

Wiltshire Council

Strategic Planning Committee

10 July 2024

Update / Addendum to the report for PL/2022/08186 - The Stables, Mapperton Hill, Mere, Warminster, Wilts, BA12 6LH

The approach to monitoring pitch permissions has now been simplified and any pitches granted planning permission will be counted towards supply. The review took place after we sent you our response to this application consultation in 2022, and considers the feedback from appeal Inspectors received. The general position taken by the Inspectorate was that any permission will improve supply in view of extant need, and the lack of site allocations in adopted plans.

We published a new 2024 based GTAA on our website on Thursday, which informs the draft DPD which will be considered by [Cabinet on 15 July](#) when they will decide whether to recommend to full Council that consultation is undertaken from August to October under Regulation 19 (pre-submission). Monitoring starts afresh with the GTAA base date being 1 April 2024.

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/13603/Wiltshire-Gypsy-and-Traveller-Accommodation-Assessment-GTAA-July-2024/pdf/Wiltshire_Gypsy_and_Traveller_Accommodation_Assessment_GTAA_Final_Report_July_2024.pdf?m=1720102837390

You might wish to amend your report to reflect this new evidence for sake of completion. I understand that the application is for travellers that meet the PPTS Annex 1 definition. For households that meet the planning definition the GTAA identifies a need for 188 pitches from 2024-38. For the first five years, a need of 135 pitches is identified (Figure 2). The assessment does not identify an onsite need at the application site. The Plan takes a more nuanced approach to the need arising in the first five years and excludes teenage need from the full pitch requirement resulting in an 81 pitch requirement for 2024-29. Section 3 of the Plan explains this in more detail and the approach to meeting teenage accommodation need.

I should advise that the Plan is still at an early stage in the process and therefore carries very limited weight in decision taking. The Plan anticipates that additional windfall permissions will be required to improve supply which is hovering around five years

taking into account the proposed allocations and permissions granted since 1 April 2024. See Tables 3 and 4 in the document and also para 3.23.

Henning Totz, Senior Planning Officer leading on the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD