

COUNCIL			
Report Title	Gypsy and Traveller Site(s) Local Plan: Consultation on Preferred Site		
Key Decision	Yes		Item No.
Ward	All		
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Class	Part 1	Date: 18 July 2018	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks the Council's formal resolution to agree public consultation on Pool Court as the preferred location for a residential traveller site.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The Planning Service is undertaking a third round of public consultation on the production of a Gypsy and Traveller Site(s) Local Plan. The first round of consultation on draft Search Parameters and Site Selection Criteria and associated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report took place in March and April 2016. The second round of consultation on a Potential Site(s) Report identifying two alternative potential traveller sites and associated Integrated Impact Assessment took place in October and November 2016. The timing for the third round of public consultation, in line with the council's Local Development Scheme is anticipated to take place 3rd quarter of 2018.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 15 March 2018, the Mayor and Cabinet (a) noted the contents of the Consultation Statement into the Potential Sites Report and associated Integrated Impact Assessment, (b) approved the Pool Court site as the preferred location for a residential traveller site, (c) approved for public consultation the GTSLP Preferred Site Consultation Report (March 2018) and Integrated Impact Assessment (March 2018), (d) instructed officers to seek the acquisition of the eastern land parcel from Network Rail, (e) noted the assistance that the Council could give to the existing business to help it relocate to a suitable alternative site and (f) requested that Full Council approve the documents specified in (c) for public consultation.
- 2.3 As part of the development plan process the Lewisham constitution requires the consultation documents to be approved by Full Council.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Council formally resolve to agree public consultation on the GTSLP Preferred Site Consultation Report (Appendix 1) and Integrated Impact Assessment (March 2018) (Appendix 2).

4. Policy Context

4.1 The contents of this report are consistent with the Council's policy framework. When the GTSLP is adopted it will become part of Lewisham's 'development plan' and will form part of the Council's policy framework.

5. Background

5.1 The full background, policy context and details of the Gypsy and Traveller Site(s) Local Plan Preferred Site Consultation Report is set out in the Part 1 report to Mayor and Cabinet dated 15th March 2018 which is included as Appendix 3 to this report.

5.2 The Council is required under planning legislation to produce, adopt and keep up to date a Local Plan for the borough. The process for adopting a local plan are set out in legislation and Government guidance. The formal process requires early consultation with the public and other stakeholders on the main issues to be considered as part of the Local Plan. This first round of public consultation will be met by consultation on the document set out as appendix 1 to this report.

6. The Gypsy and Traveller Site(s) Local Plan – Preferred Site

6.1 The Preferred Site Consultation Report is set out as Appendix 1 to this report. The document is structured as follows:

- 'Tell us what you think' - details of consultation process;
- Introduction;
- How the GTSLP will fit in with Lewisham's planning framework;
- How the GTSLP has been prepared;
- Site allocation – addressing the 'what, where, when and how' questions);
- Design guidelines and planning application requirements;
- Infrastructure;
- Delivery and monitoring; and
- Changes to existing allocations.

6.2 Some minor changes have been made to the Consultation Report since consideration by the Mayor and Cabinet to remove errors and improve clarity. These changes comprise clarifying the purpose of the consultation in the newly titled 'How do I comment' section, incorporating a more up-to-date diagram of the proposed Lewisham planning framework (Figure 1), correcting references to the Site Selection Background Paper (March 2018) and correcting paragraph numbers.

6.3 It is also proposed to consult on the Integrated Impact Assessment into the Preferred Site and this document is set out as Appendix 2 to this report. This document provides a report of the Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic

Environmental Assessment and Equalities Analysis Assessment of the Lewisham GTSLP. The purpose of the Integrated Impact Assessment is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of policy.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) sets out the main steps in the procedure for the production and adoption of planning documents, as explained in the report.

7.2 This report seeks approval to consult on the Council’s proposed GTSLP Preferred Site Consultation Report and associated Integrated Impact Assessment.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The cost of the consultation will be delivered from within the existing Planning Service budget.

9. Crime and Disorder Implications

9.1 There are no direct implications relating to crime and disorder issues.

10. Equalities Implications

10.1 The Council’s Comprehensive Equality Scheme for 2012-16 provides an overarching framework and focus for the Council’s work on equalities and helps ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010. The proposals set out in this report accord with the Council’s Comprehensive Equalities Scheme; particularly as they relating to: ‘increasing participation and engagement’.

10.2 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) (August 2016) includes an equalities appraisal to identify equalities impacts and implications of emerging policy options. This assessed both potential sites and was consulted on alongside the Potential Sites Consultation Report. The updated IIA (March 2018) includes an updated equalities appraisal.

11. Environmental Implications

11.1 There are no direct environmental impacts arising from this report.

12. Conclusion

12.1 The Council is asked to resolve to agree public consultation on the GTSLP Preferred Site Consultation Report (Appendix 1) and Integrated Impact Assessment (March 2018) (Appendix 2).

13. Background documents and originator

Short Title	Date	File	File	Contact	Exempt
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Document		Location	Reference	Officer	
Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	2004	Laurence House	Planning Policy	David Syme	No
Localism Act 2011	2011	Laurence House	Planning Policy	David Syme	No
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012	2012	Laurence House	Planning Policy	David Syme	No
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)	2012	Laurence House	Planning Policy	David Syme	No
Planning policy for traveller sites 2015	2015	Laurence House	Planning Policy	David Syme	No

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