6.3.31 In accordance with Circular 1/94, local planning authorities are required to make a quantitative assessment of the amount of accommodation required by Gypsies and where necessary identify suitable locations for sites having regards to the needs of both the Gypsies, Traveller families and settled populations. It is appropriate for Local Plans/Local Development Frameworks to include their own policies on the development of sites reflecting local circumstances within the context of this strategic policy.

6.3.32 Consideration will be given to the principles of sustainable development in site location including the potential use of brownfield sites. Sites will need to be well related to the pattern of service provision including schools, shops and other community facilities. The identification of sites will also have regard to highway considerations including vehicular access, parking, turning, servicing and road safety, and to the potential for noise arising from the movement of vehicles for domestic and business purposes.

6.3.33 Other policies of the Plan, including Policies 20 and 21, will be relevant to determining the location of Gypsy sites and Traveller sites. Circular 1/94 states that Gypsy sites and Traveller sites are not regarded as being among those uses of land that are normally appropriate in Green Belts.