

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Call for land for new Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is running a 'call for sites' exercise to seek suggestions from landowners and other interested parties for new permanent Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites within the District.

An assessment undertaken in 2019 identified a need up to 2035 for between 59-70 additional permanent pitches for Gypsies and Travellers (depending on the definition used), plus 6 additional Travelling Showpeople plots. The main way to meet this unmet need is to allocate additional sites across the District for this type of accommodation. There is no set size for a Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople site but ideally should not exceed a dozen or so pitches/plots and could even comprise a single pitch/plot.

Any sites submitted will be assessed and used to inform the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller and Traveller Showpeople Local Plan which the Council is currently preparing. The planning system has an important role to play in ensuring fair and equal treatment for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople by enabling the provision of suitable accommodation.

Sites should be submitted by using the Call for Sites form available online at www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt and emailing it to planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk. **The deadline for submitting sites is Monday 1st March 2021.**

Any queries regarding the call for sites exercise can be raised by contacting the Policy Team at planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk or 01789 260334.

The 'call for sites' runs alongside a consultation on the District Council's draft Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which runs from 7 January to 19 February, and provides detailed advice and guidance to applicants when submitting planning applications relating to Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation. The SPD sets out the need for additional accommodation within the District and identifies areas where new Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites may be suitable, subject to planning permission, as well as guidance on what any new sites should look like in respect of their design and layout. Further information on this consultation is available online at www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt-spd

Yours faithfully,

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