

Note for WSLP to 2032 Examination web-page

It has been noted that there may be some uncertainty as to the latest version of the Gypsy and Traveller policy (GT1) to be considered as part of the examination stage of the production of the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032.

The policy was re-drafted to reflect the latest national guidance that published by DCLG in late August 2015,¹ after the Local Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination (31st July 2015). The proposed amended wording to replace that which had been submitted, was presented to the Local Development Panel as part of a series of policy changes outlined in Appendix 1 to Agenda Item 7, at its meeting on 25th November 2015. None of the changes proposed as part of this item were recommended for further alteration following discussion of it. This is reflected in the minute of the meeting (LD20). The Agenda item was endorsed by the Local Development Panel and recommended for onward approval by Full Council at its meeting on 16th December 2015.

The version of the policy that was included as part of Appendix 1 to Agenda Item 10 of Full Council was an earlier iteration of the policy to that presented to the Local Development Panel meeting. Given that the version endorsed by the Local Development Panel was unchanged and, the other policy changes considered by Full Council were not subject to any specific discussion or debate at the meeting prior to being voted on (recommendation at para. 3, I in the report), the former is the one that the LPA requests the Planning Inspector to consider as part of its submissions in the examination stage.

The wording of this particular policy as represented by the version endorsed by the Local Development Panel, whether or not it is subject to further change recommended by the Planning Inspector, will be subject to further scrutiny and formal consultation should he recommend it as part of a 'Main Modifications' proposal or, in his Final Report.

¹ Department for Communities and Local Government; [Planning Policy for Traveller Sites – August 2015](#); Department for Communities and Local Government; 2015; ISBN 978 1 4098 4670 3.