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**REFERENCE:** WPED-005-12 - Approved

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**WPED-005-12 - OPTION ON LAND ADJACENT TO THINGLEY  
TRAVELLER SITE**

**Purpose of Report**

To seek authority to exercise an option held by the council to purchase 4.24 Ha (10.472 acres) of land adjacent to the existing gypsy and traveller site at Thingley near Chippenham.

**Consultation**

Consultation on the proposals for the development of this site have taken place with the residents on the site, the local Member and the Area Board Chair.

**Options Considered**

1. Not to exercise the option
2. To exercise the option

**Reason for Decision**

Exercising the option on the land adjacent to Thingley will, subject to planning permission being obtained, allow the council to deliver 8 additional local authority managed pitches and allow the refurbishment of the existing 23 pitches on the site to a higher standard of living and reducing ongoing maintenance costs, subject to the approval of a further report. This will meet the aims set out in both the Gypsy and Traveller Strategy and the Core Strategy for the provision of new pitches.

There is sufficient funding within the existing capital budget to cover the remaining costs of purchasing the site.

**DECISION MADE**

I approve the decision to exercise an option held by the council to purchase 4.24 Ha (10.472 acres) of land adjacent to the existing gypsy and traveller site at Thingley near Chippenham.

**This decision was published on 11th June 2012 and will come into effect on 19th June 2012.**

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

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Date: ...11<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.....

Cllr Toby Sturgis  
Cabinet Member for Waste, Property and  
Environment and Development Control Services