

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Duty to Cooperate – Gypsy and Traveller pitches**

Thank you for contacting Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) regarding Rugby Borough's unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches. We recognise that Rugby Borough Council's latest Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2025) identifies a need for 95 pitches (2024-2042) and that circa 48 of those pitches have been potentially identified as site allocations, as set out in Rugby Borough's Preferred Options consultation document. To note, NBBC was not asked to help meet the needs of any neighbouring local planning authorities at the time of submitting [Nuneaton and Bedworth's Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document \(DPD\) \(2024\)](#), to the Planning Inspectorate, on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

To ensure sufficient Gypsy and Traveller pitches are provided in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, offering travelling communities the opportunity to live, work, visit and rest within our administrative boundary, the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations DPD was produced, based upon the [Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment \(GTTSA\) \(2021\)](#).

The need for new Gypsy and Traveller pitches is set out in Strategic Policy GT1 – Overall Need, within the DPD, outlining the need for at least 11 new permanent residential pitches to accommodate Gypsies and Travellers between 2021 and 2037. This is based on meeting the overall 'cultural need' for pitches identified in the GTTSA (2021), which includes need arising from those within the Travelling community who do not meet the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites ('PPTS') definition of "Gypsies and Travellers".

The sites that have been found acceptable to allocate, through the GTTSA (2021), provide up to 15 pitches at three locations, set out in Policy GT3 – Site Allocations in the DPD. The potential additional pitches, above the minimum provision of 11, build in some resilience should the anticipated levels of turnover at The Griff, in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, not take place. Whilst the GTTSA (2021) states that turnover on this site could meet the identified shortfall in its entirety, there is no guarantee that these pitches will become available at the rate envisaged. Therefore, NBBC are taking a cautious approach to meeting the Borough's need for new Gypsy and Traveller pitches and in turn, the provision of these pitches should not be considered as a method of meeting need from adjacent Local Planning Authority areas.

Therefore, NBBC are not able to accommodate any unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches from Rugby Borough. However, we look forward to continuing to

work with you on strategic matters, which have cross-boundary implications, in the future.

Yours Faithfully,

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