comments received on the Regulation 18 draft DPD were taken into account in preparing the Publication version of the Plan. As part of the consultation on the draft DPD, the Council made a formal request to neighbouring authorities to determine if they had any sites that could be brought forward to meet the shortfall in travelling showpersons sites in Winchester. No additional sites have been identified through this process. Consultation comments made and responses are published on the Council's website²⁴.
- 6.2 Appendix III of this SA Report summarises the five representations made on the SA and HRA accompanying the Regulation 18 draft DPD. Comments were received from the statutory consultation bodies – Historic England and Natural England; no further comments were received from the Environment Agency. Historic England noted that a site does not need to be adjacent to or visible from an asset to have the potential for a significant effect – but agrees with the conclusions of the SA in respect of objectives for the historic environment.
- 6.3 Natural England advised that sites within 5.6km of the Solent Special Protection Area (SPA) should be listed in the DPD to make it clear that they will be required to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. The DPD now makes it clear that the requirements of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy will affect those sites that lie within 5.6 km of the SPA as explained in paragraph 1.7 and listed in the schedule to the DPD at Appendix D.
- 6.4 Shedfield Parish Council was concerned that the site option W085 had been assessed within the Swanmore cluster whereas it should have been within Shedfield. This site had been named as Land Adjacent to Gravel Hill, Swanmore in the draft DPD but it is now appreciated that the site is in Shedfield Parish and is renamed correctly in the DPD at Shirrell Heath. The option was assessed through the SA both individually and as a component of the Swanmore cluster, this being its nearest settlement with facilities. The site option has been now moved to the Shedfield cluster, the SA refreshed, and there is no significant change to the SA findings for Swanmore and Shedfield, nor the reasons for selection or rejection of site options in the DPD.
- 6.5 One further respondent said that the SA Report should not have been accepted. The response was to reassure that the SA and HRA of the Traveller DPD have been carried out in accordance with appropriate legislation and relevant Government guidance.

²⁴ <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/gypsy-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople/>

The Regulation 19 Traveller DPD

- 6.6 Most of the changes made to the DPD as a result of consultation are concerned with updating and clarification, and therefore, are not considered to be significant with regard to the SA & HRA findings. Sites W004 and W018 have been updated and moved from Policy TR2 to Policy TR1. Site W014 has been added to Policy TR2. This is not significant with regard to the SA, as the site options were all subject to detailed SA as reported in Appendix II; the findings remain valid and relevant.
- 6.7 Policy TR6 Traveller Site Design Guidance and Layout includes a new criterion "*Ensure any heritage and biodiversity interests are taken into account in the layout of the site*". This was added to reflect comments received from Historic England and Natural England. This is significant with regard to the SA as it makes explicit requirements for heritage and biodiversity, providing strong protection and mitigation measures that confirm the positive findings of the SA, including removing any uncertainty.
- 6.8 Policy TR5 Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt that sought a masterplan and implementation of a site for both travellers and travelling showpeople has been removed from the DPD. The Council has been advised that the two groups do not mix such that the policy is not deliverable. Therefore, the existing shortfall in the provision of travelling showpersons' plots in the District is exacerbated, with issues for meeting the objectively assessed needs for travellers as set out in Policy DM4.
- 6.9 The Council has added additional text supporting Policy TR5 (renumbered to reflect the deletion of the policy for Firgrove Lane), to explain the shortfall in provision and that the Council will monitor the situation. This clarification and commitment to monitoring the shortfall situation is not significant with regard to the SA findings, which remain relevant and valid.
- 6.10 Additional text on Transit Sties is provided, including explaining that the Council is exploring options to resolve the situation through other mechanisms rather than planning policy at this time. This does not affect the findings of the SA. Additional text on Implementation and Monitoring is also provided. This confirms the SA findings and commitment to monitoring with positive effects. The approach to monitoring for the SA remains valid and as described in this SA Report at Section 8.
- 6.11 Natural England advised that sites within 5.6km of the Solent Special Protection Area (SPA) should be listed in the DPD to make it clear that they will be required to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. This is now explained in the DPD and a new Appendix D lists those sites that lie within the 5.6km of the SPA. This confirms the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and confirms that there will be no adverse effects alone, or in combination, on the European protected sites – the HRA and SA findings remain relevant and valid.

7.0 HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT (HRA)

LPP1 & LPP2 HRA

- 7.1 LPP1 and LPP2 were subject to HRA²⁵ during their development, subject to consultation, and found sound through the examination process, with adoption in 2013 and 2017 respectively. These HRAs considered the likely significant effects of the emerging plans on the 16 European sites that are located within the influence of the Winchester Local Plan. The HRA screening assessment for LPP1 screened out 3 of the European sites, due to their location and the sensitivity of the sites. However, the screening found that the effects of the Plan on air quality, water levels, water quality and disturbance for 7 sites were uncertain, and the loss and fragmentation of important habitat was uncertain for 4 other sites. Therefore, the HRA process progressed to the Appropriate Assessment (AA) stage. The AA recommended several policy safeguards and strengthened policy wording to provide comprehensive mitigation, and concluded that the LPP1 has effective strategic plan level mitigation to address any issues identified in the HRA process.
- 7.2 The HRA of LPP2 considered the same 16 designated European sites as investigated in the HRA of LPP1. The HRA screening found that the policies and allocations would not, either alone or in-combination, have impacts on any designated European sites. Some allocations were highlighted as being in close proximity to the River Itchen SAC, however mitigation was considered comprehensive enough to prevent negative effects from occurring.

The Traveller DPD Regulation 18 HRA

- 7.3 One site option (W011) was identified to be within close proximity to a European protected site, located approximately 100m from the River Itchen Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The potential threats to the River Itchen SAC were highlighted in the HRA of LPP2. W011 is a small site option of only 1 pitch, and has been established for several years. The site option is not considered likely to result in any of the identified threats to the SAC, and therefore an overall neutral effect was found, with a recommendation that no further expansion to the site is allowed.
- 7.4 The Solent coastline is located to the south of the Winchester district. Along the coastline there are 3 internationally designated Special Protection Areas (SPAs) that have been designated for the significant numbers of over-wintering waterfowl along the coast and adjoining estuaries as follows:
- Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA
 - Portsmouth Harbour SPA
 - Solent & Southampton SPA

²⁵ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/environment/habitat-regulations-assessment/>

- 7.5 The Solent is a popular area for recreational activities, including, walking, cycling and jogging. Such recreational activities can have negative effects on bird species – people walking along the shore can, often unintentionally, disturb the birds – especially dog walkers. Millions of people visit the Solent coastline and the planned new housing is set to increase the numbers of visitors. Therefore, local authorities, including Winchester City Council, and conservation bodies are working together to prevent that disturbance through the Solent Mitigation Partnership²⁶.
- 7.6 The Interim Mitigation Strategy (2014) requires that any new development within 5.6km of any of the identified SPAs resulting in a net increase in dwellings will be asked to make a contribution towards mitigation projects in the Strategy – thus contributing to mitigating against recreational impacts. For example, through funding from developers in association with planning permissions for new housing, the Partnership has already established a team of rangers who will talk to visitors to the coast in the county about how to enjoy a walk without disturbing birds wintering along our shores.
- 7.7 There are several traveller sites in the DPD that are located within 5.6km of the Solent SPAs as follows:
Curdrige- W083
Durley- W087
Firgrove Lane, North Boarhunt- W014, W019, W030, W081, W027
Knowle- W002, W017
Shedfield-W009, W023, W024, W032A, B, C, D, W025
Swanmore- W022, W028, W082
Curdrige Lane- W004
Whiteley- W016
Wickham-W026
- 7.8 These are existing gypsy, traveller & travelling showpeople sites such that any additional residential numbers (if considered appropriate) are likely to be minimal and the recreational impacts negligible. However, the draft Traveller DPD acknowledges that the requirement to contribute towards mitigating recreational impacts affects some sites proposed in the DPD. Overall, the HRA found that the policies and sites in the Traveller DPD would not, either alone or in-combination, have impacts on any designated European sites.

The Traveller DPD Regulation 19 HRA

- 7.8 Natural England advised that sites within 5.6km of the Solent Special Protection Area (SPA) should be listed in the DPD to make it clear that they will be required to contribute to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. This is now explained in the DPD and a new Appendix D lists those sites that lie within the 5.6km of the SPA. This confirms the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and confirms that there will be no adverse effects alone, or in combination, on the European protected sites – the HRA findings remain relevant and valid.

²⁶ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/n/planning/solent-recreation-mitigation-partnership/>

8.0 PROPOSED MONITORING

- 8.1 The SEA Directive and Regulations require that the significant effects (positive and negative) of implementing the plan should be monitored in order to identify at an early stage any unforeseen effects and to be able to take appropriate remedial action. Government guidance²⁷ on SA/SEA advises that existing monitoring arrangements should be used where possible in order to avoid duplication. Government requires local planning authorities to produce Monitoring Reports (MRs), and the Winchester City Council Monitoring Report (produced annually) is considered sufficient to ensure appropriate monitoring takes place.
- 8.2 The Traveller DPD includes Appendix D with a Monitoring Framework that sets out how the delivery of each policy will be monitored. Performance will be reported as part of the Council's Monitoring Report²⁸ at the end of each year.

²⁷ http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/?post_type=&s=sustainability+appraisal

²⁸ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/annual-monitoring-report-amr/>

9.0 CONCLUSIONS, CONSULTATION & NEXT STEPS

- 9.1 The SA found positive effects for sustainability objectives on housing, employment (for travelling showpeople), communities, and cultural heritage. There is the potential for negative effects on integrating with existing communities, access to services and facilities, noise & light pollution, water and waste management; however, there is strong mitigation provided by LPP1 CP5 and the Policies in the Traveller DPD TR1-7. There are further positive effects on the soil resource through the continuing use of existing sites.
- 9.2 The SA found that there is the potential for negative effects on some sites for landscape and visual amenity; however, strong mitigation is provided by LPP1 CP5 and the Policies in the Traveller DPD TR1-7. None of the sites are likely to have significant effects on protected or important biodiversity; some sites are located within 5.6km of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy for internationally protected sites at the coastline and as such may be required to contribute.
- 9.3 The SA found some potential negative cumulative effects for the clusters of sites at Shedfield and North Boarhunt. These have been mitigated through the approach of limiting the size and numbers of pitches/plots and the site-specific requirements set out in TR4 Shedfield & TR5 N Boarhunt. Furthermore, by continuing with existing sites, there will be limited change reducing the potential for adverse effects. The general requirements in TR7 and the site-specific requirements in TR3-5 will ensure that effects are reduced to residual neutral and there is the potential for enhancement with biodiversity and landscape screening.
- 9.4 The SA/HRA Report accompanied the Regulation 18 draft Traveller DPD for public consultation from July through to 4 September 2017. Comments received on the draft DPD have been taken into account in the preparation of the Publication (Pre-Submission) DPD for Regulation 19 consultation. Most changes were associated with updating and clarification and therefore, are not significant with regard to the findings of the SA and HRA. Changes to Policy TR6 to include a specific requirement to ensure that heritage and biodiversity interests are taken into account in the layout confirmed implementation of mitigation measures confirming that there will be no significant negative effects from the DPD. Overall, the SA findings remain valid and relevant; mitigation measures are confirmed, uncertainty removed, and there will be no significant negative effects through implementation of the Traveller DPD.
- 9.5 The inclusion in the DPD of a list of sites that are within 5.6km of the Solent SPA makes explicit the implications with regard to European protected areas and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. This confirms the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and confirms that there will be no adverse effects alone, or in combination, on the European protected sites – the HRA findings remain relevant and valid.

- 9.6 The Submission Traveller DPD with supporting evidence, including this SA/HRA Report and any comments received, will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in 2018.

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Appendix I: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive¹ (Annex 1) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is implemented into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004)². This is Appendix 1 of the Sustainability (Integrated) Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations. This Appendix 1 sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Sustainability Appraisal Report (August 2016) - and in accordance with paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012)³.

| SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements | SA Report Section | Summary of Contents |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans | Section 1 Introduction | Sets out the contents and purpose of the Draft Traveller DPD |
| | Section 3 Context & Baseline | Summarises the relationship with other relevant plans and the implications for the Draft DPD |
| The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan | Section 3 Context & Baseline | Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the Winchester area, and likely evolution without the DPD |
| The environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected | Section 3 Context & Baseline | Summarised in Section 3 of SA Report. |
| Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those in relation to any areas of a particular environmental importance | Section 3 Context & Baseline | Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the Winchester area. |

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

² <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/post/postpn223.pdf>

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

| SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements | SA Report Section | Summary of Contents |
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| The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation | Section 2 SA Methods Section 3 Context & Baseline | Detailed SA Framework guiding assessment of effects against the Objectives. |
| The likely significant effects on the environment including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects | Section 2 SA Methods Table 2.1 | Presents the SA Framework of objectives that shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA objective. This ensures that all the issues are considered during the assessment of each element of the Draft DPD. All policies and site allocations are assessed against SA objectives. |
| | Section 5 & 6 Appendix II | Summarises the likely significant effects of implementing the Draft DPD (including environmental effects) with details provided in the appendix. Where possible, an indication is given of whether the effect is likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long term. |
| The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan | Section 5 & 6 Appendix II | Where potential significant negative effects are predicted, the SA has sought to provide suggestions for mitigation possibilities |
| An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information | Sections 4, 5 & 6 | The potential site options were appraised through SA (Appendix I). The reasons for progressing options and not taking others forward is discussed in Section 5 – limited options available for the plan-maker. |

| SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements | SA Report Section | Summary of Contents |
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| | Section 2 Methods & 3 Context | Outlines how the assessment was undertaken. |
| A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring | Section 9 | Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the implementation of the Draft DPD. |
| A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings | Report preface (and available separately) | Provides a non-technical summary. |

Appendix II: SA of Gypsy & Traveller Site Options

| Key: Categories of Significance | | |
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| Symbol | Meaning | Sustainability Effect |
| x | Absolute constraints | Absolute sustainability constraints to development, for example, internationally protected biodiversity |
| -- | Major Negative | Problematical and improbable because of known sustainability issues; mitigation likely to be difficult and/or expensive |
| - | Minor negative | Potential sustainability issues: mitigation and/or negotiation possible |
| + | Minor positive | No sustainability constraints and development acceptable |
| ++ | Major Positive | Development encouraged as would resolve existing sustainability problem |
| ? | Uncertain | Uncertain or Unknown Effects |
| 0 | Neutral | Neutral effect |
| <p>Some SA Objectives will have split symbol boxes, with the reasons for outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA Objective 4: If there is a mix of gypsy & traveller site options and travelling showpeople site options, then the box will be split to highlight the different effects of the two on employment. SA Objective 6: Box 1 relates to the distance of the site option from an allotment garden. Box 2 relates to the site options distance from open spaces and leisure facilities. SA Objective 7- Potential split with box 1 relating to flood risk and box 2 relating to water quality, only where significant effect likely through flood risk. SA Objective 12: Box 1 relates to built heritage and box 2 relates to cultural heritage SA Objective 13: Box 1 relates to landscape and box 2 relates to soil In some cases, 2 rows may appear within an SA Objective symbol box, this is if there are significant differences with regards to the Objective between the site options assessed within that settlement. Details will be in commentary. | | |

| Carousel Park, North of Stratton Park | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty Site Refs: W020- Carousel Park- Travelling Showpeople (8 plots) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | The site option has the potential for major positive effects by identifying a site that could meet the identified needs of travelling showpeople, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of travelling showpeople within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the travelling showpeople population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. The local area which the site option is located within has an identified deficit of allotments, equipped children's play facilities and informal green space ¹ . However, the site option is an existing travelling showpeople site and therefore it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities. The nearest primary school facilities to the site option is Micheldever Primary School, approximately 5km south west of the site option ² . The nearest secondary school facilities, shops, pubs/restaurant and health facilities (doctors and dentists) to the site option are in Basingstoke (approximately 11km to the north), and Winchester (approximately 15km to the south) ³ . Overall neutral effect, with no loss or increase in use of services/facilities likely. | 0 |
| 3 | Housing | The provision of plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for travelling showpeople on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through | ++ |

¹ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

² Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

³ Ibid.

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| | To provide good quality housing for all | Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment | The site option will not result in the loss of employment land and is not proposing the provision of new employment land. | + |
| | To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the potential allocation of the sites will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect for the site option. | |
| 5 | Transport | The site option has good vehicle access, with the A33 adjacent to the site option which provides access to Winchester to the south and Basingstoke to the north. However, the site option does not have footpath access from the road, with a minor negative effect. | - |
| | To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>The site option is within walking distance (0-800m) of the nearest bus stop⁴, which is serviced by 1 bus service which does not run regularly but does provide access to Winchester and Basingstoke⁵. The site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to any of the local infrastructure facilities, including schools, shops and health facilities, with a minor negative effect. This is likely to result in site residents using private vehicles to access these services. However, as the site option is an existing travelling showpeople site there will be potentially no significant increase in car usage to the extant situation. Potential for a minor negative effect due to the irregularity of the local bus service and distance from services/facilities.</p> <p>The site option is within driving distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to most of the built leisure facilities, including gyms, tennis pitches and a swimming pool, which are in Winchester⁶. The site option is not within walking distance to any allotments or children's play facilities. However, in the locality there is publicly accessible woodlands (Micheldever Woods⁷).</p> | |

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/se/XSLT_TTB_REQUEST?line=4496A&lineVer=1&net=swe&project=v10&command=direct&outputFormat=0

⁶ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁷ <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community/find-play-area/micheldever-wood/>

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| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>There is an identified deficit of allotment gardens in the local area of the site option⁸, and the site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to the nearest allotment garden, with minor negative effects on health.</p> <p>The site option is not within walking distance to most POS categories with a minor negative effect.</p> | - | - |
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| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | <p>The site option is not located in an area of flood risk⁹, with a neutral effect.</p> <p>The site is in a Surface Water Safeguard Zone¹⁰ designated for pesticides and is in a eutrophic and groundwater Nitrate Vulnerable Zone¹¹. However, nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & travelling showpeople plots are potentially unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution and will not result in an increase in pesticide use. As the site option is an existing travelling showpeople site the potential effect on water quality is neutral.</p> | 0 | |
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| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | <p>The small numbers of pitches on the site option is such that the site should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management, with neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
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| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>The site option is an existing site and of a relatively small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
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⁸ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁹ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/454284/141909>

¹⁰ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=drinkingwater&layerGroups=default&lang=en&ep=map&scale=9&x=454042.1666666666&y=142224.9166666667>

¹¹ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=en&ep=map&scale=9&x=454042.1666666666&y=142224.9166666667>

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| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | <p>Neutral effects considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area and therefore no likely significant negative effects. The nearest SSSI to the site option, Micheldever Spoil Heaps SSSI, is located approximately 3km to the north west¹², and is designated for its inland rock and botanical variety¹³. The SSSI will not be effected by the site option, due to the small size of the already existing site and the distance from the SSSI.</p> <p>The site option is directly adjacent to Black Wood Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC)¹⁴, which is also a large area of Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat, and approximately 500m from a large area of Woodpasture & Parkland Priority Habitat¹⁵. However, as the site is already existing the site option will not result in the loss or fragmentation of the Priority Habitat in the local area.</p> <p>The site option currently contains some vegetation in the form of trees/hedges which should be retained for benefits to local biodiversity. The presence of hedgerows and other vegetation along the boundary of the site option provides opportunities to enhance boundary treatments, which will help enhance and protect local wildlife and biodiversity. Overall minor positive effect on biodiversity.</p> | + | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>The site option does not contain any designated heritage assets¹⁶ and is not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect for built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of travelling showpeople.</p> | 0 | + |

¹² DEFRA (2017) Magic Map- Measured from site edge to site edge

¹³ <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=s1001316>

¹⁴ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

¹⁵ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>The site option is not located within a settlement gap. The site option is an existing travelling showpeople site, and to some extent is considered likely to be well integrated with the existing landscape. Although there is currently some screening present in the form of hedges and trees, enhancements could be made to boundary management and screening which would add additional landscape mitigation. Overall neutral effect with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment, as intensification or extension of the site option may require further mitigation.</p> <p>The site option is not located within an area of best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)¹⁷, and is not located in a Mineral Safeguarded Area¹⁸. The site option is brownfield, with a minor positive effect on soils.</p> | 0? | + |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | <p>The site option is small, visually screened and is an existing travelling showpeople sites which has existed for several years, and consequently has likely blended in with the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | <p>The site option is not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site option is small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution.</p> | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The site option has poor site access via footpath, and the nearest bus service is irregular with a limited service, with minor negative effects on accessibility and transport. ■ The site option is over walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, of which there is an identified deficit in the local area, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ The site option has the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting travelling showpeople way of living. | | | | |

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

- The site option will have a positive effect on economy and employment by providing storage for Travelling Showpeople equipment which is vital for their work.
- Minor positive effect on biodiversity with opportunities to create new habitat through site screening and improve existing screening with benefits for local biodiversity.
- Positive effect on soils through the use of brownfield land.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site option on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site option is proposed. Further landscape studies would be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| Colden Common | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W005- Ashbrook Stables- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W011- Riverside- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | Both site options have the potential for major positive effects by identifying sites that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | Neither of the site options will result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. There is an identified deficit of informal green space, parks and recreation grounds and children's play facilities in the settlement ¹⁹ . However, the site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites and therefore it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities. Colden Common has a doctor's surgery, a dentist and a chemist, which are approximately 1.7km from both site options ²⁰ . There are additional health facilities in the neighbouring settlements of Allbrook (approximately 3km to the west) and Fair Oak (approximately 4km to the south ²¹). Colden Common has a primary school, but the nearest secondary school facilities are in the neighbouring settlements of Fair Oak and Allbrook. Colden Common also has a range of | 0 |

¹⁹ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

²⁰ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²¹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | | shops, pubs and restaurants. Overall neutral effect, with no loss or increase in use of services/facilities likely. | |
| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | The site options will not result in the loss of employment land within Colden Common, and are not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. | 0 |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>Site option W005 has good site access for vehicles with the site option located on the B3354. The footpath along the B3354 also provides good footpath access. Site option W011 has good vehicle access via the B3335/Highbridge Road, and the accompanying roadside pavement provides good footpath access to the site option. Both site options are within walking distance to the closest bus stop which can be accessed safely via footpaths, and both bus stops are regularly serviced by frequent services to a variety of destinations. However, the site options are not located within walking distance to local services/facilities, but the good provision of public transport means residents will be able to access local services/facilities.</p> <p>Both site options are within driving distance to the majority of the built leisure facilities outlined in CP7- Open Space, Sport and Recreation²². Site option W005 is not within walking distance to any parks, or recreation grounds, allotments, or children's play facilities, but is within walking distance to a number of natural green spaces and informal green spaces²³. Site option W011 is within walking distance to an allotment site, and natural green space and informal green space, but is not within walking distance of a recreation ground or any children's play facilities²⁴.</p> | + |

²² Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Ibid.

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| | | Both site options will have minor positive effects on transport as they have good site access, are within walking distance to well served bus stops, are within walking distance to some open space areas, and within driving distance to a range of leisure facilities. | | |
| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | Colden Common is considered to have an adequate provision of allotment gardens for its population ²⁵ . Site option W011 is located within walking distance to an allotment, with a minor positive effect. Site option W005 is not within walking distance, with a minor negative effect. The site options have the potential for minor positive benefits on health as they have access to some areas of open space and fitness facilities in the local area. | + | + |
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| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | Site option W011 is located within flood zone 3 designated land ²⁶ , with a major negative effect. Site option W005 is not located in an area of flood zone ²⁷ , with an overall neutral effect. Site option W011 is within a eutrophic and a surface water Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ²⁸ . Site option W005 is within a eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ²⁹ . Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches are potentially unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with a neutral effect on water quality. | -- | 0 |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small numbers of pitches on the site options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects, and there are local recycling facilities available. | | 0 |

²⁵ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

²⁶ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/446621/121245>

²⁷ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/448640/121376>

²⁸ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?value=colden+common&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&submit=Search%09&lang=e&ep=map&topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&scale=9&textonly=off#x=447855&y=121622&lg=1,10&scale=9>

²⁹ Ibid.

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| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | <p>Neutral effects considered for both site options as they are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>The River Itchen SAC/SSSI, designated for <i>Ranunculus fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitriche-Batarchion</i> vegetation, and for the presence of Southern damselfly³⁰, is located a short distance to the west of Colden Common. Site option W011 is approximately 100m to the west of the SAC/SSSI³¹. The HRA of LPP2 screened the River Itchen SAC, and highlighted the threats and conservation objectives, and concluded that the SAC would not be affected by the Plan which included a proposed development in Colden Common just over 700m from the SAC³². Site option W011 will not result in any identified threats to the SAC, as the site option only has 1 pitch and is an existing gypsy & traveller site, with an overall neutral effect. It is recommended that no further expansion of the site option occurs, as this may result in negative effects on the SAC.</p> <p>W005 is approximately 2km to the east of the SAC/SSSI³³. Due to the small size of the site option and the presence of existing development located in between, it is unlikely that it will have an effect on the SAC/SSSI. Site option W005 is located adjacent to an area of Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat to the west, with a small area of Semi-Improved Grassland to the north. There are</p> | + |

³⁰ <http://incc.DEFRA.gov.uk/protectedsites/sacselection/sac.asp?euocode=UK0012599>

³¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

³² Enfusion for Winchester City Council (2015) Local Plan Part 2 HRA Screening Report

³³ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | | <p>also several Sites of Important Nature Conservation (SINCs) in the land surrounding W005. However, the site option is unlikely to result in the loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat, or have any negative effects on the nearby Sics, with a likely neutral effect.</p> <p>W011 is located adjacent to an area of Lowland Meadows, Deciduous Woodland and Lowland Fens Priority Habitat to the north, and is approximately 100m west of an area of Floodplain Grazing Marsh and Reedbeds Priority Habitat³⁴. There are no SINCs located adjacent to the site option, and the site option is unlikely to result in the loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat.</p> <p>Both site options have some existing screening in the form of hedges/trees, and there is the opportunity to provide local biodiversity enhancements by creating additional screening and improving boundary treatments, with a minor positive effect on biodiversity.</p> | | |
| 12 | <p>Heritage</p> <p>To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage</p> | <p>Site option W005 does not contain any designated heritage assets, and there are no designated assets located adjacent to the site option, with an overall neutral effect. Site option W011 is 40m to the west of The Chapel House Listed Building³⁵, and therefore has the potential to affect the setting of the heritage asset. However, as the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site and has existing screening in the form of trees/hedges, any setting impacts are likely already mitigated, with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | <p>Landscape & Soils</p> <p>To protect and enhance the character and quality of the</p> | <p>Both site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites which have existed for a number of years, and are thus now likely to be integrated with the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated. However, both site options only contain some partial screening, with the opportunity to enhance boundary treatments to help mitigate any potential landscape effects.</p> | 0? | + |

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ Ibid.

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| | landscape of Winchester District | Overall neutral effect on landscape, with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as further mitigation may be required if intensification or expansion of the site options are proposed. Neither of the site options are in best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A) ³⁶ , and neither site options will result in the loss of greenfield land. Both site options are in a Mineral Safeguarded Area ³⁷ . However, as both site options are brownfield land and of a small size, it is likely that they will not severely hinder extraction of the mineral resources. Overall minor positive effect on soils through the use of brownfield land. | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site options are small, partially visually screened and are existing G&T sites, and consequently have likely blended in with the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site options are not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Site option W011 is located within flood zone 3 designated land, with a major negative effect. ■ Site option W005 is located beyond walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ Both site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers and travelling showpeople way of living. ■ Both site options have good vehicle and footpath access, and both are within walking distance to a well serviced bus stop, with a minor positive effect on transport. ■ Minor positive effect on biodiversity with opportunities to create new habitat through site screening and improve existing screening with benefits for local biodiversity. | | | |

³⁶ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

³⁷ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- No further expansion of site option WO11 unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative effects on the SAC.
- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on landscape objectives if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed; further landscape studies might be required to determine the significance of effects and the requirement for specific mitigation measures.

| Curdridge | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W004- Joymount Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W083- Bowen Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (3 Pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | Both site options have the potential for major positive effects by identifying sites that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site options will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space(POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Curdridge is considered to have adequate quantities of most open space categories, apart from a shortfall of informal green space and equipped play areas³⁸. As the site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>Curdridge does not contain any health facilities, with the nearest health facilities located in the neighbouring settlement of Botley, located approximately 2km to the south west of Curdridge³⁹. Curdridge contains a primary school, but no secondary education facilities. The nearest secondary schools to Curdridge are Wildern School, approximately 5km to the west, and Swanmore College, which is approximately 5km to the north⁴⁰. Curdridge has a small number of pubs, but the nearest supermarkets and shops are located outside of the settlement in Botley and Hedge End. No loss of GI/POS or local facilities, with an overall neutral effect likely.</p> | 0 |

³⁸ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study

³⁹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁴⁰ Ibid.

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| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | <p>The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term.</p> | ++ | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | <p>The site options will not result in the loss of employment land and are not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>W004 is within walking distance to the closest bus stop (0-800m)⁴¹, and the bus stop has a good service which runs hourly. The site option has good vehicle access via Curdridge Lane, but no footpath access, with a minor negative effect. W083 is not within the defined walking distance of the nearest bus stop⁴², and the site option has poor site access for vehicles down a narrow lane, and no accompanying footpath access. The site options are not within walking distance to any nearby facilities with a minor negative effect., There is the potential for residents of the site options to use private vehicles to access services/facilities in and outside of the village. However, as both site options are small and existing gypsy and traveller sites there will not be a significant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>Neither of the site options are within walking distance to any of the settlement's recreation grounds or equipped play facilities, but W083 is within walking distance to some natural green space. Both site options are within acceptable driving distance⁴³ (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to most of the built leisure facilities, including gyms, tennis pitches and a swimming pool at the Virgin Active leisure centre.</p> | - | |
| 6 | Health | <p>Neither site option is within the specified walking distance to the nearest allotment garden⁴⁴, with a minor negative effect.</p> | - | - |

⁴¹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility
⁴² Ibid.
⁴³ Ibid.
⁴⁴ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | To improve the health and well-being of all | The site options are not within walking distance to most POS categories ⁴⁵ , with a minor negative effect on health. | |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | Neither of the site options are located in an area of flood risk (W004 ⁴⁶ W083 ⁴⁷), with an overall neutral effect. Both site options are in a designated eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (W004 ⁴⁸ W083 ⁴⁹), however nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches are potentially unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small number of pitches on the site options is such that the site options should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities in the neighbouring settlements. | 0 |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | The site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects. | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction | Neutral effects considered for both site options as they are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet | 0 |

⁴⁵ Ibid.

⁴⁶ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/454443/114709>

⁴⁷ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/452496/114563>

⁴⁸ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=10&x=454510.7083333336&y=114386.35416666673>

⁴⁹ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?value=curdridge&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&submit=Search%09&lang=e&ep=map&topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&scale=9&textonly=off#x=453003&y=113717&lg=1.10&scale=9>

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| | To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site option. | | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites and no SSSI sites in the local area⁵⁰, and therefore no likely significant negative effects.</p> <p>Site option W004 does not contain and is not located adjacent to any Priority Habitat. W083 is directly adjacent to an area of Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat which is located to the north⁵¹. Also, adjacent to the north of the site option are 3 Sites of Important Nature Conservation (SINC)⁵². However, due to the small size of the site option and the fact that the site is existing, it is unlikely that there will be any negative effects on the designated biodiversity.</p> <p>Both site options have existing screening in the form of hedgerows and trees, which provides the opportunity for enhancements to local biodiversity by creating additional screening which would create new habitat, and by enhancing existing habitat on the site options with benefits for local wildlife. Potential for a minor positive effect.</p> | + | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>W004 is 200m to the west of a Listed Building⁵³, however there is screening present in between, with no likely effect on the setting of the heritage asset. W083 does not contain and is not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect on built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils | Both site options are small and are existing gypsy & traveller sites, and as such are likely to be integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated. The site options have hedgerow/tree screening and are not located in an identified settlement gap, | 0? | + |

⁵⁰ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁵¹ Ibid.

⁵² <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

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| | To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | and therefore neutral effects are likely. However, there is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as if any intensification or extension of the existing site options are planned further mitigation may be required. The site options do not contain any best and most versatile agricultural land (grade 1 to 3A) ⁵⁴ , but both site options are in a designated Mineral Safeguarded Area ⁵⁵ , however as the site options are small they are unlikely to constrain extraction of the resource. The site options are brownfield land, with a minor positive effect on soils. | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site options are small, visually screened and are existing gypsy and traveller sites, and consequently has likely blended in with the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site options are not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor negative effect on transport due to the site options poor vehicle and footpath access. ■ Minor negative effect on health due to the distance of the site options from the nearest allotment garden and POS. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ Minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers way of living. ■ Minor positive effect on soils as the site options are brownfield. ■ Minor positive effect on local biodiversity through the enhancement and protection of vegetation on the site options. <p>Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on landscape if intensification or expansion of site option is proposed; further landscape studies might be required to assess effects and determine any mitigation requirements. | | | |

⁵⁴ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁵⁵ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

| Denmead | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W001- The Ranch- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W003- Westfork- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitches) W007- Windy Ridge- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W021- The Haven- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | All site options have the potential for major positive effects by identifying sites that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site options will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Denmead has an identified deficit of allotments, informal green space, equipped children's play facilities and parks & recreation grounds. However, there is a surplus of natural green space⁵⁶. As the majority of the site options are existing sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>Denmead has existing healthcare facilities, including a doctor's surgery and a dentist, and has a primary school but no secondary educational facilities. The nearest secondary school is The Cowplain School, located approximately 3km to the east in Waterloo⁵⁷. Denmead has some shops, including a Co-op, and has a small number of pubs/restaurants. Overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 |

⁵⁶ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁵⁷ Google maps (2017) Measured from the service/facility to the settlement

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| 3 | <p>Housing</p> <p>To provide good quality housing for all</p> | <p>The provision of pitches/plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers and travelling showpeople on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term.</p> | ++ | |
| 4 | <p>Economy and Employment</p> <p>To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs</p> | <p>None of the site options will result in the loss of employment land, and none of the site options are proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective.</p> <p>Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the potential allocation of sites will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect site option W021.</p> | 0 | + |
| 5 | <p>Transport</p> <p>To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel</p> | <p>All the site options have existing vehicle access but there are no accompanying roadside pavements and so none of the site options have footpath access. All the site options are located over walking distance (0-800m) from the nearest bus stops, and over walking distance (0- 800m) from the nearest services/facilities⁵⁸. This is likely to result in gypsies and travelers using their own vehicles to access employment, schools, shops and other services/facilities. However, as most the proposed site options are currently used by gypsies & travellers, there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>None of the site options are located within walking distance (0-800m⁵⁹) to the nearest allotments, areas of formal greenspace or equipped children's and young people's spaces. All site options are within driving distance⁶⁰ to built leisure facilities (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) including a gym, a swimming pool (Horizon Leisure Centre) and tennis courts.</p> <p>All site options have the potential for minor negative effects due to having not footpath access, being located over 800m from the nearest services/facilities and the nearest bus stops, and not located within walking distance to most public open space classifications.</p> | - | |

⁵⁸ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁵⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁰ Ibid.

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| 6 | <p>Health</p> <p>To improve the health and well-being of all</p> | <p>There is currently an under provision of allotment gardens in Denmead⁶¹, and none of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens. Overall minor negative effect.</p> <p>None of the site options are within walking distance to local areas of formal greenspace or children's and young people's spaces, with an overall minor negative effect on health.</p> | - | - |
| 7 | <p>Water</p> <p>To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way</p> | <p>None of the site options are in an area of flood risk⁶², with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>Site options W001, W007 and W021 are within a Groundwater Safeguard Zone⁶³. Site option W003 is located in the Inner Zone of a Groundwater Source Protection Zone⁶⁴ (subsurface only), and site options W001, W007 and W021 are all located in the inner zone of a groundwater source protection zone, with the potential for minor negative effects⁶⁵. However, as the site options are small, existing sites, it is expected that there will be no change to water quality with a likely neutral effect.</p> <p>Site options W001, W003, W007 and W021 are also located in a Eutrophic and Groundwater Nitrate Vulnerable Zone⁶⁶. Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches plots are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with a likely neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |

⁶¹ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study

⁶² <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/457424/115706>

⁶³ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=drinkingwater&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=467071.6250000002&y=113722.49999999999#x=467072&y=113722&lg=3,10,&scale=9>

⁶⁴ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=465500.0&y=111500.0&topic=groundwater&ep=map&scale=9&location=Denmead,%20Hampshire&lang=e&layerGroups=default&distance=&textonly=off#x=462770&y=111706&lg=1,10,&scale=9>

⁶⁵ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=465500.0&y=111500.0&topic=groundwater&ep=map&scale=9&location=Denmead,%20Hampshire&lang=e&layerGroups=default&distance=&textonly=off>

⁶⁶ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=465500.0&y=111500.0&topic=nvz&ep=map&scale=9&location=Denmead,%20Hampshire&lang=e&layerGroups=default&distance=&textonly=off#x=465500&y=111500&lg=1,10&scale=8>

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| 8 | <p>Waste</p> <p>To ensure sustainable waste management</p> | <p>The small numbers of pitches on each of the site options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities.</p> | 0 |
| 9 | <p>Climate Change</p> <p>To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy</p> | <p>Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 |
| 10 | <p>Sustainable Construction</p> <p>To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places</p> | <p>Neutral effects considered for all site options as most are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 |
| 11 | <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>To conserve and enhance biodiversity</p> | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area, with no significant likely effects⁶⁷. There is a range of Nationally Designated Priority Habitat in the local area, including areas of Floodplain Grazing Marsh, Semi-Improved Grassland, Deciduous Woodland, Lowland Meadows and Purple Moor Grass⁶⁸. However, none of the site options contain any Priority Habitat, and will not result in the loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat for the local area. None of the site options are located within or adjacent to a SINC⁶⁹.</p> <p>All the site options currently contain some vegetation in the form of either trees or hedges which should be retained for benefits to local biodiversity. The presence of hedgerows and other vegetation along the boundary of site options provide opportunities to enhance boundary treatments, which will help enhance and protect local wildlife and biodiversity.</p> | + |

⁶⁷ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁶⁸ Ibid.

⁶⁹ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

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| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>None of the proposed site options contain or are located adjacent to any designated built heritage and the site options will therefore have a neutral effect on the historical and archaeological environment of the local area.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits against cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>Most of the site options are existing gypsy & traveller or travelling showpeople sites which have existed for several years and are thus now integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated; all sites have hedgerow/tree screening & none of the site options are located in a settlement gap- neutral effects likely. There is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment, as any intensification or extension to the site options could lead to negative effects on the landscape and may require further mitigation. There are also opportunities to increase and improve screening through appropriate boundary management.</p> <p>None of the site options contain any best or most versatile agricultural land⁷⁰ (grade 1 to 3A), however site options W003 and W086 are located in a Mineral Safeguarded Area⁷¹. However, as the site options are existing and of a small size it is not expected that they will constrain extraction of the minerals. The site options are brownfield with a minor positive effect on soils.</p> | 0? | + |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | <p>The site options are small, visually screened and most are existing gypsy and traveller or travelling showpeople sites which have existed for several years, and consequently has likely blended in with the existing character of the local area, with an overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | <p>The site options are not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution.</p> | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ None of the site options are located within 800m of the nearest bus stops or services/facilities, with a minor negative effect. ■ None of the site options are within walking distance to the nearest allotments, children's play facilities or formal open spaces, with a minor negative effect on health. | | | | |

⁷⁰ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁷¹ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Key Positive Effects:

- Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group.
- All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers and travelling showpeople way of living.
- Minor positive effect for W021 on economy and employment by providing storage for Travelling Showpeople equipment which is vital for their work.
- Minor positive effect on biodiversity with opportunities to create new habitat through site screening and improve existing screening with benefits for local biodiversity.
- All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on soils due to being either partially or entirely brownfield.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed; further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W087- Durley Street- Gypsy & Traveller (4 Pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | The site option is not an existing gypsy & traveller site, and therefore has the potential for a minor positive effect by identifying a site option that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | + |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Durley has an identified deficit of accessible public open space in most categories (including allotments, children's play equipment, natural green space and sports grounds), except for parks and recreations grounds⁷².</p> <p>Durley does not contain any health facilities, however there are health facilities located in Hedge End approximately 5km to the south west and in Bishops Waltham located approximately 6km to the north east⁷³, with both settlements containing doctor and dentist facilities. Durley has a primary school, but no secondary educational facilities. The nearest secondary schools to the site option are in Swanmore, approximately 8km to the north east, and in Hedge End⁷⁴. Durley contains a pub, but no shops, with the nearest supermarkets located in Hedge End and Bishops Waltham⁷⁵. As the site option is not an existing gypsy & traveller site, there is the potential for an increase in use of local services/facilities which may strain capacity. Overall minor negative effect, with some uncertainty at this stage as capacity of local services/facilities is not known.</p> | -? |

⁷² Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁷³ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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⁷⁵ Ibid.

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| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | <p>The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term.</p> | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of employment land within Durley, and is not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective.</p> | 0 |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>The site option is approximately 60m from the nearest bus stop⁷⁶, which is served by the X10, an hourly service (Monday to Saturday) which provides connections to Southampton and Bishops Waltham⁷⁷. There is good site access for vehicles via Durley Street, however there are no accompanying roadside pavements, with poor footpath access to the site option, with a minor negative effect. The site option is not within walking distance to any local services/facilities, and therefore residents of the site option may use private vehicles to access services/facilities in the neighbouring settlements. However, as the site option is small there would be a negligible increase in car usage on the local roads, and the well serviced bus stop will provide a sustainable alternative for the residents.</p> <p>The site option is not within walking distance to a recreation ground or children's play facilities. However, there is a recreation ground only 25m to the east of the site option⁷⁸ with children's play facilities. Currently there are no footpaths providing access without walking beyond the specified walking distance (0-800m), although the provision of a footpath would provide access to the recreation ground within 800m. The site option is not within walking distance to an allotment garden or any informal green spaces. The site option is within the specified driving distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to a range of built leisure facilities, including gyms, a swimming pool and tennis courts. Overall minor negative effect due to the lack of footpath access and the site option's distance from POS and services/facilities.</p> | - |

⁷⁶ Ibid.

⁷⁷ <http://xelabus.uk/uploads/timetables/X10%20T%20&%20Map.pdf>

⁷⁸ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>The site option is not within the specified walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, and there is currently an identified under provision of allotments in the settlement⁷⁹, with a minor negative effect.</p> <p>The site option is not within walking distance to any open space, with minor negative effects.</p> | - | - |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | <p>The site option is not located within an identified flood zone⁸⁰, with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>The site option is in a designated eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone⁸¹, however nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect on water quality.</p> | 0 | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | <p>The small number of pitches on the site option is such that the site option should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities.</p> | 0 | |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>The site option is of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction | <p>Neutral effects considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet</p> | 0 | |

⁷⁹ Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁸⁰ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/451965/116925>

⁸¹ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=451933.9166666665&y=116976.24999999994>

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| | To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site option. | | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area, and no SSSIs⁸², and therefore no likely significant negative effects on biodiversity.</p> <p>Nationally designated biodiversity in the local area includes Deciduous Woodland and Semi-Improved Grassland to the north of the site option⁸³. However, the site option does not contain and is not located adjacent to any Priority Habitat, with no loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat. There is a Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC) located approximately 300m to the north of the site option⁸⁴. However, it is not considered that the SINC will be effected by the site option due to the small size of the site option.</p> <p>The site option has natural screening in the form of hedgerows and trees that provide the potential for biodiversity benefits. Enhancement and correct management of this habitat could provide benefits for local wildlife, with the potential for a minor positive effect.</p> | + | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>The site option does not contain and is not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect on built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils | The site option is not considered to be an existing Gypsy & Traveller site. The site option has the potential for negative landscape effects as it is greenfield and located in the countryside. Although there is currently screening around the site option in the form of trees and hedges | -? | - |

⁸² DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁸³ Ibid.

⁸⁴ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

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| | To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>which screens the site option from the surrounding landscape, it is considered there is still the potential for minor negative effects. The site option is not located within a defined settlement gap. Overall minor negative effect on landscape with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> <p>The site option does not contain any best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)⁸⁵, but the site option is in a Mineral Safeguarded Area⁸⁶. However, as the site option is small it is considered unlikely to constrain extraction of any local mineral resources. The site option is greenfield land, with a minor negative effect.</p> | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site option is not an existing gypsy & traveller site, and therefore the provision of pitches on the site option will have a negative effect on the local built environment. The site is well screened from any neighbouring dwellings, potentially there is sufficient mitigation to ensure the site option does not have a negative effect on the built environment. Potential for a minor negative effect with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment. | -? |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site option is not in or adjacent to an AQMA, and does not contain overhead power cables. The site option has the potential to increase noise and light pollution in the local area, however as the site is small it is considered the increase will not be significant to have negative effects, with an overall neutral effect considered. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor negative effect on transport and health due to the absence of footpath access to the site option and the site option's distance from nearest POS and allotment gardens. ■ The site option is a greenfield site, with a minor negative effect on soils. ■ The site option has the potential for a minor negative effect on landscape and the built environment ■ Minor negative effect on infrastructure as the site option may result in increased use of local services/facilities. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ Minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers way of living. ■ Minor positive effect on local biodiversity through the enhancement and protection of vegetation on the site options. | | | |

⁸⁵ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁸⁶ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Some uncertainty over the effect of the site option on landscape and the built environment as the site option is a greenfield site. Potential negative effects on visual impacts – mitigation measures available through Policy CP5 but some uncertainty of effectiveness at this stage.
- Some uncertainty with regards to the capacity of local services/facilities to accommodate potential gypsy & traveller residents of the site option.

| Knowle | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W002- Ash Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (2 Pitches) W017- Ourlands- Gypsy & Traveller (3 Pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | Both site options have the potential for major positive effects by identifying sites that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>Neither of the site options will result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Knowle has a small deficit of allotments and equipped children's play facilities, but a surplus in all other open space categories⁸⁷. As the site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>The nearest basic health facilities are located in Wickham (approximately 4km to the north)⁸⁸, which includes a dentist and doctors. Knowle does not contain any educational facilities, and the nearest primary schools and secondary school to the settlement are approximately 2km to the south in Fareham⁸⁹. There are no shops or pubs/restaurants in Knowle, with the nearest being in Wickham to the north or Fareham to the south. The site options will not result in the loss of GI/POS, or services/facilities, with an overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 |

⁸⁷ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁸⁸ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁸⁹ Ibid.

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| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | <p>The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term.</p> | ++ | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | <p>Neither of the site options will result in the loss of employment land within Swanmore, and neither of the site options are proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective.</p> | 0 | |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>Site option W002 has good site access for vehicles via Titchfield Lane, however there is no roadside pavement and therefore poor footpath access. The site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to the nearest bus stop⁹⁰. Site option W017 has both poor vehicle and footpath access. However, the site option is within walking distance to the nearest bus stop⁹¹, from which buses run at hourly intervals providing links to Wickham and Fareham.</p> <p>Neither of the site options are located within walking distance to the nearest services/facilities, and therefore residents will likely use private vehicles to access some of these services/facilities. However, as the site options are existing gypsies & traveller sites there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage. Overall minor negative effect as both site options have not footpath access, and are over 800m from the nearest services/facilities.</p> <p>Site option W002 is not within walking distance to any allotments, equipped play facilities or recreation grounds, but is within walking distance to some natural green space⁹², with a minor negative effect. Site option W017 is within walking distance to a recreation ground, equipped children's play and informal open space, with a minor positive effect. The site options are within</p> | - | - |
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⁹⁰ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁹¹ Ibid.

⁹² Ibid.

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| | | <p>driving distance to a range of built leisure facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, 2 leisure centres and tennis courts⁹³.</p> <p>Both site options have poor site access with a minor negative effect. W002 is not within walking distance to most POS categories, whilst W017 is within walking distance to a range of POS facilities, with a minor positive effect.</p> | | |
| 6 | <p>Health</p> <p>To improve the health and well-being of all</p> | <p>There are currently no allotment gardens in Knowle⁹⁴, and none of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens.</p> <p>W002 has poor access to open space, with a minor negative effect on health. W017 has the potential for minor positive benefits on health as the site option has access to areas of open space.</p> | - | - |
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| 7 | <p>Water</p> <p>To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way</p> | <p>Neither of the site options are in a designated flood zone⁹⁵, with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>Site option W002 is in a eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone⁹⁶. Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off and gypsy and traveller pitches are potentially unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |
| 8 | <p>Waste</p> <p>To ensure sustainable waste management</p> | <p>The small numbers of pitches on each of the site options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities.</p> | 0 | |

⁹³ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

⁹⁴ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

⁹⁵ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/455214/109725>

⁹⁶ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=455145.33333333314&y=109564.82291666664>

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| 9 | <p>Climate Change</p> <p>To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy</p> | <p>Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 |
| 10 | <p>Sustainable Construction</p> <p>To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places</p> | <p>Neutral effects considered for both site options as they are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 |
| 11 | <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>To conserve and enhance biodiversity</p> | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area⁹⁷ and therefore no likely significant negative effects. Botley Wood and Everett's and Mushes Copses SSSI, designated for its Neutral Grassland and Broadleaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland habitat⁹⁸, is located adjacent to W002 to the north, east and west, and is approximately 270m to the west of W017⁹⁹.</p> <p>Site option W002 is bordered by Floodplain Grazing Marsh to the north, east and south of the site option, with Deciduous Woodland also located to the north, east and south. Approximately 50m to the north east of W017 there is a block of Deciduous Woodland¹⁰⁰. The River Meon Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC) is approximately 150m to the west of W017¹⁰¹.</p> <p>As both site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites and both are relatively small, it is not considered that they will have negative effects on any nationally or locally designated</p> | + |

⁹⁷ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

⁹⁸ <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=s1003699>

⁹⁹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹⁰⁰ Ibid.

¹⁰¹ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

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| | | biodiversity. The site options have some natural screening in the form of hedgerows and trees that provide the potential for biodiversity benefits. Enhancement and correct management of this habitat could provide benefits for local wildlife, with the potential for a minor positive effect. | | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | Neither of the site options contain any designated heritage assets ¹⁰² and they are not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect for built heritage. | 0 | + |
| | | There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers. | | |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | Both site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites which have existed for a number of years. Site option W002 is considered to be well integrated with the existing landscape, with screening present in the form of trees/hedgerows and not located in a settlement gap, and a neutral effect considered. | 0 | + |
| | | Site option W017 is not well screened, and is within a defined settlement gap. Although the site is an existing gypsy & traveller site it is considered that the site option has a negative effect on landscape, with a minor negative effect. | - | |
| | | The site options do not contain any best or most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A) ¹⁰³ . Both site options are in a Mineral Safeguarded Area ¹⁰⁴ , however as the site options are small they are unlikely to constrain extraction of the resource, with a neutral effect. The site options are both brownfield, with a minor positive effect on soils. | | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | Site option W002 is small, visually screened and is an existing gypsy and traveller sites which has existed for several years, and is therefore considered likely to be integrated within the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 | - |

¹⁰² DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | | Site option W017 is not very well screened, and has the potential to therefore effect the neighbouring dwellings located adjacent to the site option. Potential for an urbanizing influence of the site option and the adverse effect on nearby dwellings. Minor negative effect for the site option on the built environment. | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | None of the site options are in or adjacent to an AQMA, and no site options contain overhead power cables. The site options have potential to increase noise and light pollution for the local area, but the number of pitches on the site options is small and the sites are dispersed- overall neutral effects. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Both site options have poor site access, and W002 is not within walking distance to the nearest bus stop, with a minor negative effect on transport. ■ Site option W017 is poorly screened and is located within the settlement gap, and has the potential for a minor negative effect on landscape and the built environment. ■ Both site options are located over 800m from the nearest allotment garden, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ Both site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers way of living. ■ W017 is within walking distance to a well serviced bus station and within walking distance to a range of POS, with a minor positive effect on transport and health. ■ Both site options are brownfield, with a minor positive effect on soils. ■ Minor positive effect on biodiversity through the correct management of existing screening on the site options. <p>Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion. | | | |

| Lower Upham | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W010- Land Opposite Woodward Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W012- Big Muddy Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W086- Woodley Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | <p>All site options have the potential for major positive effects by identifying sites that will meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population.</p> <p>However, there is the potential for negative cumulative effects on communities if the overall number of pitches becomes over-concentrated in any one location or disproportionate in size to nearby communities (and as required by Policy CP5) thus exceeding the capacity of communities to accommodate particularly groups of people. The site options are all located within 300m of each other, however they are of a small size with each site option only having a single pitch and therefore not considered to be disproportionate to the surrounding community, with no negative effects likely.</p> | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site options would not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. The provision of GI and POS for the area the site location is in is not known. As the site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>The nearest health facilities to the site options are located in Fair Oak, approximately 4km to the west, and in Bishop's Waltham, approximately 4km to the east¹⁰⁵. Health facilities in these settlements include dentists and doctors. Upham contains a primary school, approximately 2km</p> | 0 |

¹⁰⁵ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | | north of the site options ¹⁰⁶ . The nearest secondary educational facilities are located in Fair Oak and Swanmore, which is approximately 7.5km to the east ¹⁰⁷ . Lower Upham contains a post office and a pub/restaurant, with additional shops, pubs and restaurants located in the neighbouring settlements of Fair Oaks and Bishops Waltham. The site options will not result in the loss of GI/POS, or services/facilities, with an overall neutral effect. | |
| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | The site options will not result in the loss of employment land and are not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. | 0 |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>The site options have site access via Alma Lane, a narrow single track lane with no footpath. Therefore, the site options do not have good vehicle and footpath access. Site options W010 and W086 are both located within 800m of the nearest bus stop¹⁰⁸. The bus stop has an hourly service to Winchester, and less regular services to neighbouring settlements including Bishops Waltham and Colden Common.</p> <p>Site option W012 is located over 800m from the nearest bus stop, and therefore may result in residents using private vehicles to access local facilities¹⁰⁹. However, the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site option, and therefore there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage. A minor negative effect for all site options due to poor site access and distance from local services/facilities being beyond walking distance.</p> | - |

¹⁰⁶ Ibid.

¹⁰⁷ Ibid.

¹⁰⁸ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | | None of the site options are within walking distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to any children's play facilities, recreation grounds or parks or allotment gardens ¹¹⁰ . The site options are within driving distance to the majority of the built leisure facilities identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, including gyms, swimming pools and tennis courts ¹¹¹ . | | |
| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | None of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens, with a minor negative effect. The site options are not within walking distance to any open space, with minor negative effects. | - | - |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | None of the site options are in a flood zone area ¹¹² , with an overall neutral effect for all site options. The site options are in a eutrophic water Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ¹¹³ . However, nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution. Site option W010 is partially within an outer zone (subsurface activity only) of a Groundwater Source Protection Zone ¹¹⁴ . However, the site options are existing and are therefore not considered likely to have any effects on the Groundwater Source Protection Zone. Overall neutral effect. | 0 | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small numbers of pitches on each of the options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities. | 0 | |

¹¹⁰ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹¹¹ Ibid.

¹¹² <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/451860/118943>

¹¹³ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=451919.5729166668&y=118906.8333333333>

¹¹⁴ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=groundwater&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=451812.4166666668&y=118658.125#x=451920&y=118907&lg=1,10,&scale=9>

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| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | <p>Neutral effects considered for all site options as most are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites or SSSIs in the local area and therefore no likely significant negative effects¹¹⁵. Nationally designated Priority Habitat in the local area is limited to small, isolated blocks of Semi-Improved Natural Grassland Priority Habitat to the north and south of the site options, and an area of Woodpasture & Parkland and Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat to the east¹¹⁶. However, there is no Priority Habitat adjacent to any of the site options, and there will be no loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat. Overall neutral effect on designated biodiversity in the local area.</p> <p>All the site options currently contain some vegetation in the form of either trees or hedges which should be retained for benefits to local biodiversity. The presence of hedgerows and other vegetation along the boundary of site options provide opportunities to enhance boundary treatments, which will help enhance and protect local wildlife and biodiversity.</p> | + | |
| 12 | Heritage | <p>None of the site options contain or are located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect on built heritage.</p> | 0 | + |

¹¹⁵ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹¹⁶ Ibid.

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| | To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople. | | |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | All site options are existing gypsy & traveller sites, with site options W010 and W012 having existed for several years and are thus now integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated. Site option W086 is a small site and therefore landscape impacts are considered to be insignificant. All site options have hedgerow/tree screening from Alma Lane, however boundary enhancements could be made to site option W086 to improve screening. The site options are not located in an identified settlement gap. An overall neutral effect for landscape for all site options is considered, with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment if intensification or extension of the site options are proposed. None of the site options contain best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A) ¹¹⁷ and none are in a Mineral Safeguarded Area ¹¹⁸ . The site options will not result in the loss of greenfield, with a minor positive effect through the use of brownfield land. | 0? | + |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site options are small, visually screened from neighbouring dwellings and Alma Lane, and the site options are existing gypsy and traveller sites, with 2 having existed for several years, and are therefore considered likely to be integrated within the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect considered for all site options. | 0 | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site options are not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The site options have poor vehicle and footpath access, with a minor negative effect on transport. ■ The site options are not within walking distance to an allotment or any POS, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> | | | | |

¹¹⁷ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹¹⁸ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

- Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group.
- All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers and travelling showpeople way of living.
- Minor positive effect on soils through the use of brownfield land.
- Minor positive effect on local biodiversity through the enhancement and protection of vegetation on the site options.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| Fishers Pond | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty Site Refs: W084 Little Ranch- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | The site option has the potential for major positive effects by identifying a site that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. The provision of GI and POS for the area is not known. As the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>The nearest health facilities (including dentists and doctors) to the site option are in Colden Common and Fair Oak, which are both approximately 3km away¹¹⁹. The nearest primary educational facilities are in Colden Common and Fair Oak, whilst the nearest secondary educational facilities to the site option are located in Fair Oak, including a College. The nearest shops, pubs and restaurants are also located in the neighbouring settlements of Colden Common and Fair Oak. Overall neutral effect as the site option will not result in the loss of POS/GI, or local services and facilities.</p> | 0 |
| 3 | Housing | The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through | ++ |

¹¹⁹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | To provide good quality housing for all | Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | The site option will not result in the loss of employment land and the site option is not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. | 0 |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>The site option is within walking distance to a bus stop. The bus stop is serviced by 1 bus service, which goes to Southampton, but does not run hourly, and does not run every day¹²⁰. The site option has good vehicle access via the B2177 (Portsmouth Road), however there is no roadside footpath, with no footpath access to the site option. The site option is over 800m from the nearest services/facilities¹²¹. Overall there is the potential for a minor negative effect for accessibility and transport.</p> <p>There is the potential for residents of the site option to use private vehicles to access services/facilities, however as the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>The site option is not located within walking distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to an allotment garden, a park or recreation ground, or any children's play facilities, but is within walking distance to informal green space¹²². The site option is located within the identified driving catchment for a range of built leisure facilities, including tennis pitches, gyms and a swimming pool¹²³.</p> | - |

¹²⁰ https://www.firstgroup.com/uploads/update-attach/Marwell%20M1%20Timetable%202016_0.pdf

¹²¹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹²² Ibid.

¹²³ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | The site option is not within the specified walking distance ¹²⁴ , identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens with a potential minor negative effect on health. | - | - |
| | | The site option is not within walking distance to most of the POS categories, with a minor negative effect on health. | | |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | The site option is not located in a designated flood zone ¹²⁵ , with a neutral effect. | 0 | |
| | | The site option is located within a groundwater, eutrophic and surface water Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ¹²⁶ . Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution. The site option is also within a Groundwater Source Protection Zone ¹²⁷ , however as the site option is small and an existing gypsy & traveller site it is not considered to have a negative effect on water quality, with an overall neutral effect likely. | | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small numbers of pitches on the site option is such that the site option should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities in the neighbouring settlements. | 0 | |
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| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | The site option is of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects. | 0 | |
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¹²⁴ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹²⁵ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/450512/120893>

¹²⁶ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=450775&y=121031>

¹²⁷ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=groundwater&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=10&x=450774.9166666667&y=121031.43749999996#x=450775&y=121031&lq=1,10,&scale=9>

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| 10 | <p>Sustainable Construction</p> <p>To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places</p> | <p>Neutral effects are considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site option.</p> | 0 | |
| 11 | <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>To conserve and enhance biodiversity</p> | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area and therefore no likely significant negative effects¹²⁸.</p> <p>There are no SSSI sites or Local Nature Reserves in the local area¹²⁹. Nationally designated Priority Habitat in the local area includes Floodplain Grazing Marsh and Deciduous Woodland located to the east and south of the site option. Approximately 300m to the north of the site option there is a large area of Woodpasture and Parkland¹³⁰. However, the site option will not result in the loss or fragmentation of any Priority Habitat. There are 2 Sites of Important Nature Conservation (SINCs) a short distance to the north.</p> <p>Due to the small size of the site option, it is not considered that the site option will result in negative effects on biodiversity in the local area. There is the potential for minor positive effects on biodiversity through the creation of natural screening of the site option in the form of tree/hedges which would be beneficial for local wildlife. Minor positive effect.</p> | + | |
| 12 | <p>Heritage</p> <p>To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage</p> | <p>There are no Listed Buildings or Conservation Areas in the local area of the site option. However, there are several Scheduled Monuments in the local area. Approximately 400m to the north of the site option is Park pale at Marwell Scheduled Monument and Moated Site at Marwell Manor is approximately 400m to the west¹³¹. However, it is not considered that the site option will have any effect on the setting of the Scheduled Monuments, due to existing natural screening in the form of hedgerows and trees between the heritage assets and the site option, and the small size of the site option. Overall neutral effect on built heritage.</p> | 0 | + |

¹²⁸ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹²⁹ Ibid.

¹³⁰ Ibid.

¹³¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | | There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople. | | |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>The site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site in a large field; however, the field is well screened from the surrounding landscape through hedgerow boundaries. The site option is not located within a defined settlement gap. Overall neutral effect on landscape with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as any intensification or extension of the site option may require further mitigation</p> <p>The site option does not contain any best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)¹³². The site option is within a Mineral Safeguarded Area¹³³, however the small size of the site option is unlikely to constrain extraction of the mineral resources, with an overall neutral effect.</p> | 0? | 0 |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site option is small, is partially screened from the field boundary and is not located near or adjacent to any dwellings, and will therefore not affect the setting of the built environment in the local area. Overall neutral effect likely. | 0 | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site option is not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site option is small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The site option does not have footpath access and the nearest bus service is irregular and limited, with a minor negative effect on transport. ■ The site option is not within walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ The site option has the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers way of living. ■ Minor positive effect on biodiversity through the creation of natural screening. | | | | |

¹³² DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹³³ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site option on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site option is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| New Alresford | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty Site Refs: W008- Travellers Rest- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | The site option has the potential for major positive effects by identifying a site that could meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population with cumulative positive effects in the longer term. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. New Alresford does not have an overall shortfall of Public Open Space, but there are shortfalls in some area of POS, including allotments, equipped children's play facilities and informal green space¹³⁴. However, as the site is an existing but vacant gypsy & traveller site of a small size, there will be no significant increase in the use of local GI and POS or doctors and educational facilities, due to the small capacity of the site option.</p> <p>The nearest primary and secondary schools to the site option are located within New Alresford. The nearest Primary School is approximately 1km north of the site option, and the nearest secondary school is approximately 2km north of the site option¹³⁵. New Alresford also contains a range of healthcare facilities, including doctor surgeries and dentists, approximately 2km north of the site option¹³⁶. There are also a range of pubs, restaurants and shops in New Alresford. Overall neutral effect as no GI/POS or local services/facilities will be lost.</p> | 0 |
| 3 | Housing | The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through | ++ |

¹³⁴ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study

¹³⁵ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹³⁶ Ibid.

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| | To provide good quality housing for all | Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | The site option will not result in the loss of employment land and is not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. | 0 |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | <p>The site option has vehicle access, with site access via Whitehill Lane which connects to New Alresford a short distance to the west. However, there is no footpath access to the site, with a minor negative effect. The site option is within walking distance to the closest bus stop, which is approximately 400m to the north¹³⁷. The bus stop has a limited service, only operating on Mondays and Thursdays and at less than an hourly frequency¹³⁸, with a minor negative effect. The site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to any of the local infrastructure facilities, including schools, shops and health facilities, which is likely to result in site residents using private vehicles to access these services. However, as the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site there will be no significant increase in vehicle usage. Potential for a minor negative effect due to the irregularity of the local bus service and distance from services/facilities.</p> <p>The site option is not considered to be within walking distance to the nearest children's play facilities, allotments or parks and recreation grounds, as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation. However, the site option is within walking distance to Hassocks Copse, a large area of natural greenspace located to the south of the site option. The site option is within driving distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to most of the built leisure facilities, including gyms, tennis pitches and a swimming pool, which are in Winchester¹³⁹.</p> | - |

¹³⁷ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹³⁸ http://www3.hants.gov.uk/winchester_sept15_webversion.pdf

¹³⁹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>There is an identified deficit of allotment gardens in the local area of the site option¹⁴⁰, and the site option is not within walking distance as identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation to the nearest allotment garden, with minor negative effects on health.</p> <p>The site is not within walking distance to most of the POS categories, with a minor negative effect on health.</p> | - | - |
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| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | <p>The site option is not located in an area of flood risk¹⁴¹, with a neutral effect.</p> <p>The site option is within a eutrophic and groundwater Nitrate Vulnerable Zone¹⁴², and is also located within a ground water source protection zone¹⁴³. However, the site option will not result in the release of agricultural run-off, and will not have a significant effect on the aquifer due to the small size of the site option and the fact that the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site. Neutral effect on water quality.</p> | 0 | |
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| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | <p>The potential small numbers of pitches on the site option is such that the site should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management, with neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
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| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>The site option is existing and of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
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¹⁴⁰ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

¹⁴¹ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/459343/131435>

¹⁴² <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?value=new+alresford&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&submit=Search%09&lang=e&ep=map&topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&scale=10&textonly=off#x=458500&y=132500&lg=1,10&scale=9>

¹⁴³ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=groundwater&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=458500&y=132500>

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| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | <p>Neutral effects considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>The River Itchen Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and SSSI is located approximately 2km to the west of the site option¹⁴⁴. The SAC/SSSI is designated for <i>Ranunculus fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batarchion</i> vegetation, and for the presence of Southern damselfly¹⁴⁵. Due to the small size of the site option, the apparent absence of environmental pathways and the existing nature of the site, it is not considered that the site option will have an affect on the SAC.</p> <p>Approximately 200m to the west of the site option is a large area of Deciduous Woodland and Lowland Calcareous Grassland Priority Habitat, and a smaller block of Deciduous Woodland is approximately 100m to the east of the site option¹⁴⁶. The site option will not result in the loss or fragmentation of any Priority Habitat. Tichborne Down Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC) is located 200m to the west of the site option.</p> <p>The site option does contain vegetation in the form of hedgerows and trees, which have the potential to act as local habitats for a range of wildlife. There is the potential for existing vegetation to be enhanced, and additional vegetation provided, with minor positive benefits for local biodiversity.</p> | + | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>The site option does not contain any designated heritage assets¹⁴⁷ and is not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect for built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers.</p> | 0 | + |

¹⁴⁴ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹⁴⁵ <http://jncc.DEFRA.gov.uk/protectedsites/sacselection/sac.asp?eucode=UK0012599>

¹⁴⁶ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| 13 | <p>Landscape & Soils</p> <p>To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District</p> | <p>The site option has been an existing gypsy & traveller site for several years, and therefore is likely to be well integrated with the existing landscape. The site option has good screening in the form of trees/hedges, which shields the site option from the adjacent A31 and from neighbouring dwellings. Further enhancements to the screening through boundary treatment would provide additional mitigation, and ensure no negative effects on the landscape. The site option is not located within an identified settlement gap. Overall neutral effect, with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as any intensification or extension of the site option may require further mitigation.</p> <p>The site option does not contain any best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)¹⁴⁸, and is not located in a Mineral Safeguarded Area¹⁴⁹. The site has a small area of hard standing, but if additional pitches are placed on the site there would be a loss of some greenfield land. However, the loss of greenfield land would be negligible due to the size of the site, with a likely positive effect through the use of brownfield land.</p> | 0? | + |
| 14 | <p>Built Environment</p> <p>To secure high standards of design</p> | <p>The site is of a small size, visually screened and has existed for several years, and is therefore considered likely to be well integrated within the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect.</p> | 0 | |
| 15 | <p>Pollution</p> <p>Minimise local and global sources of pollution</p> | <p>The site option is not located within an AQMA or under any electricity pylons. The site option is small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution.</p> | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The site option has poor site access via footpath, and the nearest bus service is irregular with a limited service, with minor negative effects on accessibility and transport. ■ The site option is over walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, of which there is an identified deficit in the local area, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. | | | | |

¹⁴⁸ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹⁴⁹ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

- The site option has the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting travelling showpeople way of living.
- Minor positive effect on biodiversity with opportunities to create new habitat through site screening and improve existing screening with benefits for local biodiversity.
- Positive effect on soils through the use of brownfield land.
- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on the landscape if intensification or

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- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site option on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site option is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| North Boarhunt | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W014- The Piggeries- Gypsy & Traveller (4 pitches) W019- The Old Piggery- Gypsy & Traveller (3 pitches) W027- The Bungalow- Travelling Showpeople (2 pitches) W030 Firgrove Lane- Travelling Showpeople (8 pitches) W081 Caravan 2 & 3, Firgrove Lane- Gypsy & Traveller (n/a pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | <p>The site options will provide identified sites to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population.</p> <p>However, there is the potential for negative cumulative effects on communities if the overall number of pitches becomes over-concentrated in any one location or disproportionate in size to nearby communities (and as required by Policy CP5) thus exceeding the capacity of communities to accommodate particularly groups of people. The site options in North Boarhunt are clustered within a small area, and have the potential for cumulative negative effects on the surrounding community, with a minor negative effect against the SA Objective.</p> | - |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>None of the site options will result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Boarhunt has an identified deficit in all categories of public open space¹⁵⁰. As the site options are existing gypsy & traveller and travelling showpeople sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>There are no health care facilities in North Boarhunt, with the closest health facilities located in Wickham, approximately 4km to the west¹⁵¹, which includes dentist and doctor's facilities. There are no schools in North Boarhunt, and the nearest primary schools are in Wickham and in</p> | 0 |

¹⁵⁰ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

¹⁵¹ Google Maps (2017)

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| | | Newtown (approximately 3km to the north) ¹⁵² . The nearest secondary educational facilities are in Fareham (approx. 5km to the south) and Swanmore (approx. 6.5km to the north west) ¹⁵³ . North Boarhunt does not contain any shops or restaurants/pubs, with the nearest being located in Wickham. Overall neutral effect as the site options will not result in the loss of local GI/POS or local services/facilities. | |
| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | The provision of pitches/plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers and travelling showpeople on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | None of the site options will result in the loss of employment land and none of the site options are proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the allocation of sites will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect for all Travelling Showpeople site options (W027, 30). | 0 + |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | All site options have good access for vehicles, and there is access to all site options via footpaths. All site options are within walking distance to the nearest bus stop ¹⁵⁴ , however services from this bus stop are limited, and do not operate at a regular service or on weekends ¹⁵⁵ , and all site options are over 800m from the nearest services/facilities with minor negative effects for all site options. As the site options are located in a clustered group, site specific policies relating to access may mitigate any negative effects. This is likely to result in gypsies and travelers using their own vehicles to access employment, schools, shops and other services/facilities. However, as most the proposed site options are currently used by gypsies & travellers, there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage. | - |

¹⁵² Google Maps (2017)- Measured from school to settlement

¹⁵³ Ibid.

¹⁵⁴ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹⁵⁵ http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/se/ITB/EFA02_00000c17_AS.pdf

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| | | None of the site options are located within walking distance (0-800m) (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to the nearest allotments, areas of formal greenspace, parks and recreation grounds or equipped children's and young people's spaces ¹⁵⁶ . However, all site options are within driving distance (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to several built leisure facilities located in Fareham, including gym's, a swimming pool and a leisure centre ¹⁵⁷ . | | |
| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | There is currently an under provision of allotment gardens in North Boarhunt ¹⁵⁸ , and none of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens. Potential for minor negative effects. None of the site options are within walking distance to local areas of formal greenspace or children's and young people's spaces, with an overall minor negative effect on health | - | - |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | None of the site options are in a flood zone area ¹⁵⁹ , with a neutral effect for all site options. All site options are located within a eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ¹⁶⁰ , however nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect on water quality. | 0 | |

¹⁵⁶ Ibid.

¹⁵⁷ Ibid.

¹⁵⁸ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

¹⁵⁹ [http://maps.environment-](http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?value=boarhunt&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&submit=Search%09&lang=e&ep=map&topic=floodmap&layerGroups=default&scale=9&textonly=off#x=461124&y=110172&lg=1,2,10,&scale=9)

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| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | <p>The small numbers of pitches/plots on each of the options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities.</p> | 0 |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | <p>Neutral effects considered for all site options as most are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options.</p> | 0 |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area, with no significant likely effects¹⁶¹. Nationally designated Priority Habitat in the local area includes Deciduous Woodland, Semi-Improved Grassland, Woodpasture & Parkland, Lowland Heathland and Lowland Dry Acid Grassland¹⁶². Site options W030 and W081 are located adjacent to an area of Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat, and there is the potential for minor negative effects on the Priority Habitat. However, as the site options are existing they will not result in the loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat. There are several SINCs in the area¹⁶³, however no site options are located directly adjacent or within a SINC, and therefore no effects are likely. Overall neutral effect on designated biodiversity.</p> | + |

¹⁶¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

¹⁶² Ibid.

¹⁶³ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

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| | | Although there is some screening present for some of the site options, there is the possibility to provide additional screening in the form of trees/hedgerows which would provide benefits for local wildlife through habitat creation which could be used as ecological corridors. Potential for minor positive benefits. | | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | None of the proposed site options contain or are located adjacent to any designated built heritage and the site options will therefore have a neutral effect on the historical and archaeological environment of the local area. There is the potential for minor positive benefits against cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers. | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | Site option W027 has extensive screening in the form of trees/hedgerows and is a small existing travelling showpeople site that has existed for several years, such that any visual impacts have been mitigated, and therefore a neutral effect on landscape. Site options W014, 19, 27 & 30 are all clustered tightly together in a small area and have some site screening present in the form of trees/hedgerows, however the screening does not encompass all site options completely and there is the potential for the site options to have a minor negative effect on landscape given the number of pitches in the locality, and there is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment, as any intensification or extension to the site options could lead to further negative effects on the landscape and may require further mitigation. Mitigation measures could be provided through site specific planning requirements for this cluster of site options. There are also opportunities to increase and improve screening through appropriate boundary management. None of the site option contain best and most versatile agricultural land (grade 1 to 3A) ¹⁶⁴ . All site options are located within a mineral safeguarded area, with resources of Soft Sand present ¹⁶⁵ . However, as the site options are brownfield land and of a small size, it is likely that they will not severely hinder extraction of the mineral resources, with an overall neutral effect likely. All the proposed site options are brownfield land, with a minor positive effect on soils as no greenfield land will be lost. | 0 -? | + |

¹⁶⁴ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | <p>The site options are of a small size and are existing sites; however, they are only partially screened, and are largely concentrated in a small area, which has the potential to have an affect on the neighbouring dwellings and the local areas built environment, with a minor negative effect.</p> <p>However, the improvements of boundary treatments and the creation of additional screening could mitigate the effects of the site options on the built environment, and so some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> | -? |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | <p>None of the site options are in or adjacent to an AQMA, and no site options contain overhead power cables. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution.</p> | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ None of the site options are located within 800m of the nearest bus stops or services/facilities, with a minor negative effect. ■ None of the site options are within walking distance to the nearest allotments, children's play facilities or formal open spaces, with a minor negative effect on health ■ All the site options are concentrated in a small area, which may be disproportionate to the local community, and a minor negative effect on social inclusion. ■ Site options W014, 19, 27 & 30 are clustered together and do not have all encompassing screening, which may have negative effects on the surrounding landscape and the built environment. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting Gypsy and Travellers way of living. ■ All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on soils due their location being brownfield. ■ Minor positive effect for W027, 30 & 81 on economy and employment by providing storage for Travelling Showpeople equipment which is vital for their work. ■ Minor positive effect on biodiversity with opportunities to create new habitat through site screening and improve existing screening with benefits for local biodiversity. <p>Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making</p> | | | |

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.
- Site specific policies relating, to landscape, the built environment and access for the cluster of site options may provide mitigation against any negative effects highlighted through the SA process.

| Shedfield | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W009- Rambling Renegade- Gypsy & Traveller (1 Pitch) W023- Plot 1, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W024- Plot 2, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W025- Plot 5, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (N/A) W032a- Plot 3, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W032b- Plot 4, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W032c- Plot 6, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (2 Plots) W032d- Plot 7, The Nurseries- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) W085- Land adjacent to Gravel Hill- Gypsy & Traveller (3 pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | <p>The site options will provide identified sites to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population.</p> <p>However, there is the potential for negative cumulative effects on communities if the overall number of pitches becomes over-concentrated in any one location or disproportionate in size to nearby communities (and as required by Policy CP5) thus exceeding the capacity of communities to accommodate particularly groups of people. Site options W023, 23, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c and 32d are all concentrated in one small area, and therefore have the potential for minor negative effects on the nearby community.</p> | - |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure | <p>None of the site options will result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Shedfield has an identified deficit of equipped children's play facilities, informal green space and parks and recreation grounds, but a surplus of natural green space and allotments¹⁶⁶. As the site</p> | 0 |

¹⁶⁶ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

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| | suitable to meet community needs | options are existing gypsy & traveller and travelling showpeople sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities. Shedfield does not have any health facilities, with the nearest doctor surgery and dental practice located in the neighbouring settlement of Wickham, approximately 1.5km to the south ¹⁶⁷ . The nearest primary schools to Shedfield are Wickham primary school, located approximately 1.5km to the south, and St Johns primary school approximately 1.5km to the north ¹⁶⁸ . The nearest secondary school facilities to the site options is Swanmore College, approximately 3km to the north ¹⁶⁹ . Shedfield does not contain many shops or pubs/restaurants with Wickham being the nearest settlement with a wide range of shops and pubs/restaurants available. Overall neutral effect as the site options will not result in the loss of GI/POS, or local services/facilities. | |
| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | The provision of pitches/plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers and travelling showpeople on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | None of the site options will result in the loss of employment land and none of the site options are proposing the provision of new employment land with an overall neutral effect. Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the allocation of sites will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect for all travelling showpeople site options (W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d). | 0 + |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce | Site option W009 has site access for vehicles via Pricketts Hill, however there is no roadside pavement and therefore no footpath access to the site option. The site option is within walking distance (0-800m) to the nearest bus stop ¹⁷⁰ , however bus services from the bus stop are limited and irregular. | - |

¹⁶⁷ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹⁶⁸ Ibid.

¹⁶⁹ Ibid.

¹⁷⁰ Ibid.

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| | car usage and the need to travel | <p>Site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d all have good vehicle access to the site via the A334, with a roadside pavement providing footpath access. The site options are within walking distance to the closest bus stop¹⁷¹, however bus services from the bus stop are limited and do not run hourly. Site option W085 is within 800m of the nearest bus stop, however services run at less than an hourly frequency¹⁷². The site has vehicle access via Gravel hill, which includes footpath access due to roadside pavements.</p> <p>None of the site options are within walking distance to the nearest services/facilities, and therefore residents are likely to use their own vehicles to access these facilities¹⁷³. However, as the site options are existing sites, there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>None of the site options are within walking distance to any equipped play facilities, recreation grounds or allotments, but they are within walking distance to some natural and informal green space¹⁷⁴. The site options are all within driving distance to a range of built leisure facilities, including 2 leisure centres, gyms, a swimming pool and 3g pitches. Minor negative effect for all site options due to the limited bus services from the nearest bus stops to the site options, and their distance from the nearest POS and services/facilities.</p> | | |
| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>There is currently an under provision of allotment gardens in Shedfield¹⁷⁵, and none of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens. Potential for minor negative effects.</p> <p>The site options have the potential for minor positive benefits on health as they have some access to areas of open space and fitness facilities in the local area.</p> | - | + |
| 7 | Water | None of the site options located in a flood zone ¹⁷⁶ , with an overall neutral effect. | 0 | |

¹⁷¹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹⁷² Ibid.

¹⁷³ Ibid.

¹⁷⁴ Ibid.

¹⁷⁵ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

¹⁷⁶ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/455277/113417>

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| | To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | All site options are in a eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ¹⁷⁷ . Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off & gypsy & traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect. | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small numbers of pitches/plots on each of the site options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities. | 0 |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects. | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | Neutral effects considered for all site options as most are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options. | 0 |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area ¹⁷⁸ and therefore no likely significant negative effects. Site option W085 is located within 1km of Waltham Chase | +? |

¹⁷⁷ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=456500.0&y=113500.0&topic=nvz&ep=map&scale=9&location=Shedfield,%20Hampshire&lang=e&layerGroups=default&distance=&textonly=off#x=455966&y=112738&lq=1,10&scale=9>

¹⁷⁸ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | | <p>Meadows SSSI, designated for the presence of Lowland Neutral Grassland¹⁷⁹. However, significant effects are not considered likely due to the small size of the site option and the lack of environmental pathways. The nearest SSSI to the other site options is located approximately 2km to the north¹⁸⁰, and is therefore not considered to be effected by the site options.</p> <p>Site option W009 is bordered to the south by Semi-Improved Grassland Priority Habitat, with some Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat located a short distance to the north and west¹⁸¹. Site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d are bordered to the south and west by Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat¹⁸². A short distance to the north and west of site option W009 are 2 Sites of Important Nature Conservation (SINC)¹⁸³. A short distance to the south and west of site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d there are 2 SINC¹⁸⁴. As the site options are existing and generally of a small size, it is considered that there will be no loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat, and a likely neutral effect on biodiversity. However, due to the high number of site options in the area, there is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> <p>As there is some screening present in the form of trees/hedges around the majority of the site options there is the opportunity for enhancements and the creation of additional screening around the site options. which will provide benefits for local biodiversity, and a minor positive effect.</p> | | | | | |
| 12 | <p>Heritage</p> <p>To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage</p> | <p>Site options W009 and W085 do not contain and are not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets. Approximately 130m to the east of site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d is a Listed Building¹⁸⁵. However, as the site options are existing sites, and the fact there is screening present in the form of trees/hedges, it is not expected that the setting of the Listed Building will be affected by the site options. Overall neutral effect for all site options on built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople.</p> | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1926 885 1989 1034">0</td> <td data-bbox="1989 885 2036 1034">+</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1926 1034 1989 1150"></td> <td data-bbox="1989 1034 2036 1150"></td> </tr> </table> | 0 | + | | |
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¹⁷⁹ <http://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/UnitDetail.aspx?UnitId=1007744>

¹⁸⁰ Ibid.

¹⁸¹ Ibid.

¹⁸² Ibid.

¹⁸³ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lwweb/>

¹⁸⁴ Ibid.

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| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>Most of the site options are existing gypsy & traveller or travelling showpeople sites which have existed for several years and are thus now integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated. All site options have some hedgerow/tree screening; however, improvements could be made to boundary treatments and more screening could be created to provide further landscape mitigation. Overall likely neutral effect for all site options, however there is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as if intensification or extension of the site options is planned additional mitigation may be required.</p> <p>None of the site options contain any best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)¹⁸⁶, but the site option is in a designated Mineral Safeguarded Area¹⁸⁷, however as the site options are small it is considered unlikely to constrain extraction of the resource. The site options are brownfield, with a minor positive effect on soils.</p> | 0? | + |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | <p>The sites are small, visually screened and most are existing gypsy and traveller or travelling showpeople sites which have existed for several years, and are therefore likely to be well integrated within the existing character of the local area. However, as there are several site options concentrated in a small area, there is some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> | 0? | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | <p>None of the site options are in or adjacent to an AQMA, and no site options contain overhead power cables. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution.</p> | 0 | |
| Key Negative Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Most the site options are concentrated in a small area, which may be disproportionate to the local community, and a minor negative effect on social inclusion. ■ Minor negative effect on transport due to the irregularity of the nearest bus services. ■ Minor negative effect on health due to the site options distance from the nearest allotment gardens | | | | |

¹⁸⁶ Ibid.

¹⁸⁷ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Key Positive Effects:

- Major positive effect on housing by providing sites for gypsy & traveller and travelling showpeople communities.
- Minor positive effect on employment for site options W023, 24, 25, 32a, 32b, 32c & 32d as they will provide storage for travelling showpeople equipment.
- Minor positive effect on biodiversity through local biodiversity enhancement at a site level.
- All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers and travelling showpeople way of living.
- Potential for minor positive effects on soils due to site options being partially or entirely brownfield.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.
- Some uncertainty over the effect on Priority Habitat located adjacent to some of the site option.
- Some uncertainty over the effect of the site options on the built environment due to the concentration of most of the site options in a small area.

| Swanmore | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty | |
| | | Site Refs: W006- Barn Farm Caravan Park- Gypsy & Traveller (5 pitches) W013- Land west of Lasek- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W015- Cushty Tan- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W018- Stablewood Farm- Gypsy & Traveller (1 pitch) W022- The Orchard- Travelling Showpeople (4 pitches) W028- Stokes Yard- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) W029- The Vardo- Travelling Showpeople (1 pitch) W082- Beacon Haven- Gypsy & Traveller (6 pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | <p>The site options have the potential for major positive affects by identifying sites that could meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population.</p> <p>Potential for negative cumulative effects on communities if the overall number of pitches becomes over-concentrated in any one location or disproportionate in size to nearby communities (and as required by Policy CP5) thus exceeding the capacity of communities to accommodate particularly groups of people. Within Swanmore the most site options have been existing for several years in the local communities and have a small capacity, and the site options are dispersed widely throughout the settlement, such that no negative effects are considered likely.</p> | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>None of the site options will result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Although there is currently an under provision of GI and POS in Swanmore, including allotments and children's play areas¹⁸⁸, the majority of site options are existing gypsy & traveller or travelling showpeople sites so the changes arising through granting permanent planning status are not significant and neutral effects indicated.</p> | 0 |

¹⁸⁸ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

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| | | The nearest health facilities to Swanmore are in the neighbouring settlement of Bishop's Waltham approximately 3km distance to the west. Swanmore has a range of educational facilities, including a Secondary School, Primary School, and Pre-school, and there are primary and junior schools in the neighbouring settlements of Waltham Chase (approx. 2 km to the south) and Bishop's Waltham (approx. 3 km to west). Other facilities in Swanmore include 3 pubs/restaurants, a convenience store and a Post Office. There are additional shops, pubs and restaurants in the neighbouring settlements of Waltham Chase and Bishop's Waltham. Overall neutral effect as the site options will not result in the loss of local GI/POS or local services/facilities. | |
| 3 | Housing To provide good quality housing for all | The provision of pitches/plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers and travelling showpeople on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | ++ |
| 4 | Economy and Employment To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | None of the site options will result in the loss of employment land within Swanmore, and none of the site options are proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective. Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the potential allocation of sites will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect for all Travelling Showpeople site options (W0 22, 28 &29). | 0 + |
| 5 | Transport To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | Site options W006, W018, W022, W028 and W082 are all within walking distance (0-800m) of the nearest bus stops, with bus services running at least hourly, including to Winchester ¹⁸⁹ . However, the site options are over 800m from the nearest services/facilities (local shops and pubs) ¹⁹⁰ . All the site options have existing vehicle access from the road network but there is no footpath access. Site options W013 and W029 are within 800m of the closest bus stop, however services run at less than an hourly frequency W029 is within 800m of the nearest services/facilities (Post Office, pubs and schools) ¹⁹¹ , whilst W013 is not. Both site options have vehicle access but no footpath access. W015 is | - |

¹⁸⁹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

¹⁹⁰ Ibid.

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| | | <p>located over 800m from the nearest bus stop and over 800m from the nearest services/facilities¹⁹². The site has vehicular access via Bishop's Wood Road, however there are no pavements for footpath access.</p> <p>All site options have the potential for minor negative effects, either due to being located over 800m from the nearest services/facilities, or because their local bus stop run an infrequent service. No increase in car usage and traffic in the local area is expected, as the proposed site options are existing gypsy & traveller and travelling showpeople sites, and therefore there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>All site options are within acceptable driving distance¹⁹³ (as identified in Policy CP7- Open Space, Sport & Recreation) to most of the built leisure facilities, including gyms, tennis pitches and a swimming pool. However, W015 is highlighted as being over the acceptable walking distance¹⁹⁴ from the closest standard open space areas, with minor negative effects.</p> | | |
| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>There is currently an under provision of allotment gardens in Swanmore¹⁹⁵, and none of the site options are within the specified walking distance, identified in CP17- Open Space, Sport & Recreation, of the nearest allotment gardens. However, the creation of new allotment gardens within Swanmore would eliminate the under provision and provide health benefits for future residents by allowing access to healthy food sources. Potential for minor negative effects.</p> <p>The site options have the potential for minor negative effects on health as they are not located within walking distance to most of the POS categories.</p> | - | - |
| 7 | Water | <p>Site options W006 and W018 are both located in Flood Zone 3¹⁹⁶, with the potential for major negative effects. None of the other site options are in an area of flood risk, with an overall neutral effect.</p> | -- | 0 |

¹⁹² Ibid.

¹⁹³ Ibid.

¹⁹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁹⁵ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

¹⁹⁶ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/457424/115706>

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| | To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | W022, W028 and W082 are all located within a eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone, and W006, W018 and W029 are located within a groundwater and eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ¹⁹⁷ . Nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off and gypsy & traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect. | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small numbers of pitches/plots on each of the options is such that the sites should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities. | 0 |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | Site options are of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects. | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | Neutral effects considered for all site options as most are considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site options. | 0 |
| 11 | Biodiversity | There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area and therefore no likely significant negative effects. Waltham Chase Meadows SSSI, designated for the presence of Lowland | + |

¹⁹⁷ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=457500.0&y=116500.0&topic=nvz&ep=map&scale=9&location=Swanmore,%20Hampshire&lang=e&layerGroups=default&distance=&textonly=off>

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| | To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>Neutral Grassland¹⁹⁸, is located within Waltham Chase, and 5 site options (W006, W018, W022, W028, W082) are located within 1km of the SSSI¹⁹⁹, but unlikely to have an effect on the SSSI due to their small size and no likely environmental pathways.</p> <p>The Moors Bishop Waltham SSSI and Local Nature Reserve (LNR), designated for its range of habitats including Lowland Neutral Grassland, Fen, Marsh & Swamp and Broadleaved, Mixed & Yew Woodlands²⁰⁰, is approximately 800m north of site option W028²⁰¹, but effects are unlikely. There is a range of Priority Habitat in the local area, including Floodplain Grazing Marsh, Semi-improved Grassland, Lowland Meadows and Deciduous Woodland²⁰², however none of the site options will result in the loss or fragmentation of Priority Habitat.</p> <p>All the site options currently contain some vegetation in the form of trees/hedges which should be retained for benefits to local biodiversity. The presence of hedgerows and other vegetation along the boundary of the site options provides opportunities to enhance boundary treatments, which will help enhance and protect local wildlife and biodiversity.</p> | | |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>There are no Conservation Areas or Scheduled Monuments within the settlement. Site options W006, W015, W018, W022, W029 and W082 do not contain any heritage assets, and are not located adjacent to any heritage assets. Site option W028 is 70m north of a Listed Building (Church House Farmhouse)²⁰³, however there is existing screening in the form of trees and hedges, and therefore the site option is not likely to affect the setting of the heritage asset. Overall neutral effects.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils | The site options are existing gypsy & traveller or travelling showpeople sites which have existed for several years and are thus now integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated; all sites have hedgerow/tree screening & therefore, neutral effects likely. | 0? | + |

¹⁹⁸ <http://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/UnitDetail.aspx?UnitId=1007744>

¹⁹⁹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map- Measured from site edge to site edge

²⁰⁰ <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=s1003020>

²⁰¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map- Measured from site edge to site edge

²⁰² DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>Site options W006, W018, W022 and W082 are located within the settlement gap between Swanmore and Waltham Chase. However, the sites are existing with a small pitch capacity, and it is considered that will be no further effects on the settlements gap if there is no extension or intensification of the site options planned. Overall neutral effect on landscape, with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> <p>None of the site options will result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)²⁰⁴, and none of the site options contain any known mineral reserves²⁰⁵. Site options W006, W015, W018, W022, W028, W029 and W082 are all either partially or entirely brownfield as they are all existing gypsy and traveller or travelling showpeople sites, with minor positive effects.</p> | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The sites are small, visually screened and most are existing gypsy and traveller or travelling showpeople sites existing for several years, consequently this has blended with the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | None of the site options are in or adjacent to an AQMA, and no site options contain overhead power cables. The site options are small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All site options have the potential for minor negative effects on sustainable transport, either due to their distance from local services/facilities, or the irregularity of the bus services from the closest bus stop. ■ W015 is not within walking distance (0-800m) of the nearest areas of Public Open Space, allotment gardens or informal green space, with a minor negative effect on accessibility. | | | |

²⁰⁴ Ibid.

²⁰⁵ Winchester City Council (2012) Local Plan Part 1 – Proposals Map – Minerals and Waste Sites.

- Site options W006, W018, W022 and W082 are located within the settlement gap between Swanmore and Waltham Chase with potential for negative effects on local landscape character but sites are small, existing & screened. There is some uncertainty of the effectiveness of mitigation measures until further site level landscape assessments are conducted.

Key Positive Effects:

- Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group.
- All site options have the potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers and travelling showpeople way of living.
- Site options W006, W015, W018, W022, W028, W029 and W082 have the potential for minor positive effects on soils due to location partially or entirely brownfield.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site options on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site options is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| Whiteley | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty Site Refs: W016- Tynefield- Gypsy & Traveller (18 Pitches) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | <p>The site option will provide an identified site to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population.</p> <p>However, there is the potential for negative cumulative effects on communities if the overall number of pitches becomes over-concentrated in any one location or disproportionate in size to nearby communities (and as required by Policy CP5) thus exceeding the capacity of communities to accommodate particularly groups of people. W016 is recorded as having capacity for 18 pitches, which has the potential to be an overconcentration of pitches in one area, with a minor negative effect. Although some uncertainty at this stage of assessment.</p> | - |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Whiteley has an identified deficit of allotments, children's play facilities and parks and recreation grounds, but a surplus of informal and natural green spaces, and sports grounds²⁰⁶. As the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller sites it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities.</p> <p>Whiteley has both doctors and dentist facilities in the settlement, a nursery and 2 Primary Schools but no secondary education facilities. The nearest secondary schools are Henry Cort Community College, approximately 4km to the east²⁰⁷, and Brookfield Community School, approximately 5.5km to the west²⁰⁸. Whiteley has a range of shops, including a supermarket superstore. Overall neutral effect as there will be no loss of GI/POS, or local services/facilities.</p> | 0 |

²⁰⁶ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

²⁰⁷ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²⁰⁸ Ibid.

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| 3 | <p>Housing</p> <p>To provide good quality housing for all</p> | <p>The provision of pitches for caravans/mobile homes intended for gypsies & travellers on the identified site option will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term.</p> | ++ |
| 4 | <p>Economy and Employment</p> <p>To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs</p> | <p>The site option will not result in the loss of employment land and is not proposing the provision of new employment land. Overall neutral effect for the SA Objective.</p> | 0 |
| 5 | <p>Transport</p> <p>To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel</p> | <p>The site option has good vehicle access via Whiteley Lane, which has an accompanying roadside pavement which provides good footpath access to the site option. However, the site option is not within walking distance to the nearest bus stop (0-800m)²⁰⁹, and is not within walking distance to the nearest services/facilities²¹⁰, with a minor negative effect. Site residents are likely to use private vehicles to access the nearest services/facilities. However, as the site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site, there will be no significant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage.</p> <p>The site option is not within walking distance to any of the identified open space categories, including allotment gardens, recreation grounds and equipped children's play facilities²¹¹. The site option is within driving distance to a range of built leisure facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, and tennis courts.</p> <p>Minor negative effect due to the site option's distance from the nearest bus stop, local services/facilities and distance from POS.</p> | - |

²⁰⁹ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²¹⁰ Ibid.

²¹¹ Ibid.

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| 6 | Health To improve the health and well-being of all | <p>The site is not within walking distance to the nearest allotment garden, and there is an identified deficit of allotment gardens within the settlement²¹². Minor negative effect on health.</p> <p>The site option is not within walking distance to any open spaces²¹³, with a minor negative effect.</p> | - | - |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | <p>The site option is not located in a flood risk area²¹⁴, with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>The site option is not in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone or a Drinking Water Safeguarded Zone, with an overall neutral effect on water quality.</p> | 0 | |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | <p>The small size of the site option is such that the site option should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities.</p> | 0 | |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | <p>The site option is of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects.</p> | 0 | |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction | <p>Neutral effects considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet</p> | 0 | |

²¹² Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

²¹³ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²¹⁴ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/453667/107994>

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| | To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site option. | | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area, with no significant effects likely. Approximately 750m to the north of the site option²¹⁵ is Botley Wood and Everett's and Mushes Copses SSSI, designated for its Neutral Grassland and Broadleaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland habitat²¹⁶. Berry Coppice Local Nature Reserve is located approximately 400m to the north of the site option²¹⁷, which contains a range of tree species, including a nationally rare species²¹⁸. However, the site option is not considered likely to affect either of the designated sites, due to the small size of the site option, the lack of environmental pathways present as the M27 is located between the site option and the designated sites, and the fact that the site option has been an existing gypsy & traveller site for several years.</p> <p>Nationally designated Priority Habitat in the local area includes a block of Deciduous Woodland approximately 100m east of the site option, and an area of Lowland Dry Acid Grassland approximately 160m to the north²¹⁹. There is a Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC) approximately 100m to the east, and another SINC approximately 100m to the south west²²⁰. The site option is existing and of a small size, and is therefore not considered likely to result in the loss or fragmentation of any Priority Habitat, or have negative affect on nearby SINC.</p> <p>The site option has existing hedgerows/trees acting as natural screening which could be enhanced to provide local biodiversity benefits, with a minor positive effect on biodiversity.</p> | | + |
| 12 | Heritage | There are 2 Listed Buildings located approximately 200m south of the site option ²²¹ , however the site is not considered likely to affect the setting of the heritage assets due to the presence of screening around the site option, with an overall neutral effect on built heritage. | 0 | + |

²¹⁵ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²¹⁶ <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=s1003699>

²¹⁷ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²¹⁸ http://www.lnr.naturalengland.org.uk/special/lnr/lnr_details.asp?themeid=1475857

²¹⁹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²²⁰ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

²²¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople. | | |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | <p>The site option is an existing gypsy & traveller site which has existed for several years and is therefore considered likely to be integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have been mitigated. The site option has hedgerow/tree screening & therefore, neutral effects likely. Some uncertainty at this stage of assessment, and further mitigation may be required if intensification or extension of the site option is proposed.</p> <p>The site option is not located in best and most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A)²²², but the site option is in a designated Mineral Safeguarded Area²²³, however as the site option is small it is considered unlikely to constrain extraction of the resource. The site option is brownfield, with a minor positive effect.</p> | 0? | + |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site is small, visually screened and is an existing gypsy and traveller site which has existed for several years, thus now integrated within the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 | |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site option is not in or adjacent to an AQMA, and does not contain overhead power cables. The site option has potential to increase noise and light pollution for the local area, but the site option is an existing site and Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 | |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The site option is not within walking distance to the nearest allotment garden or POS, with a minor negative effect on health. ■ The site option is not within walking distance to the nearest bus stop, with a minor negative effect on transport. ■ The site option is currently being run at over-capacity, which may be disproportionate to the local community, and a minor negative effect on social inclusion. | | | | |

²²² Ibid.

²²³ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Key Positive Effects:

- Minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting gypsy and travellers way of living.
- Minor positive effects on soils due to location being entirely brownfield.
- Potential for minor positive effect on biodiversity through the enhancement of natural screening around the site option.

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site option on the landscape if intensification or expansion of the site option is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

| Wickham | | | |
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| Sustainability Objective | | Assessment of Effects: Nature of the likely sustainability effect (including positive/negative, short - medium term (5-10 years)/long term (10 - 20 years plus), permanent/temporary, secondary, cumulative and synergistic); Uncertainty Site Refs: W026- Grig Ranch- Travelling Showpeople (1 Plot) | |
| 1 | Building Communities To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion | The site option will provide an identified site to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers, in accordance with adopted local plan policy. This will promote the social inclusion of gypsies and travellers within the local community by providing them with an area of safe residence, providing equal access to local services & facilities within the local community, and meet the needs of the gypsy & traveller population. | ++ |
| 2 | Infrastructure To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs | The site option will not result in the loss of Green Infrastructure (GI), Public Open Space (POS), local facilities or registered community assets for the settlement, with an overall neutral effect. Wickham has a shortfall of allotments, equipped children's play areas, informal green space, parks and recreation grounds, but a small surplus of natural green space ²²⁴ . As the site option is an existing travelling showpeople site it is considered unlikely that there will be a significant increase in the use of local GI and POS, or doctors and educational facilities, as it is expected that site residents are already accessing local services and facilities. Wickham has a doctor's surgery and a dental practice, both located in the centre of the village. Wickham also has a primary school and a nursery, but no secondary educational facilities. The nearest secondary educational facility to the site option is Swanmore College, approximately 4km to the north ²²⁵ . Wickham also has several pubs/restaurants and shops, including a Co-op. The site option will not result in the loss of GI/POS or local services/facilities, with an overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 3 | Housing | The provision of plots for caravans/mobile homes intended for travelling showpeople on the identified site options will contribute towards meeting the need for provision identified through | ++ |

²²⁴ Winchester City Council (2015) Open Space Strategy

²²⁵ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

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| | To provide good quality housing for all | Policy DM4 of LPP2. This will result in long-term major positive effects that will be cumulative in the longer term. | |
| 4 | Economy and Employment | The site option will not result in the loss of employment land and is not proposing the provision of new employment land, with a neutral effect. | + |
| | To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs | Travelling showpeople require storage facilities to enable them to store and maintain their equipment which is vital for their work, and the allocation of the site option will provide space to support their work, with a minor positive effect. | |
| 5 | Transport | The site does have good vehicle access via Titchfield Lane, as well as an accompanying roadside pavement which provides good footpath access. However, the site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to the nearest bus stop ²²⁶ , and is not within walking distance to the nearest services/facilities, with a minor negative effect. Therefore, any residents will likely use private vehicles to access local services/facilities. However, as the site option is a small size, and already an existing travelling showpeople site, there will be an insignificant change to the extant situation with regards to the levels of traffic and car usage. | - |
| | To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel | The site option is not within walking distance to most designated open spaces, but is within walking distance to an area of natural green space. The site option is within driving distance to a range of built leisure facilities, including gyms, swimming pools, 2 leisure centres and tennis courts ²²⁷ . There is also a golf course opposite the site option. | |
| 6 | Health | The site option is not within the specified walking distance to the nearest allotment garden ²²⁸ , with a minor negative effect. | - |
| | To improve the health and well-being of all | | - |

²²⁶ Measured using google maps from the site edge to the service/facility

²²⁷ Ibid.

²²⁸ Ibid.

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| | | The site option is not within walking distance (0-800m) to the majority of the POS categories, with a minor negative effect on health. | |
| 7 | Water To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way | The site option is not located in a designated flood zone ²²⁹ , with a neutral effect. The site option is in a designated eutrophic Nitrate Vulnerable Zone ²³⁰ , however nitrate vulnerability is associated with agricultural run-off and travelling showpeople plots are unlikely to contribute to nitrate pollution, with an overall neutral effect on water quality. | 0 |
| 8 | Waste To ensure sustainable waste management | The small number of plots on the site option is such that the site option should be capable of accommodating appropriate waste management with neutral effects and there are local recycling facilities. | 0 |
| 9 | Climate Change To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy | The site option is of a small size and the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures is not applicable to this type of development – neutral effects. | 0 |
| 10 | Sustainable Construction | Neutral effects considered for the site option as it is considered unlikely to be proposing any brick and mortar development. However, Policy CP5- Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople states that any out buildings, such as amenity blocks, are required to meet | 0 |

²²⁹ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/summary/455952/111290>

²³⁰ <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?topic=nvz&layerGroups=default&lang=e&ep=map&scale=9&x=456050.0833333333&y=111050.2083333333>

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| | To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places | appropriate and acceptable standards, thus providing mitigation for any potential negative effects from brick and mortar development at the site option. | | |
| 11 | Biodiversity To conserve and enhance biodiversity | <p>There are no internationally designated biodiversity sites in the local area²³¹ and therefore no likely significant negative effects.</p> <p>Approximately 700m to the south of the site option²³² is Botley Wood and Everett's and Mushes Copses SSSI, designated for its Neutral Grassland and Broadleaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland habitat²³³. The site option will not effect the SSSI due to the small size of the site option, the presence of existing development located in between and the fact that the site option is an existing travelling showpeople site. To the north and south of the site option there are several blocks of Deciduous Woodland Priority Habitat²³⁴, and there is a Site of Important Nature Conservation (SINC) to the north west and a SINC to the south²³⁵. However, as the site option is of a small size and an existing travelling showpeople site, no negative effects on designated biodiversity in the local area is expected, with an overall neutral effect.</p> <p>There is some screening present at the site option in the form of trees and bushes, however enhancement and the provision of new screening could provide local biodiversity benefits for wildlife movement and wildlife habitat, with a minor positive effect.</p> | | + |
| 12 | Heritage To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage | <p>The site option does not contain any designated heritage assets²³⁶ and is not located adjacent to any designated heritage assets, with an overall neutral effect for built heritage.</p> <p>There is the potential for minor positive benefits for cultural heritage by protecting and helping the distinct ethnic group of travelling showpeople.</p> | 0 | + |
| 13 | Landscape & Soils | The site option is an existing travelling showpeople site which has existed for several years and thus now integrated within the existing landscape such that any visual impacts have likely been | 0? | + |

²³¹ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²³² Ibid.

²³³ <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=s1003692>

²³⁴ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²³⁵ <https://maps.winchester.gov.uk/LocalViewWeb/Sites/lvweb/>

²³⁶ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

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| | To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District | mitigated. There is also natural screening present in the form of hedgerows/trees. The site option is not located within a settlement gap. Overall neutral effect on landscape, with some uncertainty at this stage of assessment as intensification or extension of the site option may require further mitigation. The site option does not contain any best or most versatile agricultural land (Grade 1 to 3A) ²³⁷ and is not located in a Mineral Safeguarded Area ²³⁸ . The site is brownfield, with a minor positive effect on soils. | |
| 14 | Built Environment To secure high standards of design | The site option is small, visually screened and is an existing travelling showpeople site which has existed for several years, and is therefore considered likely to be well integrated within the existing character of the local area. Overall neutral effect. | 0 |
| 15 | Pollution Minimise local and global sources of pollution | The site option is not in or adjacent to an AQMA, and does not contain overhead power cables. The site option is small with a limited number of existing plots, Policy CP5 includes parameters to control any potential increase in noise and light pollution, with a neutral effect on pollution. | 0 |
| <p>Key Negative Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor negative effect on transport due to the site option's distance from the nearest bus stop. ■ The site option is not within walking distance to the nearest allotment garden and most POS categories, with a minor negative effect on health. <p>Key Positive Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major positive effects on promoting social inclusion & housing by meeting the needs of this distinct ethnic group. ■ Potential for minor positive effects on cultural heritage by protecting travelling showpeople way of living. ■ Minor positive effect on biodiversity through local biodiversity enhancement at a site level. ■ Potential for minor positive effects on soils due to site option being brownfield. ■ Minor positive effect on employment for the site option by providing storage for travelling showpeople equipment. | | | |

²³⁷ DEFRA (2017) Magic Map

²³⁸ <http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/MCA/>

Recommendations and Residual Effects for Plan-making

- Overall there is uncertainty at this stage of the assessment of the effect of the site option on the landscape if intensification or expansion of site option is proposed. Further landscape studies might be required to assess the effect of intensification or expansion.

Appendix A: Summary of SA Representations to Consultation & Responses

| | Consultee Comment Summary | Response |
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| Natural England | | |
| 1a | Habitats Regulations Assessment: Natural England advise that sites within 5.6km of the Solent Special Protection Areas should be listed in the DPD to make it clear that they will be required to contribute to the Solent Mitigation Strategy. | Sites within 5.6km of the Solent Special Protection Areas and in Policy TR1 will be safeguarded through the DPD. They cannot be asked to make contributions to the Solent Mitigation Strategy as they pre-date the adoption of the Strategy. Sites not listed in Policy TR1 will still need to comply with Policy TR7 which states that sites will contribute to the Solent Mitigation Strategy where required. |
| 1b | Habitats Regulations Assessment (W011): The HRA found that site W011 would not have an effect on the River Itchen SAC (which is 100m away) due to the site only having 1 established pitch and recommended no further expansion. NE advise that the DPD reflects this recommendation, as if further expansion is considered, a case specific HRA would be required. | Matter for plan-making. |
| Historic England | | |
| 2a | Heritage Assets: The site does not need to be adjacent to an asset or visible from an asset to have the potential for significant effect. However, no disagreement with the conclusions of the SA/SEA for SA Objective 12. | Noted. |
| Environment Agency | | |
| 3a | No comment received. | |
| ANON-P3BE-V47V-1 | | |
| 4a | No, shouldn't even be accepted. | The SA and HRA of the Winchester Gypsy and Traveller DPD have been prepared in |

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| | | accordance with appropriate legislation and relevant guidance, and the council are legally required to include an SA and HRA as part of the planning process. |
| Shedfield Parish Council | | |
| 5a | Site option W085 has been assessed through the assessment of site options within the Swanmore cluster, when the site is obviously within Shedfield. | The site option was sent to the SA specialists in a cluster with sites located within Swanmore, this being the nearest service centre. The site was assessed both individually and as a component of the wider cluster. The option is between Swanmore and Shedfield, within Shirrell Heath; the DPD has been amended to refer to Land Adjacent to Gravel Hill, Shirrell Heath. |