

Policy SP12: Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Provision

- 1) The Council will make adequate provision for the needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople up to 2040³⁷ by:
 - a) ~~allocating sufficient sites to deliver at least 53 allocating sufficient sites to meet the identified five year requirement for pitches for Gypsies and Travellers (both permanent and transit pitches) and identifying a supply of broad locations for Gypsy and Traveller sites for later in the plan period, as set out in Table 4 below;~~
 - b) protecting existing permanent sites which are authorised for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople use⁸².
- 2) Proposals for new Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites will be considered in line with Development Management Policy DM15.
- 3) No vulnerable development to be situated on land with 0.1% or greater annual probability of flooding from any source (delineated in Appendix D).

Policy Context and Relationships

Core Strategy Policies replaced	H3: Gypsy and Traveller Provision
Key NPPF para. links	62 and <u>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites</u>
Key Policy links	DM15: Gypsy and Traveller sites
Evidence for Policy	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2019)

Table 1: Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations 2021-2040

Site Ref.	Prev. Site Ref.	Site Name	Local Plan Area	No. of pitches
GT1	155	Land at Springvale	Accrington, Baxenden & Church	9
GT2	262	Land off Crossland Street, Accrington	Accrington, Baxenden & Church	4
GT4	266	Land off Enfield Road	Huncoat	15
GT5	247	Sough Lane site extension	Oswaldtwistle & Knuzden	10
		Broad location for growth:		

⁸² As identified on the Policies Map

GT3	275	Land adj. Sankey House Farm	Clayton-le-Moors and Altham	15
		TOTAL		53

6.32 A number of established Gypsy and Traveller sites are located within the Borough. The Council's Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2019 evidences the need for gypsy and traveller pitches in the Borough over the plan period. No requirement for travelling showperson plots was identified, however, there is a requirement for 53 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers (both permanent and transit pitches) up to 2040.

1.33 The Council has identified specific, deliverable sites to provide at least 5 years' worth of sites against its locally set targets through policies SP1 and SP12. It has also identified developable sites and broad locations for such use for years 6-15 in line with national policy. ~~It~~ and will also protect existing sites from being lost to other uses by allocating them as Gypsy and Traveller sites. Applications for new gypsy and traveller or travelling showpeople sites on sites that are not allocated in the Local Plan will be assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the adopted DM DPD policy DM15.

1.34 Existing and allocated Gypsy and Traveller sites and existing Travelling Showperson sites are identified on the Policies Map.