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Dear Kate

Surrey Heath GTAA Enquiry Response

Following your recent enquiry regarding a more detailed breakdown of the outcomes of the Surrey Heath GTAA Report that was published in June 2020, I can provide the following information about need from Gypsy and Traveller households that were identified in the 2020 GTAA in response to changes made by the Government to the PPTS Annex 1 in December 2023.

These changes have reintroduced those who have ceased to travel permanently due to education, health needs, or old age into the planning definition of a Traveller.

However, there will still be households (and potential accommodation need) who have never travelled, or who have never travelled for economic purpose who will not meet the revised Annex 1 planning definition.

Gypsies and Travellers who travel for work or have ceased to travel temporarily (meet the 2023 PPTS planning definition of a Traveller)

- In total interviews were completed on 15 pitches where households were found to travel for work or have ceased to travel for work temporarily due to education, health, or old age – 8 households living on public sites, and 7 households living on private unauthorised sites.
- These households generated a current need for 23 pitches over the first 5 years of the GTAA period to 2025; and a future need for 9 pitches over the remainder of the GTAA period to 2040.

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Total
	2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	
	23	3	3	3	32

Gypsies and Travellers who have travelled for work and have ceased to travel permanently (meet the 2023 PPTS planning definition of Traveller)

- The GTAA identified a total of 5 households who stated that they had previously travelled for work but have now ceased to travel for work permanently due to education, health, or old age all were living on public sites in Surrey Heath.
- These 5 households did not generate any current or future need for pitches.

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Total
	2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	
	0	0	0	0	0

Gypsies and Travellers who have travelled for work but where it is not known whether this is permanently or temporarily (meet the 2023 PPTS planning definition of a Traveller)

- When completing the GTAA it was also not possible to fully determine the travelling status of 1 household as they refused to answer any questions about their travelling, other than to confirm that they had travelled for work in the past.
- This household generated a current need for 2 pitches over the first 5 years of the GTAA period to 2025, and a future need for 1 pitch for the remainder of the GTAA period to 2040.

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Total
	2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	Total
	2	0	0	1	3

Gypsies and Travellers who have never travelled for work (do not meet the 2023 PPTS planning definition of a Traveller)

- The GTAA identified a total of 11 households had never have travelled for work but have travelled for holidays; to visit family and friends; and to attend fairs for cultural reasons that did not involve work.
- These 11 households generated a current need for 14 pitches over the first 5 years of the GTAA period to 2025, and a future need for 15 pitches for the remainder of the GTAA period to 2040.

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Total
	2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	
	14	5	5	5	29

Undetermined Gypsies and Travellers

• When completing the GTAA it was not possible to complete an interview with a total of 3 households. These households generated a current need for no pitches, and a future need for 1 pitch to 2040.

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Total
	2020-25	2025-30	2030-35	2035-40	
	0	0	1	0	1

I trust this information resolves your enquiry.

Regards

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