Gypsy and Traveller Policy H3

Note for Examination

September 2011.

Proposed Change

A change is proposed to the second bullet point of the policy to read as follows (change underlined):

- Protecting existing permanent sites which are authorized for Gypsy and Traveller Use.

Reason for Change

In the determination of planning applications for the use of land for Gypsy and Traveller sites arising through the appeals system or as a planning application decision makers sometimes grant temporary planning permissions for development in locations that would not normally be supported for a temporary period of time to enable the Gypsies and Travellers on those sites to explore the availability of more suitable sites.

The existing wording does not distinguish between permanent and temporary permissions and the consequence of this is that a site that has a temporary permission would also be protected. The revised wording is therefore needed to clarify the policy.