

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES – ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. First consider locations in or near existing settlements with access to local services
2. Sites may be found in rural or semi rural areas. Rural areas which are not subject to special planning constraint can be acceptable in principle.
3. Avoid the loss of high quality agricultural land.
4. Sites with limited incline.
5. Access to major roads or public transport services
6. Safe access from the public highway
7. Access to health services
8. Access to school, further education or training
9. Access to community facilities
10. Avoid areas of high risk flooding or the floodplain
11. Provide visual and acoustic privacy and maintain visual amenity
12. Avoid contaminated land
13. Locate sites in safe environments, avoiding refuse sites, industrial processes or other hazardous places
14. Sites Outside the Green Belt
15. Consideration of potential impact on landscape and nature designations, including Green Infrastructure
16. Sites located in areas of protected wildlife should be avoided or where appropriate assessed by wildlife survey
17. Consideration of potential impact on areas of archaeological significance
18. Serviceable for Gas/ Electricity/ Sewerage
19. Provision of Waste and Recycling Facilities
20. Avoid the loss of local community facilities