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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared by LUC on behalf of Herefordshire Council as part of the integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the emerging Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document (DPD). Once adopted the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD will form part of the Herefordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.
- 1.2 This report relates to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** Draft Pre-Submission Publication (September 2017) and it should be read in conjunction with that document.

Context for the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

- 1.3 Herefordshire covers approximately 217,973 ha, and borders Gloucestershire to the south, Worcestershire to the east, Shropshire to the north and Wales to the west. It is a predominantly rural county with a landscape of rolling hills and wide river valleys interspersed with small villages. The eastern edge of the county runs along the line of the Malvern Hills, which rise to over 400 metres above sea level, and the Black Mountains in the south west of the county form another elevated area. The River Wye runs through the county and Hereford city from the west down to the south, and is designated at European and national level for its nature conservation value.
- 1.4 There has been a travelling community in Herefordshire for the last 500 years. In the 2011 Census, 363 people living in Herefordshire **identified themselves as 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller'**¹. **Although this is a small proportion of (0.2%) Herefordshire's total population, in comparison to other authorities, the county has a relatively high proportion of Gypsies and Travellers within its population. Gypsies and Travellers in Herefordshire have a notably younger age structure than the overall county population, with 33% being under the age of 16 compared with 17% in the overall population, and just 7% who are over the age of 65 compared with 21% of the overall population. Of the 125 households in Herefordshire that identified as 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller', 100 households lived in a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure and 25 households lived in bricks and mortar (house, bungalow, flat, maisonette or apartment).**
- 1.5 The bi-annual Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) [Traveller caravan count](#) indicates an average of around 188 caravans over the last five counts. Of these, 45.1% have been on private authorised sites (with planning permission) and 41.9% have been on social rented authorised sites. 12.2% have been on tolerated unauthorised sites. In the four counts during 2015 and 2016, two caravans were recorded on unauthorised sites; however, none were recorded in January 2017.
- 1.6 There are six authorised permanent Council-owned Gypsy and Traveller sites in Herefordshire. In addition, there are 29 authorised permanent private sites and one tolerated private site. **There are three Travelling Showperson's yards.** According to the [Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment Update 2017](#) (July 2017) (GTAA), there are a total of 129 pitches, 119 households and 7 unoccupied pitches.
- 1.7 The GTAA identified a need over the next five years (2017/18 to 2021/22) equating to 48 pitches under a cultural definition, and as a subset of this number, 17 pitches under the [Planning Policy for Traveller Sites](#) (PPTS) definition of Gypsy/Traveller. For the full Local Plan Period (2011/12 to 2031/32), the GTAA has identified a cultural need for 91 pitches and, as a subset of this number a PPTS need for 33 pitches. For the remaining local plan period (2017/18 to 2031/32), the GTAA has identified a cultural need for 74 pitches and, as a subset of this number a PPTS need for 27 pitches. The GTAA also identified a need for nine additional Travelling Showpeople plots up to 2031 and recommended that there should be a five pitch transit site/temporary stopping place.

¹ It is noted that this is unlikely to be a true estimate of the Gypsy and Traveller population, but represents those that have chosen to state their identity.

Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

- 1.8 Herefordshire Council adopted the [Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031](#) in October 2015. The Core Strategy includes Policy H4: Traveller Sites which sets out the criteria against which planning applications for sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople will be assessed. The policy states that a **Travellers' Sites Document** will be prepared to provide sites/plots for the needs of Travellers and Travelling Showpeople for the next five years and to identify broad locations for further development beyond that period. The statutory Development Plan for Herefordshire comprises the **Core Strategy, the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD, the Hereford Area Plan DPD, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, the Rural Area Site Allocations DPD, and Neighbourhood Development Plans prepared by Town or Parish Councils**². The **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is an integral document in the** statutory Development Plan for Herefordshire and builds on the Core Strategy strategic policies. It provides more detailed policy advice on allocating sites/plots for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. All policies in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** and the other documents that comprise the Development Plan are interdependent and should be read alongside each other. Of particular relevance to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** are the Core Strategy policies relating to Social Progress [policies H1-MT1], Economic Prosperity [E1 – E6], and Environmental Quality [LD1-SD4], which may provide mitigation for any negative effects identified during the sustainability appraisal.
- 1.9 **Work on the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Planning Document (DPD)** commenced in 2014 with the production of an Issues and Options Paper. The [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Issues and Options Paper](#) considered a number of options for how sites and broad locations of search could be identified to meet existing and any future need. In July 2016 the Council published the [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Preferred Options](#) for consultation which **presented an assessment of need for Travellers' sites within Herefordshire and identified eight preferred sites for allocation which included six sites capable of accommodating 21 residential pitches and two temporary stopping places (transit pitches)**. Following consideration of the comments received during the consultation period and findings from the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Preferred Options, the Council prepared **the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication (September 2017)**. It identifies nine residential pitches at four different sites³ and one temporary stopping place for five pitches⁴.

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 1.10 The purpose of Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development by integrating sustainability considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans.
- 1.11 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a statutory requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It is designed to ensure that the DPD preparation process maximises the contribution that a plan makes to sustainable development and minimises any potential adverse impacts. The SA process appraises the likely social, environmental and economic effects of the policies and site allocations within the DPD from the outset of its development.
- 1.12 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is also a statutory assessment process, required under the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (European Directive 2001/42/EC), transposed into law in the UK by the SEA Regulations⁵ (Statutory Instrument 2004, No 1633). The SEA Regulations require the formal assessment of plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment, and set the framework for future consent of projects requiring Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)⁶. The purpose of SEA, as defined in Article 1 of the SEA Directive is *'to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute*

² In addition, a separate Bromyard DPD may be prepared, however it is also possible that the parish of Bromyard and Winslow may be covered within the Rural Area Site Allocations DPD.

³ One pitch at Romany Close, Grafton; Two pitches at Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Lower Bullingham; Two pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard; Four pitches at Pembridge Caravan Site.

⁴ Temporary stopping place at Land to the west of A49 Leominster for five pitches.

⁵ The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1633)

⁶ Under EU Directives 85/337/EEC and 97/11/EC concerning EIA.

to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans....with a view to promoting sustainable development’.

- 1.13 SEA and SA are separate processes but have similar aims and objectives. Simply put, SEA focuses only on the likely environmental effects of a plan whilst SA includes a wider range of considerations, extending to social and economic impacts. The requirements to carry out SA and SEA are distinct, although it is possible to satisfy both using a single appraisal process (as advocated in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#)), whereby users can comply with the requirements of the SEA Regulations through a single integrated SA process – this is the process that is being undertaken in Herefordshire. **From here on, the term ‘SA’ should therefore be taken to mean ‘SA incorporating the requirements of the SEA Regulations’.**
- 1.14 **Table 1.1** signposts how the requirements of the SEA Regulations have been met within this SA Report.

Table 1.1 Meeting the Requirements of the SEA Regulations

| SEA Regulations’ Requirements | Covered in this SA Report? |
|--|---|
| Environmental Report | |
| Where an environmental assessment is required by any provision of Part 2 of these Regulations, the responsible authority shall prepare, or secure the preparation of, an environmental report in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation. The report shall identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of: (a) implementing the plan or programme; and (b) reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme. (Regulation 12(1) and (2) and Schedule 2). | Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7, and Appendices 2, 4, 5 and 6. |
| 1) An outline of the contents and main objectives of the plan or programme, and of its relationship with other relevant plans and programmes. | Chapters 1 and 3. |
| 2) The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme. | Chapter 3. |
| 3) The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected. | Chapter 3. |
| 4) Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds and the Habitats Directive. | Chapter 3. |
| 5) The environmental protection, objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental, considerations have been taken into account during its preparation. | Chapter 3. |
| 6) The likely significant effects on the environment, including short, medium and long-term effects, permanent and temporary effects, positive effects, and secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, on issues such as: (a) biodiversity; (b) population; (c) human health; (d) fauna; (e) flora; (f) soil; (g) water; (h) air; (i) climatic factors; (j) material assets; (k) cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage; | Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7, and Appendices 2, 4, 5 and 6. |

| SEA Regulations' Requirements | Covered in this SA Report? |
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| (l) landscape; and (m) the interrelationship between the issues referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (l). | |
| 7) The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme. | Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7, and Appendices 2, 4, 5 and 6. |
| 8) An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information. | Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. |
| 9) A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with regulation 17. | Chapter 8. |
| 10) A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1 to 9. | A separate non-technical summary document has been prepared to accompany this SA Report. |
| The report shall include such of the information referred to in Schedule 2 to these Regulations as may reasonably be required, taking account of: (a) current knowledge and methods of assessment; (b) the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme; (c) the stage of the plan or programme in the decision-making process; and (d) the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process in order to avoid duplication of the assessment. (Regulation 12 (3)) | Addressed throughout the SA Report. |
| Consultation | |
| When deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information that must be included in the environmental report, the responsible authority shall consult the consultation bodies. (Regulation 12(5)) | <p>Consultation on the Issues and Options Paper was undertaken between August and October 2014.</p> <p>Consultation on the Preferred Options was undertaken between July and September 2016.</p> <p>Consultation on this SA Report will be undertaken from 06th November 2017 to 18th December 2017.</p> |
| <p>Every draft plan or programme for which an environmental report has been prepared in accordance with regulation 12 and its accompanying report ("the relevant documents") shall be made available for the purposes of consultation in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.</p> <p>As soon as reasonable practical after the preparation of the relevant documents, the responsible authority shall:</p> <p>(a) send a copy of those documents to each consultation body;</p> <p>(b) take such steps as it considers appropriate to bring the preparation of the relevant documents to the attention of the persons who, in the authority's opinion, are affected or likely to be affected by, or have an interest in the decisions involved in the assessment and adoption of the plan or programme concerned, required under the Environmental assessment of Plans and Programmes Directive ("the public consultees");</p> <p>(c) inform the public consultees of the address (which may include a website) at which a copy of the relevant documents may be viewed, and the period within which, opinions must be sent.</p> <p>The period referred to in paragraph (2) (d) must be of such length as will ensure that the consultation bodies and the public consultees are given an effective opportunity to express their opinion on the relevant documents.</p> <p>(Regulation 13 (1), (2), and (3))</p> | Public consultation will take place on the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication from 06 th November 2017 to 18 th December 2017. |

| SEA Regulations' Requirements | Covered in this SA Report? |
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| <p>Where a responsible authority, other than the Secretary of State, is of the opinion that a plan or programme for which it is the responsible authority is likely to have significant effects on the environment of another Member State, it shall, as soon as reasonable practicable after forming that opinion:</p> <p>(a) notify the Secretary of State of its opinion and of the reasons for it; and</p> <p>(b) supply the Secretary of State with a copy of the plan or programme concerned, and of the accompanying environmental report.</p> <p>(Regulation 14 (1))</p> | <p>Not relevant as there will be no effects beyond the UK from the DPD.</p> |
| Taking the environmental report and the results of the consultations into account in decision-making (relevant extracts of Regulation 16) | |
| <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after the adoption of a plan or programme for which an environmental assessment has been carried out under these Regulations, the responsible authority shall:</p> <p>(a) make a copy of the plan or programme and its accompanying environmental report available at its principal office for inspection by the public at all reasonable times and free of charge.</p> <p>(Regulation 16(1))</p> | <p>To be addressed after the DPD is adopted.</p> |
| <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after the adoption of a plan or programme:</p> <p>(a) the responsible authority shall inform (i) the consultation bodies; (ii) the persons who, in relation to the plan or programme, were public consultees for the purposes of regulation 13; and (iii) where the responsible authority is not the Secretary of state, the Secretary of State,</p> <p>that the plan or programme has been adopted, and a statement containing the following particulars:</p> <p>(a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;</p> <p>(b) how the environmental report has been taken into account;</p> <p>(c) how opinions expressed in response to: (i) the invitation in regulation 13(2)(d); (ii) action taken by the responsible authority in accordance with regulation 13(4), have been taken into account;</p> <p>(d) how the results of any consultations entered into under regulation 14(4) have been taken into account;</p> <p>(e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and</p> <p>(f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.</p> | <p>To be addressed after the DPD is adopted.</p> |
| Monitoring | |
| <p>The responsible authority shall monitor the significant effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action.</p> <p>(Regulation 17(1))</p> | <p>To be addressed after the DPD is adopted.</p> |

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 1.15 Under Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (Habitats Directive) land use plans, including Local Plans, are also subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The purpose of HRA is to assess the impacts of a land use plan against the conservation objectives of a European Site and to ascertain whether it would adversely affect the integrity of that site.
- 1.16 **The HRA for the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is being undertaken by LUC on behalf of Herefordshire Council during the plan-making process. The HRA of the Herefordshire Travellers'**

Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication concludes that the implementation of the DPD will not result in significant effects on any European site (Special Protection Area [SPA], Special Conservation Area [SAC] and Ramsar). The only European site in close proximity to any of the proposed sites is the River Wye SAC and the HRA did identify that two of the sites are close enough to the SAC that recreational activities could increase physical disturbance/damage, or erosion/trampling. However, it concludes that in both cases, the scale of development is very small and unlikely to result in significant effects. It also states that mitigation for this possible risk could be found in Core Strategy policies. For example Policy H4: Traveller Sites specifies that sufficient on-site play areas should be provided on Traveller Sites. Additionally Core Strategy policies OS1-OS3 which relate to open space, sport and recreation may help to relieve any increase in pressure on European sites for recreation space, if appropriately implemented. Furthermore, Policy TS1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites and Policy TS2: Travelling Showpeople Plots in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** require proposals to incorporate into the design of the site a safe area for children to play, which like Policy H4: Traveller Sites will provide mitigation and reduce the effects from recreational activities.

Aim and structure of the SA Report

- 1.17 This report is the SA Report for the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication** (September 2017).
- 1.18 This chapter provides an introduction to the SA of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**. The remainder of the report is structured into the following chapters:
- **Chapter 2 – Methodology** describes the stages of the SA process, the approach used for the specific SA tasks, including the sustainability framework used in the appraisal.
 - **Chapter 3 – Sustainability context for development in Herefordshire** summarises the relationship between the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** and other relevant plans, policy and strategies, summarises the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the county, and identifies the key sustainability issues relating to development within Herefordshire.
 - **Chapter 4 – Sustainability Appraisal findings – Issues and Options stage** sets out the main findings from the SA of the Issues and Options version of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** (August 2014).
 - **Chapter 5 – Sustainability Appraisal findings – Reasonable alternative site options** sets out the main findings from the SA of the 15 reasonable alternative site options that were identified by Herefordshire Council through the Call for Sites process.
 - **Chapter 6 – Sustainability Appraisal findings – Preferred Options stage** sets out the main findings from the SA of the Preferred Options version of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** (July 2016).
 - **Chapter 7 – Sustainability Appraisal findings – Pre-Submission Publication stage** sets out the main findings from the SA of the Pre-Submission Publication version of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** (September 2017).
 - **Chapter 8 – Monitoring** – makes recommendation regarding the approach to monitoring the significant sustainability effects of implementing the DPD.
 - **Chapter 9 – Conclusions** summarises the key findings from the SA in terms of any likely significant sustainability effects.
- 1.19 The main body of the report is supported by a number of appendices:
- **Appendix 1** sets out the consultation comments that were received in relation to the SA Scoping Report as well as comments received in relation to the SA Report for the Issues and Options and Preferred Options consultation.
 - **Appendix 2** presents the detailed SA matrices for the policy options included in the Issues and Options version of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**.
 - **Appendix 3** sets out the assumptions which were used in the appraisal of the site options at Preferred Options stage and Pre-Submission Publication stage.

- **Appendix 4** presents the detailed SA matrices for the 15 reasonable alternative site options and eight site options identified at Preferred Options stage.
- **Appendix 5** presents the detailed SA matrices for the site allocations at Pre-Submission Publication stage.
- **Appendix 6** presents the detailed SA matrices for the policies at Pre-Submission Publication stage.

2 Methodology

- 2.1 In addition to complying with legal requirements, the approach being taken to the SA of the of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** is based on current best practice and the guidance on SA/SEA set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance, which involves carrying out SA as an integral part of the plan-making process. **Table 2.1** below sets out the main stages of the plan-making process and shows how these correspond to the SA process.

Table 2.1 Corresponding stages in plan making and SA

| Plan Step 1: Evidence Gathering and Engagement |
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| SA stages and tasks |
| <p>Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives • A2: Collecting baseline information • A3: Identifying sustainability issues and problems • A4: Developing the SA Framework • A5: Consulting on the scope of the SA |
| Plan Step 2: Production |
| SA stages and tasks |
| <p>Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1: Testing the Plan objectives against the SA Framework • B2: Developing the Plan options • B3: Predicting the effects of the Plan • B4: Evaluating the effects of the Plan • B5: Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects • B6: Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Plans |
| <p>Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1: Preparing the SA Report |
| <p>Stage D: Seek representations on the Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D1: Public participation on draft Plan and the SA Report • D2(i): Appraising significant changes |
| Plan Step 3: Examination |
| SA stages and tasks |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D2(ii): Appraising significant changes resulting from representations |

Plan Step 4 & 5: Adoption and Monitoring

SA stages and tasks

- D3: Making decisions and providing information

Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Plan

- E1: Finalising aims and methods for monitoring
- E2: Responding to adverse effects

2.2 The methodology set out below describes the approach that is being taken to the SA of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** and provides information on the subsequent stages of the process.

SA Stage A: Scoping

2.3 The SA process commenced with Herefordshire Council producing and consulting on a [SA Scoping Report](#) in June 2014. This drew from the earlier scoping work that was carried out in relation to the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031. The scoping stage of the SA involves compiling and understanding the social, economic and environmental baseline for the plan area as well as the sustainability policy context and key sustainability issues. The SA Scoping Report involved the following tasks and outputs:

- Policies, plans and programmes of relevance to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** were identified and the relationships between them were considered, enabling any potential synergies to be exploited and any potential inconsistencies and incompatibilities to be identified and addressed.
- Baseline information of relevance to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** was compiled, to provide the basis for predicting and monitoring the likely effects of the plan and to help identify alternative ways of dealing with any adverse effects identified.
- Drawing on the policy review and baseline information, key sustainability issues were highlighted (including environmental problems, as required by the SEA Regulations). Consideration was also given to the likely evolution of each issue if the Herefordshire **Travellers' Sites DPD** was not to be implemented.
- A Sustainability Appraisal framework was then developed, setting out the SA objectives against which options, and subsequently policies and sites in the DPD, would be appraised. The SA framework provides a way in which the impacts of implementing the DPD can be described, analysed and compared. The SA framework is designed to set out a series of **sustainability objectives and associated questions that can be used to "interrogate"** draft policy and sites options during the plan-making process. These SA objectives define the long-term aspirations of the county with regard to social, economic and environmental considerations. During the SA, the performance of the plan policies and site options are assessed against these SA headline objectives and sub-objectives. The SA framework for the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** is based on the framework that was developed for the SA of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, although a small number of the objectives and sub-objectives **in that framework have been 'scoped out' as they** are not relevant to the DPD (e.g. a sub-objective relating to minimising the environmental impacts of minerals operations).

2.4 **Table 2.2** outlines the 19 SA headline objectives in the SA framework along with their associated sub-objectives, and demonstrates how all of the SEA topics have been covered by the SA objectives. Note that the SA objectives are grouped into six themes to enable related sustainability issues to be considered together during the appraisal. The six themes are as follows:

- 1 Education and employment.
- 2 Healthy and prosperous communities.
- 3 Transport and access.
- 4 Built environment.
- 5 Resource consumption and climate change.
- 6 Natural environment.

2.5 **Table 2.2** shows the SA objectives considered within each theme. Note that the sub-objectives for SA headline objectives 7 and 18 are divided into more than one theme, according to the issues that they address⁷. The strikethrough text shows the objectives and sub-questions that have been scoped out of this appraisal, as described in detail in the Scoping Report.

Table 2.2 SA framework for the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SEA Topic covered by objective |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Education and Employment | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | Material assets ⁸ |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | Material assets, population |
| 3. Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment. | 3.1 Improve the resilience and/or diversity of business and the economy. 3.2 Provide or facilitate availability of appropriate sites and properties for new business opportunities or growth whilst using natural resources efficiently. 3.3 Encourage and support a culture of enterprise and innovation, including social enterprise or the voluntary sector. 3.4 Encourage corporate social and environmental responsibility, with county organisations leading by example. 3.5 Promote and support the development of new high value and low impact technologies, especially resource efficient technologies and environmental technology initiatives. | Material assets |

⁷ In the detailed SA matrices, SA objectives 7 and 18 have been given a single SA score, taking into account all of the sub-questions. This is for clarity and to ensure that there is no confusion regarding the likely effects on the SA objectives that are identified in the report, although it is recognised that the SA objectives are relevant to more than one 'theme'.

⁸ 'Material assets' is listed as one of the topics to be considered in the SEA, but there is no clear definition of what this topic should cover in the SEA Directive or Regulations, and it has been variously defined in different SEA reports as relating to natural resources, e.g. minerals, or built infrastructure, e.g. transport infrastructure. For the purposes of this SEA, the material assets topic is assumed to include resources such as water, minerals and waste, as well as built infrastructure, including transport and waste infrastructure, but also economic and employment infrastructure and interests.

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SEA Topic covered by objective |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.2 Help create an appropriate range of independent, competitive and national retailers. 7.3 Help reduce the number of vacant properties and support vitality. | Material assets |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | Material assets, population |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | Population, human health |
| 7. Sustainable regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | Material assets, population |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | Population |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | Population, human health |
| Transport and Access | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.5 Secure the implementation of green travel plans. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. 4.7 Promote a shift of freight from road to rail. | Material assets |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. | Material assets, population |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SEA Topic covered by objective |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire’s facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | |
| 7. Sustainable regeneration | 7.1 Support viability or develop services and facilities appropriate to the community, function, character and scale of the centre and existing facilities using sustainable, resource-efficient designs. | Material assets, population |
| The Built Environment | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people’s needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | Population, material assets |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | Soil |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county’s historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | Cultural heritage |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best</p> | Material assets |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SEA Topic covered by objective |
|--|--|--|
| materials and encourage recycling. | Practical Environmental Option. | |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | Material assets |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | Climatic factors |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | Material assets, water |
| The Natural Environment | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | Biodiversity, fauna, flora |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.3 Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | Population, biodiversity, fauna, flora |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | Water |
| 18. Minimise local | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light | Water, air, |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SEA Topic covered by objective |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> | soil |

- 2.6 Public and stakeholder participation is an important element of the SA and wider plan-making processes. It helps to ensure that the SA Reports are robust and have due regard for all appropriate information that will support the plan in making a contribution to sustainable development. The SA Scoping Report for the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** was published in June 2014 for a five week consultation period with the statutory consultees (Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England [English Heritage at the time]) as well as a number of additional relevant stakeholders (see **Appendix 2** in the Scoping Report for a list of consultees). The Scoping Report was also made available online in order to enable members of the public to participate in the consultation more easily.
- 2.7 **Appendix 1** lists the comments that were received during the scoping consultation and describes how each one has been addressed. In light of the comments received, a small number of amendments were made to the review of plans, policies and programmes and to the baseline information and key sustainability issues. Updated versions are presented in **Chapter 3** of this report.

SA Stage B: Developing and Refining Options and Assessing Effects

- 2.8 Developing options for a plan is an iterative process, usually involving a number of consultations with public and stakeholders. Consultation responses and the SA can help to identify where there may be other 'reasonable alternatives' to the options being considered for a plan.
- 2.9 Regulation 12 (2) of the SEA Regulations requires that:
- "The (environmental or SA) report must identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of—*
- (a) implementing the plan or programme; and*
- (b) reasonable alternatives, taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme."*
- 2.10 It should be noted that any alternatives considered to the plan need to be "reasonable". This implies that alternatives that are "not reasonable" do not need to be subject to appraisal. Examples of unreasonable alternatives could include alternatives that do not meet the objectives of the plan or national policy (e.g. the NPPF) or that are not within the geographical scope of the plan.
- 2.11 Finally, it also needs to be recognised that the SEA and SA findings are not the only factors taken into account when determining a preferred option to take forward in a plan. Indeed, there will often be an equal number of positive or negative effects identified for each option, such that it is not possible to 'rank' them based on sustainability performance in order to select a preferred option. Factors such as public opinion, deliverability, conformity with national policy will also be taken into account by plan-makers when selecting preferred options for their plan.

Issues and Options stage

- 2.12 Work on the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Planning Document (DPD) commenced in 2014 with the production of an Issues and Options Paper. The [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Issues and Options Paper](#) introduced broad policy options in relation to the following themes:

- Permanent residential pitches.
- Transit pitches.
- Size of sites and tenure.

2.13 The options for each theme were subject to SA and the findings presented in the August 2014 [SA Report](#) to inform the development of the next iteration of the Plan. The SA findings for the broad policy options are repeated in **Chapter 4** of this SA Report, with the detailed appraisal matrices for the options in **Appendix 2**. The Council's decisions on how these policy options have been taken forward into the Preferred Options version of the Plan are also summarised in **Chapter 4**. The Issues and Options document also raised a number of other consultation questions, which did not constitute options for the plan and were therefore not subject to SA, although the responses received from consultees in relation to the consultation questions also helped to inform decision making regarding the next stage of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**. Consultation responses received specifically in relation to the August 2014 SA Report that accompanied the Issues and Options document have been summarised in **Appendix 1**, and addressed as appropriate in the SA Report of the Preferred Options (this is explained in Appendix 1).

Preferred Options stage

- 2.14 From December 2015 to February 2016, Herefordshire Council undertook a Call for Sites exercise. A set of 15 reasonable alternative Traveller site options were identified by Herefordshire Council and subject to SA by LUC on behalf of the Council (the findings are set out in **Chapter 5** of this SA Report with the detailed appraisal matrices for the options presented in **Appendix 4**).
- 2.15 Eight of the site options were then identified as being Preferred Options in the [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Document Preferred Options Consultation Document](#). The SA findings for the eight preferred site options are set out in **Chapter 6** of this SA Report with the detailed SA matrices presented in **Appendix 4**.
- 2.16 The Preferred Options document also includes two further broad policy approaches, the first relates to the longer term supply of sites (from 2019 to 2031), and the second relates to a general design policy, which would apply to all allocated sites and any other sites that come forward for planning permissions that are not identified in the DPD. The findings of the SA of the policy options are also set out in **Chapter 6** of this SA Report.

Pre-Submission Publication stage

- 2.17 Following consideration of the comments received during the consultation period on the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Preferred Options and the findings from the SA and HRA of the Preferred Options**, the Council proposes the allocation of nine residential pitches at four different sites and one temporary stopping place for five pitches. The SA findings for the proposed allocations and policies in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD are set out in **Chapter 7** of this SA Report with the detailed SA matrices presented in **Appendix 5** and **Appendix 6**.
- 2.18 **Table 2.3** details the reasonable alternative site options, preferred options, and proposed allocations for inclusion in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD along with the **Council's reasons** for selecting or discounting site options.

Table 2.3 Traveller Site Options identified by Herefordshire Council

| Site Number | Site Name | Considered in the Preferred Options DPD | Considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD | Herefordshire Council's reason for selecting or discounting |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Selected Sites | | | | |
| Site 1 (previously Site 2 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/4 as a reasonable alternative) | Site adjacent to the A49 Roundabout, Leominster | Y – Temporary Stopping Place (up to 14 days) | Y – Temporary Stopping Place for five pitches | Although this site has issues that require further investigation in terms of highway safety and flood risk, it is considered to offer some potential as a temporary stopping site particularly given its |

| Site Number | Site Name | Considered in the Preferred Options DPD | Considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD | Herefordshire Council's reason for selecting or discounting |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | location on the A49. |
| Site 2 (previously Site 8 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/03 as a reasonable alternative) | Romany Close, Grafton | Y – Residential Pitches | Y – Residential Pitches – one additional pitch | This option is considered to offer an efficient use of land by increasing the number of pitches within an already developed traveller site. The site proposed in the Preferred Options replaced a play area, however, following consultation at Preferred Options stage the site area has been reduced to only develop the former warden's office and to retain the play area. |
| Site 3 (previously Site 4 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/2 as a reasonable alternative) | Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham | Y – Residential Pitches | Y – Residential Pitches – two additional pitches | Although this site is located within the Rotherwas Enterprise Zone/Local Development Order area, it is considered that there is an opportunity to make a small scale extension to the existing popular traveller site without compromising the Enterprise Zone objectives or having a significant impact on the remaining employment land. |
| Site 4 (previously Site 7 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/1 2 as a reasonable alternative) | Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard | Y – Residential Pitches | Y – Residential Pitches – two additional pitches | This option is considered to offer an efficient use of land by increasing the number of pitches within an already developed traveller site. The redevelopment of the two pitches will offer an opportunity to enhance the site by reducing an area of waste ground from the site. |
| Site 5 (previously Site 6 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/1 1 as a reasonable alternative) | Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire | Y – Residential Pitches | Y – Residential Pitches – four additional pitches | This option provides an opportunity to extend an existing site in an area which is relatively constraint free and will require limited mitigation. The site has been relocated following consultation comments received at Preferred Options stage and because of flooding issues highlighted in the SA of the Preferred Options. It is now proposed to extend the existing caravan site east rather than south as was proposed in the Preferred Options. |
| Discounted Sites | | | | |
| Site 5 in the Preferred Options GTAA/16/HC/O/7 | Land to the south east of Sutton St Nicholas | Y – Residential Pitches | | This site was not considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD as the GTAA Update 2017 identified that the |

| Site Number | Site Name | Considered in the Preferred Options DPD | Considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD | Herefordshire Council's reason for selecting or discounting |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | requirement for new pitches was lower than that indicated in the GTAA 2015. The site was also discounted as it is a greenfield site with no existing services/ infrastructure which would be more difficult and expensive to deliver compared to extending an existing Traveller site. |
| Site 1 in the Preferred Options GTAA/16/HC/O/9 | Land adjacent to Morrison's/ Broad meadow Yard, Ross-on-Wye | Y – Temporary Stopping Place | | This site was not considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD as the GTAA Update 2017 identified that the requirement for new pitches was lower than that indicated in the GTAA 2015. The Council decided that the allocation of the Temporary Stopping Place at Leominster would satisfy the requirements for this type of Traveller site. Furthermore, there were concerns from local businesses regarding the impact on access if the site was developed. |
| Site 3 in the Preferred Options GTAA/16/01 | Land adjacent to Whitfield Coppice, Trumpet | Y – Residential Pitches | | This site was not considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD as the GTAA Update 2017 identified that the requirement for new pitches was lower than that indicated in the GTAA 2015. Furthermore, the issues regarding highway safety had not been resolved and therefore the Council decided not to take the site forward for development. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/1 | Pontrilas Highways Depot | N | | Discounted because of highway safety issues and consideration of quality of employment land, which is classed as moderate. The Employment Land Study 2012 states the site has reasonable quality buildings with two accesses to the site. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/3 | Land at Waterworks Lane, Leominster | N | | Access would be unsuitable for use as temporary stopping place. Flood zone unsuitable for permanent residential pitches. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/5 | Land adjacent to A49 Roundabout – Site B, | N | | This site has been discounted for reasons of landscape sensitivity, access issues and flood risk. A gas pipe line crosses the |

| Site Number | Site Name | Considered in the Preferred Options DPD | Considered in the Pre-Submission Publication DPD | Herefordshire Council's reason for selecting or discounting |
|-----------------|--|---|--|---|
| | Leominster | | | site which, with its associated buffer zone reduces the available area for development. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/6 | Land adjacent to A49 Roundabout – Site C, Leominster | N | | This site has been discounted because it is entirely within an area of Flood Zone 3. Furthermore, the landscape analysis concluded that this site is of high landscape sensitivity with low landscape capacity. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/8 | Ross Highway Depot | N | | The site is located within the Ashburton Industrial estate. It is classified as being of good quality employment land and therefore if this site was to be progressed there would be a potential conformity issue with Policy E2, which safeguards best and good employment land from redevelopment to other non-employment uses. |
| GTAA/16/HC/O/10 | Land at Homs Road Car Park, Ross-on-Wye | N – Temporary Stopping Place | | Although this site was considered to offer potential for a temporary stopping place subject to further investigations, the site is no longer available for this use. |
| GTAA/16/02 | Land at Midsummer Orchard, Ridge Hill | N | | A recent appeal decision relating to this site concluded that the serious harm that would result from the development of a traveller pitch on this site would outweigh advantages in terms of increasing the supply of pitches. |

SA Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal report

- 2.19 This SA Report describes the process undertaken to date in carrying out the SA of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Pre-Submission Publication (September 2017). It sets out the findings of the site and policy options now included in the DPD, highlighting any likely significant effects (both positive and negative, and taking into account the likely secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term and permanent and temporary effects), making recommendations for improvements and clarifications that may help to mitigate negative effects and maximise the benefits of the policies. It also describes the reasons for selecting or rejecting certain options during the preparation of the DPD.

SA Stage D: Consultation on the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD and this SA Report

- 2.20 Herefordshire Council is inviting comments on the Pre-Submission Publication version of the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** and this SA Report. Both documents are being published on the **Council's website for consultation** from 06th November 2017 to 18th December 2017.

SA Stage E: Monitoring Implementation of the Document

- 2.21 Recommendations for monitoring the social, environmental and economic effects of implementing the **Herefordshire Travellers Sites' DPD** are presented in **Chapter 7**.

Appraisal methodology

- 2.22 The site and policy options for the DPD have been appraised against the 19 SA objectives in the SA framework, with scores being attributed to each option, site or policy to indicate its likely sustainability effects on each objective, as shown in **Figure 2.1** below.

Figure 2.1 Key to symbols and colour coding used in the SA of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

| | |
|--------------|---|
| ++ | The option or policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on the SA objective(s). |
| ++/- | The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of significant positive and minor negative effects on the SA objective(s). |
| + | The option or policy is likely to have a positive effect on the SA objective(s). |
| 0 | The option or policy is likely to have a negligible or no effect on the SA objective(s). |
| - | The option or policy is likely to have a negative effect on the SA objective(s). |
| -/+ | The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of significant negative and minor positive effects on the SA objective(s). |
| -- | The option or policy is likely to have a significant negative effect on the SA objective(s). |
| ? | It is uncertain what effect the option or policy will have on the SA objective(s), due to a lack of data. |
| +/- or ++/-- | The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of minor positive and minor negative effects or a mixture of significant positive and significant negative effects on the SA objective(s). |

- 2.23 Where a potential positive or negative effect is uncertain, a question mark was added to the relevant score (e.g. +? or -?) and the score is colour coded as per the potential positive, negligible or negative score (e.g. green, yellow, orange, etc.). Colour codes illustrating variations in the significance of mixed effects have been added to draw-out differences in the performance of site and policy options.
- 2.24 The likely effects of the options and policies need to be determined and their significance assessed, and this inevitably requires a series of judgments to be made. This appraisal has attempted to differentiate between the most significant effects and other more minor effects through the use of the symbols shown above. The dividing line in making a decision about the significance of an effect is often quite small. Where either (++) or (--) has been used to distinguish significant effects from more minor effects (+ or -) this is because the effect of an option on the SA objective in question is considered to be of such magnitude that it would have a

noticeable and measurable effect taking into account other factors that may influence the achievement of that objective. However, scores are relative to the scale of proposals under consideration.

Use of assumptions

- 2.25 SA inevitably relies on an element of subjective judgement. However, in order to ensure consistency in the appraisal of the site options, a detailed set of assumptions was developed and applied to the site options at Preferred Options stage and Pre-Submission Draft stage. These assumptions are set out in **Appendix 3**.

Difficulties encountered and data limitations

- 2.26 The SEA Regulations require consideration to be given to any difficulties that were encountered during the SA process, including any data limitations.
- 2.27 A number of potential challenges have arisen during the SA, including the number of sites that needed to be subject to appraisal at various stages and the need to ensure that this was done in a consistent manner. In order to address this issue, detailed assumptions relating to each of the SA objectives were developed and applied during the appraisal of site options (as described above).
- 2.28 At previous stages of the SA process, the main difficulty related to the high level nature of the documents as the policy options lacked detail and therefore it was difficult to predict the likely effects of the options on each SA objective. However, during the SA of this iteration of the DPD, this issue has been addressed as full policy wording has been drafted.

3 Sustainability Context for Development in Herefordshire

- 3.1 This section describes the sustainability context for development in Herefordshire, and therefore for the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**.

Review of Plans, Programmes and Environmental Protection Objectives

- 3.2 The **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** is not prepared in isolation, being greatly influenced by other plans and programmes and by broader environmental protection objectives. It needs to be consistent with international and national guidance and strategic planning policies, and should contribute to the goals of a wide range of other programmes and plans. It must also conform to environmental protection legislation and the sustainability objectives established at an international, national and local level.
- 3.3 Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations requires:
- (1) "an outline of the...relationship with other relevant plans or programmes"; and*
- (5) "the environmental protection objectives established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation"*
- 3.4 A review has been undertaken of the plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives that are relevant to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** and the SA. This review has been **amended since it was initially presented in the Scoping Report, as a result of consultees' comments and the preparation of new plans.**

Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2015

- 3.5 Herefordshire Council adopted the [Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031](#) in October 2015. The Core Strategy sets out the strategic planning policies that the Council will pursue up to 2031 and makes provision for a total of 16,500 new homes and 148ha of employment land throughout the county up to 2031.
- 3.6 The **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** will build on and help to deliver **Policy H4: Travellers' Sites in the Core Strategy, which sets out the Council's commitment to allocate land to meet the accommodation requirements for Travellers.** The policy also included a number of criteria relating to planning permissions for Traveller sites such as the need for sites to be appropriate in scale, be accessible and capable of being adequately screened. The **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** includes a number of criteria-based policies to build on the provisions of Core Strategy Policy H4.

Other plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives

- 3.7 In addition to the Core Strategy, there are a wide range of other plans, policies and programmes at the international, national and local level that are relevant to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**. As part of the Scoping stage for the SA of the Core Strategy, a review was undertaken of the other plans and programmes that were relevant to the Core Strategy. This review, which was updated throughout the preparation of the Core Strategy, was again reviewed for the purposes of the scoping exercise for the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**. In particular, the Equalities Act 2010 was added to the list of relevant plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives as it specifically refers to Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers as an ethnic group.
- 3.8 One key piece of legislation which is relevant to the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** is the [Housing Act 2004](#), which placed a duty on local authorities to undertake regular assessments of

the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and to include the needs of Gypsies and Travellers in any housing strategy they produce.

- 3.9 The [Equalities Act 2010](#) places a duty on the Council to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in the course of developing policies and delivering services. Romany gypsies and Irish Travellers are recognised as having a protected characteristic under the Equalities Act 2010.
- 3.10 The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) was published on 27th March 2012. It states that local planning authorities preparing plans for and taking decisions on travellers sites should also have regard to the policies in the NPPF so far as relevant.
- 3.11 The specific planning policies for Gypsy and Traveller sites are contained in the [Planning Policy for Traveller Sites](#) (DCLG, 2015). It sets out the Government's aims in respect of Travellers' sites:
- *"That local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning.*
 - *To ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites.*
 - *To encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale.*
 - *That plan making and decision taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development.*
 - *To promote more private Traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those Travellers who cannot provide their own sites.*
 - *That plan making and decision taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective.*
 - *For local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies.*
 - *To increase the number of Traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply.*
 - *To reduce tensions between settled and Traveller communities in plan making and planning decisions.*
 - *To enable provision of suitable accommodation from which Travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure.*
 - *For local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment".*
- 3.12 In relation to planning for Traveller sites, national policy states that local planning authorities should, in producing their Local Plans:
- Identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets.
 - Identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years six to ten and, where possible, for years 11-15.
 - Consider production of joint development plans that set targets on a cross-authority basis, to provide more flexibility in identifying sites, particularly if a local planning authority has special or strict planning constraints across its area (local planning authorities have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries).
 - Relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of **the site and the surrounding population's size and density.**
 - Protect local amenity and environment.
- 3.13 The Government guidance also states that local planning authorities should ensure that Traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally. They should, therefore, ensure that their policies:

- Promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.
 - Promote, in collaboration with commissioners of health services, access to appropriate health services.
 - Ensure that children can attend school on a regular basis.
 - Provide a settled base that reduces the need for long-distance travelling and possible environmental damage caused by unauthorised encampment.
 - Provide for proper consideration of the effect of local environmental quality (such as noise and air quality) on the health and well-being of any Travellers that may locate there or on others as a result of new development.
 - Avoid placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services.
 - Do not locate sites in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains, given the particular vulnerability of caravans.
 - Reflect the extent to which traditional lifestyles (whereby some Travellers live and work from the same location thereby omitting many travel to work journeys) can contribute to sustainability.
- 3.14 In March 2016, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published [Draft Guidance to local housing authorities on the periodical review of housing needs: Caravans and Houseboats](#). It explains how Government wants local housing authorities to interpret changes to accommodation needs assessments, specifically in relation to caravans and houseboats. The publication of finalised guidance is awaited.
- 3.15 The [Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment \(2008 GTAA\) for Shropshire, Herefordshire, Telford and Wrekin and Powys](#) was published in 2008 and presented the findings of research into the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the study area. It estimated the number of Gypsies and Travellers living in the area (including on both authorised and unauthorised pitches) and set out the requirement for additional pitches in each local authority. The GTAA 2008 drew on a Herefordshire Council Survey of Gypsies and Travellers which had been carried out in 2006. Over the five year period 2008-2012, 83 pitches were estimated to be needed over and above the 8 pitches already planned for the existing Bromyard site.
- 3.16 The [Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessments Guidance](#) was published in October 2007 and set out the detailed framework for designing, planning and carrying out Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs assessments (GTAAs), including the needs of Showpeople as well as Gypsies and Travellers. The approach and methodology set out in the Guidance formed the framework for the GTAAs for Herefordshire Council, although the publication was withdrawn in **December 2016. During the preparation of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD, there have been two iterations of the Herefordshire GTAA.** In 2015, the [Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment](#) (GTAA 2015) was published as an update to the [Draft Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment](#) (2013). In July 2017, the [Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update 2017](#) was published to provide a picture of current provision and activity across Herefordshire County and an assessment of future need. This updated GTAA has formed the basis of the determinant of need for accommodation for Travellers in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**.
- 3.17 The **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** will be subject to [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010](#) and [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012](#). A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) must be carried out in order to establish whether the DPD will have any likely significant effects on European sites in and around Herefordshire. The information compiled for the HRA of the Core Strategy will be drawn on in the HRA, in particular the evidence associated with water quality issues in the River Wye SAC.

Baseline Information

- 3.18 Baseline information provides the basis for predicting and monitoring the likely sustainability effects of a plan and helps to identify key sustainability issues and means of dealing with them.

- 3.19 Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations requires information to be provided on:
- (2) The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan.*
- (3) The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected.*
- (4) Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds and the Habitats Directive.*
- 3.20 Baseline information gathered during the SA of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy as been used as a starting point, however, it has been revised and updated to make use of the most recent available information sources.

Gypsy and Traveller population and pitch provision in Herefordshire

- 3.21 There has been a travelling community in Herefordshire for the last 500 years. In the 2011 Census, 363 people living in Herefordshire identified themselves as 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller'. Although this is a small proportion of Herefordshire's total population (0.2%), in comparison to other authorities, the county has a relatively high proportion of Gypsies and Travellers within its population. Of the 125 households in Herefordshire that identified as 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller', 25 households lived in a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure and 100 households lived in bricks and mortar (house, bungalow, flat, maisonette or apartment).
- 3.22 According to the [Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment](#) (GTAA 2015), Gypsies and Travellers in Herefordshire have a notably younger age structure than the overall county population, with 33% being under the age of 16 compared with 17% in the overall population, and just 7% who are over the age of 65 compared with 21% of the overall population.
- 3.23 A Local Government Information Unit Policy Briefing⁹, published in May 2012 states that *"sufficient information is available to conclude that Gypsies and Travellers can expect reduced life expectancy and poor levels of health at all stages of life, exacerbated by social factors. In addition to failings on the part of health providers, individuals experience a number of difficulties in obtaining medical treatment, including obstacles in accessing primary care."*
- 3.24 A survey of the health needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Herefordshire carried out by key workers in the Primary Care Trust and the Council in 2008 found that a third of respondents felt their health was bad or very bad, which is much higher than for the general population. A high proportion (just under half) stated they had a disability, long term illness or health problem which limited the daily activities or work which they could do¹⁰.
- 3.25 The [Herefordshire Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment Update 2017](#) (July 2017) (GTAA) states that the average household size is 2.9 persons for Gypsies and Travellers in Herefordshire County, which is higher than the average household size of 2.3 for the UK as a whole. There is some variation in the average Gypsy and Traveller household size between accommodation types with an average of 3.0 persons per household in houses/bungalows, 2.0 persons per household in flats/maisonettes/apartments and 3.1 persons per household in caravans/mobiles.
- 3.26 The bi-annual Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) [Traveller caravan count](#) indicates an average of around 188 caravans over the last five counts. Of these, 45.1% have been on private authorised sites (with planning permission) and 41.9% have been on social rented authorised sites. 12.2% have been on tolerated unauthorised sites. In the four counts during 2015 and 2016, two caravans were recorded on unauthorised sites; however, none were recorded in January 2017. No Travelling Showperson caravans have been recorded in Herefordshire from 2014-2017.
- 3.27 There are six authorised permanent Council-owned Gypsy and Traveller sites in Herefordshire. In addition, there are 29 authorised permanent private sites and one tolerated private site. There are **three Travelling Showperson's yards**. According to the GTAA 2017 Update, there are a total of

⁹ LGIU Policy Briefing 'Gypsies and Travellers: two new government reports' (2012)

¹⁰ Health needs survey of Gypsies and Travellers in Herefordshire (2008)

129 pitches, 119 households and 7 unoccupied pitches. Instances of short-term unauthorised encampments occur in the county every year, but there is now no longer any transit site provision in the county. The number of unauthorised encampments has risen between 2010 and 2016, with 68 reported unauthorised encampments within Herefordshire in 2010-2014 and with 124 reported unauthorised encampments in 2014-2016. It is estimated that there is a total need over the next five years (2017/18 to 2021/22) for 177 pitches in Herefordshire compared with a supply of 129 authorised pitches (including vacant pitches). This means that there is an estimated overall shortfall of 48 pitches over the period of 2017-2022.

3.28 In addition to this short-term need it is estimated that there is a total pitch need of 91 over the Local Plan period (to 2031), 33 sites of which present a PPTS need, before turnover on local authority pitches is considered. An analysis of Household Survey data shows that turnover is expected to result in an overall capacity of 84 pitches over the Plan period to 2031. The Household Survey indicates that there is further potential to help address pitch need over the plan period through the expansion of existing sites, which could generate an additional capacity of 11-17 local authority pitches and 9 privately authorised pitches. This means that there is no shortfall in pitches once turnover is considered.

Key Sustainability Issues and Likely Evolution without the DPD

3.29 The key sustainability issues for Herefordshire were previously identified and set out in the 2014 SA Report for the Core Strategy. That list of key issues has been revised to reflect the most up-to-date baseline information and the topic of the document which this SA Report relates to (i.e. the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**). The revised set of key sustainability issues is presented in **Table 3.1**.

3.30 It is also a requirement of the SEA Regulations that consideration is given to the likely evolution of the environment in the plan area, if the emerging document were not to be implemented. This analysis is also presented in **Table 3.1**, in relation to each of the key sustainability issues.

Table 3.1 Key sustainability issues and likely evolution without the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

| Key sustainability issues | Likely evolution without implementation of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD |
|--|--|
| Population change | |
| Relatively poor access to services and facilities | The issue of access to services and facilities for Gypsies and Travellers specifically would not be as well addressed without implementation of the specific Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD . |
| Affordable housing | |
| Shortfall of provision of affordable dwellings / increase in number of people accepted as homeless | Policy H4 in the Core Strategy seeks to provide affordable Traveller sites, in rural areas, where there is a case of local need. However, without the adoption of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD , there will be less certainty relating to the delivery of these pitches. |
| Travellers' Accommodation | |
| Established need for further pitches for Traveller families in the county | Policy H4 in the Core Strategy seeks to provide further residential pitches during the plan period which should work towards accommodating for the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. However, without the adoption of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD , there will be less certainty relating to the delivery of these pitches. Without the adoption of the document, the need is therefore likely to continue. |
| Transport and accessibility | |
| Traffic congestion in Hereford and strain on existing | The Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is expected to take into account the need to travel and access to |

| Key sustainability issues | Likely evolution without implementation of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD |
|---|--|
| infrastructure | services when allocating sites and so this issue will be less well addressed without this document. |
| Climate change and flood risk | |
| Significant areas of the county are at risk of flooding. | The Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is expected to take into account the risk of flooding when allocating sites and so this issue will be less well addressed without this document. |
| Water quality | |
| The River Wye SAC is already experiencing impacts on water quality as a result of changing land use within the catchment, and from point-source discharges, therefore any increase in demand for water treatment in the vicinity of the site could exacerbate this problem. | Throughout the development of the Core Strategy there has been significant work undertaken by the Council, the Environment Agency and other stakeholders to ensure that appropriate mitigation is built into the plan to avoid the proposed development having adverse effects on water quality in the River Wye. The Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is expected to take this issue into account in the allocation of sites and so this issue will be less well addressed without this document. |
| Biodiversity and stewardship | |
| Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from the adaptation and diversification of farming and forestry employment. | These trends may continue with or without the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD . |
| Cultural Heritage | |
| High number of heritage assets within the county and the need to protect and enhance them and their settings. | Cultural heritage assets in Herefordshire are likely to come under pressure from the development proposed in the county, even without implementation of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD . Policies relating to the protection of the historic environment in the Core Strategy would continue to apply. |
| Waste and recycling | |
| Increase in amount of waste production over recent years, with too much still going to landfill. | There is an existing drive to increase levels of recycling and composting within the county and shift in general public opinion towards recycling, should help levels to increase over the coming years, with or without the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD . However, the infrastructure to support this change may come under strain, and the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD should help to ensure sufficient provision of new waste facilities to a limited extent. |

4 Sustainability Appraisal Findings – Issues and Options stage

- 4.1 This section summarises the findings of the SA of the [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Issues and Options Paper](#) (which were originally presented in the [SA Report of the Issues and Options Paper](#) in August 2014). The detailed appraisal matrices for the options can be found in **Appendix 2**. An explanation of which option(s) were taken forward by the Council and why is provided at the end of each sub-section.

Options for permanent residential pitches

- 4.2 The Issues and Options document put forward three options for permanent residential pitches:
1. Increasing capacity on existing authorised sites, where possible, and/or expansion of the site area of such sites.
 2. Allocation of new sites and/or broad areas of search around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns with good access to services and facilities.
 3. Allocation of new sites and/or broad areas of search in more rural locations, but still with reasonable access to essential services.
- 4.3 The likely effects of these options are shown in **Table 4.1** and are summarised below.
- 4.4 All three options are expected to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 11: **housing** as all would result in the delivery of new permanent residential pitches to meet the identified local need, regardless of the location of the sites.
- 4.5 Mainly negligible effects are identified for the SA objectives relating to the education and employment, healthy and prosperous communities, and transport and access themes as the location of permanent residential pitches will in most cases not affect the achievement of the SA objectives in those themes. However, option 2 (allocation of sites around Hereford and the market towns) could have minor positive effects on SA objectives 1: **employment**, 8: **education**, 10: **poverty and equality**, 4: **sustainable transport**, 6: **access to services** and 16: **climate change**. This is because, under that option, sites would be located within close proximity of the services, facilities and job opportunities that are mainly focussed in Hereford and the market towns, and residents are more likely to be able to use sustainable and active modes of travel such as walking and cycling for day-to-day journeys.
- 4.6 In contrast, option 3 (allocation of sites in more rural areas) is likely to have minor negative effects on the same range of SA objectives. Although that option specifies that sites would still have reasonable access to essential services, levels of accessibility would inevitably be lower than under option 2, with journeys being longer and more likely to be undertaken by car. Under option 1 (expand or increase capacity at existing sites), negligible effects are likely on these SA objectives as levels of accessibility will depend on the location of the existing sites in relation to services, rather than being influenced by the principle of expanding/increasing capacity at existing sites.
- 4.7 Option 1 (increasing capacity on existing sites and/or expanding such sites) would have positive effects on a number of the SA objectives associated with the built environment, flooding, resource consumption and climate change and the natural environment as it could help to avoid new development on greenfield land. However, effects are largely uncertain depending on the location of the existing pitches that would be expanded. Under options 2 and 3, entirely new sites would be developed which could be more likely to result in negative effects on SA objectives 19: **efficient use of land**, 12: **waste**, 14: **natural resources**, 13: **biodiversity**, 15: **landscape**, 17: **flooding** and 18: **pollution**. However, in all cases this is uncertain depending on the exact

location of the new sites and their design and layout. In addition, the fact that sites would be located on the outskirts of urban areas under option 2 means that there may be more opportunities to use brownfield sites which could avoid soil loss and improve the overall appearance of the landscape/townscape, and the likely effects of that option are therefore mixed in relation to SA objective 19: **efficient use of land**.

Which options were taken forward or discounted and why?

- 4.8 The approach in the Preferred Options document for permanent residential pitches is a combination of Options 1, 2 and 3. Three of the Preferred Options (site nos. 4, 6 and 7) are extensions or intensifications of existing authorised sites, while two are on the outskirts of Hereford (site no. 4 and site no. 8), one is in Ross-on-Wye (site no. 1) and one is on the edge of Leominster, therefore all would have good access to services and facilities. An additional two (site no. 5 and site no. 7), are in more rural locations but with reasonable access to essential services (both sites are within 5km of a nearby settlement).
- 4.9 **The Council's justification provided for this approach** is that, generally, the Council had regard to the consultation responses received, but in particular in relation to the broad locations of sites. The justification was as follows:
- A long list of sites was drawn up from the Call for Sites process and a review of any potential surplus local authority land was undertaken to identify a long list of sites that may have potential to contribute towards the identified accommodation need. In identifying sites from the Council land bank, regard was made to the favoured approach that was identified in the [Issues and Options Results Report September 2015](#).
 - All these sites were subject to a desk top assessment for an analysis of constraints and identification of any potential mitigation measures to overcome these constraints. This also involved consultation with external organisations in relation to highways and flood risk.
 - From this process the number of sites to be taken forward was reduced in number where it was considered that there were overriding constraints or policy issues that would prevent the sites being taken forward. Changes in the availability status of one site also removed it from further consideration.
- 4.10 Overall, option 1 performs best in sustainability terms, as there are fewer negative effects associated with that option and still a number of likely positive effects.

Table 4.1 Likely sustainability effects of the options for permanent residential pitches

| | Education and Employment | | | Healthy and prosperous communities | | | Transport and Access | | The Built Environment | | | Resource consumption and climate change | | | The Natural Environment | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | SA1: Employment opportunities | SA2: Skilled workforce | SA8: Education | SA5: Health | SA9: Crime | SA10: Poverty and equality | SA4: Sustainable transport | SA6: Access to services | SA11: Housing | SA19: Efficient use of land | SA20: Built environment | SA 12: Waste | SA14: Natural resources | SA16: Climate change | SA13: Biodiversity | SA15: Landscape | SA17: Flooding | SA18: Pollution |
| Option 1: Increasing capacity on existing authorised sites, where possible, and/or expansion of the site area of such sites. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ++ | +? | +? | +? | +? | 0 | +? | +? | +? | +/- ? |
| Option 2: Allocation of new sites and/or broad areas of search around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns with good access to services and facilities. | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | + | + | + | ++ | +/- | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | ? |
| Option 3: Allocation of new sites and/or broad areas of search in more rural locations, but still with reasonable access to essential services. | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | ++ | - | +? | -? | -? | 0 | -? | -? | -? | -? |

Options for transit pitches

- 4.11 The Issues and Options document puts forward three options for transit pitches:
1. One or two single sites close to a main settlement.
 2. Along highway corridors. This would need to be informed through local evidence of traditional Traveller movement patterns across the county, along with detailed highways discussions.
 3. Combined residential/transit pitches where provision for one or two pitches are provided for in conjunction with new permanent residential pitch provision.
- 4.12 The likely effects of these options are shown in **Table 4.2** and are summarised below.
- 4.13 All three options are expected to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 11: **housing** as all would result in the delivery of new transit pitches to meet the identified local need, regardless of the distribution of the sites. In particular, option 2 (locating sites along highway corridors) would help to ensure that transit sites are accessible and well-located in relation to demand.
- 4.14 Under option 1 (one or two sites close to a main settlement), levels of access to services and facilities would be good as sites would be located close to an urban area. Positive effects are therefore likely in relation to SA objectives 8: **education**, 10: **poverty and equality**, 4: **sustainable transport** and 6: **access to services**. A potential minor positive effect on SA objective 12: **waste** is also identified as sites located close to Hereford or one of the market towns may offer good opportunities for making use of brownfield sites and reuse of land. However, the actual effects of option 1 will depend largely on the specific location of sites; therefore there are many uncertainties associated with the likely effects identified.
- 4.15 The likely effects of option 2 (locating sites along highway corridors) are very uncertain and will depend on the specific location of sites, in particular their proximity to Hereford and the market towns where the majority of services and facilities are located. However, the principle of providing transit pitches along main highway corridors may result in negative impacts on amenity for Travellers using those pitches, particularly in relation to noise, and a potential minor negative effect is therefore identified in relation to SA objective 18: **pollution**. Similarly under option 3 (combined residential/transit pitches), the effects will depend on where these combined sites are located and so are largely uncertain at this early stage in the plan preparation. Therefore, at this stage, option 1 performs slightly better than options 2 and 3, but this is due more to the uncertainty of effects arising from options 2 and 3 as the locations along highway corridors or in relation to new permanent residential pitches are not yet known.

Which options were taken forward or discounted and why?

- 4.16 The approach in the Preferred Options document for transit pitches is a combination of Options 1 and 2. Both of the Preferred Options (site no. 1 and site no. 2 are close to main settlements [Ross on Wye and Leominster]), and are along highway corridors.
- 4.17 **The Council's justification provided for this approach** is as follows:
- Records of previously unauthorised encampments since 2014 were examined. These showed that the majority of unauthorised encampments took place within or on the outskirts of the market towns and Hereford. Consultation with West Mercia Constabulary as part of the Herefordshire Gypsy and Roma Strategy Group confirmed that sites within these locations and/ or the main routes through the county, particularly the A49 and A40, would provide the best location for temporary stopping places. There were no suggestions for this use resulting from the call for sites process and therefore the Council looked to its own land banks in these areas to identify any potential sites that would be available for such a use. Initially seven sites were considered as part of the initial long list but five of these were discounted as a result of technical assessment and availability issues. The two sites that are taken forward into the Preferred Options stage meet the requirements of being in proximity of the identified routes as well as being in close proximity to a range of services and facilities that the occupants of the temporary stopping places could access during their stays.

Table 4.2 Likely sustainability effects of the options for transit pitches

| | Education and Employment | | | Healthy and prosperous communities | | | Transport and Access | | The Built Environment | | Resource consumption and climate change | | | The Natural Environment | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | SA1: Employment opportunities | SA2: Skilled workforce | SA8: Education | SA5: Health | SA9: Crime | SA10: Poverty and equality | SA4: Sustainable transport | SA6: Access to services | SA11: Housing | SA19: Efficient use of land | SA20: Built environment | SA 12: Waste | SA14: Natural resources | SA16: Climate change | SA13: Biodiversity | SA15: Landscape | SA17: Flooding | SA18: Pollution |
| Option 1: One or two single sites close to a main settlement | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | + | + | + | ++ | +/- | +/-? | + | +/-? | 0 | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | ? |
| Option 2: Along highway corridors. This would need to be informed through local evidence of traditional Traveller movement patterns across the county, along with detailed highways discussions | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | ++ | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | -? |
| Option 3: Combined residential/transit pitches where provision for one or two pitches are provided for in conjunction with new permanent residential pitch provision | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | ++ | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | ? |

Options for the size and tenure of sites

- 4.18 The Issues and Options document put forward two options for the size of sites:
1. Provide fewer larger permanent sites to accommodate say not more than 10 pitches.
 2. Greater number of smaller sites of say not more than 1 or 2 pitches.
- 4.19 A further two options are put forward for the tenure of sites:
1. **Making provision for an element of "affordable" Travellers' Sites to be provided in the county as "exception sites" where a local need is evidenced and allocating these in the Travellers' Sites Document to supplement Policy H4 of the Core Strategy.**
 2. Not allocating specific sites and relying on Core Strategy Policy H4 to address the issue where a local need exists.
- 4.20 The likely effects of these options are shown in **Table 4.3** and are summarised below.

Options for the size of sites

- 4.21 Both of the options for the size of sites are likely to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 11: **housing** as both would result in the delivery of new sites to meet the identified local need. The effects of the two options on many of the other SA objectives are uncertain or negligible. This is because they are either dependent on the specific location of the sites, rather than their size, or because the objective would not be affected as it is assumed that the total area of the sites to be developed would be broadly the same under both options.
- 4.22 It is possible that providing a smaller number of larger sites (option 1) could mean that services and facilities in the area become overloaded. This is less likely if a larger number of smaller sites are developed, as the additional demand will be more geographically dispersed. Therefore, potential minor negative effects are identified for SA objectives 6: **access to services** and 10: **poverty and equality** in relation to option 1, and potential minor positive effects on those objectives are identified for option 2.
- 4.23 Mixed and uncertain effects are identified for both options in relation to SA objectives 20: **built environment** and 13: **biodiversity**. This is because option 1 (providing a smaller number of larger new sites) may reduce the number of heritage assets and biodiversity features that could be affected by new development within close proximity; however larger sites may be more likely to have a negative effect on the setting of heritage assets and on habitat loss as they will be more visible and larger in size. Option 2 (providing a larger number of smaller sites) is likely to have the opposite mix of positive and negative effects, i.e. possibility of affecting more heritage assets and biodiversity features due to the larger number of sites, but potentially less effect on such assets and features due to the smaller size of sites.
- 4.24 Option 1 (providing a smaller number of larger sites) could have a minor negative effect on SA objective 15: **landscape** as larger sites may be more visible and less easily integrated into the landscape. Conversely, option 2 (providing a larger number of smaller sites) may have a minor positive effect. However, in both cases effects are uncertain as they will depend on the exact location of the sites and the landscape character in those areas, as well as the design of the sites.

Which options were taken forward or discounted and why?

- 4.25 The approach in the Preferred Options document for the size of sites generally follows Option 1.
- 4.26 **The Council's justification provided for this approach is as follows:**
- The [Issues and Options Results Report September 2015](#) identified an equal response favouring the two options i.e. that sites should not exceed 10 pitches and that some sites should not be more than one or two pitches. The Preferred Options document includes two proposals that are only for two pitches each will result in sites with more than 10 pitches at Openfields Bromyard and at Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham. Although this does not accord with the findings of the Issues and Options consultation it is considered that there are specific considerations that justify this approach in this instance. The site at Openfields Bromyard

originally had twelve pitches but when it was refurbished this was reduced to 10. Given the need to find additional pitches and the specific issues that are currently relevant to that site it is considered appropriate to reinstate the additional two pitches. With regard to the Site at Lower Bullingham it is considered that it would be appropriate to extend this site to exceed 10 pitches given the popularity of the site without compromising the ability to manage the site in an effective manner. The Preferred Options document does not put forward any new sites of one or two pitches. Given the need to meet the identified accommodation requirements it was considered that it was most appropriate to make the most efficient use of land to provide the greatest number of pitches that are appropriate to the site, its constraints and its setting. Sites of one or two pitches are most likely to come forward through the planning application process as windfalls. Therefore, although there are no smaller sites allocated in the plan there is still potential for such sites to be delivered in the plan period.

Table 4.3 Likely sustainability effects of the size and tenure of sites

| | Education and Employment | | | Healthy and prosperous communities | | | Transport and Access | | The Built Environment | | | Resource consumption and climate change | | | The Natural Environment | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | SA1: Employment opportunities | SA2: Skilled workforce | SA8: Education | SA5: Health | SA9: Crime | SA10: Poverty and equality | SA4: Sustainable transport | SA6: Access to services | SA11: Housing | SA19: Efficient use of land | SA20: Built environment | SA 12: Waste | SA14: Natural resources | SA16: Climate change | SA13: Biodiversity | SA15: Landscape | SA17: Flooding | SA18: Pollution |
| Options for the size of sites | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Option 1: Provide fewer larger permanent sites to accommodate say not more than 10 pitches | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | -? | ? | -? | ++ | ? | +/-? | ? | ? | 0 | +/-? | -? | ? | ? |
| Option 2: Greater number of smaller sites of say not more than 1 or 2 pitches | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | +? | ? | +? | ++ | ? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | ? | +/-? | +? | ? | ? |
| Options for the tenure of sites | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1: Making provision for an element of "affordable" Travellers' Sites to be provided in the county as "exception sites" where a local need is evidenced and allocating these in the Travellers' Sites Document to supplement Policy H4 of the Core Strategy. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ++ | 0 | 0 | ++ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2: Not allocating specific sites and relying on Core Strategy Policy H4 to address the issue where a local need exists. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Options for the tenure of sites

- 4.27 The two options for the tenure of sites would have largely negligible effects on the SA objectives due to the very specific nature of the policy options. However, option 1 (making specific provision for affordable sites through the plan) is expected to have significant positive effects on SA objectives 10: **poverty and equality** and 11: **housing** because making provision for an element of affordable Travellers' Sites through the plan would help to address poverty and disadvantage in relation to housing, and would help to ensure that the identified local need for affordable sites is met. This approach would provide more certainty than relying on the existing Core Strategy policy only (option 2). Under option 2, minor positive effects on those two SA objectives are still likely as Core Strategy Policy H5 does provide some policy support for the delivery of affordable sites; however there would be less certainty if specific provision is not made through the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD.

Which options were taken forward or discounted and why?

- 4.28 The approach in the Preferred Options document for the tenure of sites is Option 2, i.e. to rely on Core Strategy Policy H4 to address the issue of affordable housing provision within traveller sites where a local need exists.
- 4.29 The Council's justification for this approach in the Preferred Options document is summarised in the [Issues and Options Results Report September 2015](#), and explains that the GTAA has not highlighted a significant need for affordable traveller sites to date. In addition, Option 2 was the most commonly favoured option in the consultation responses.

Consideration of Travellers' Sites related development

- 4.30 The Issues and Options document identifies a number of potential criteria that could be included in an amended/expanded criteria-based policy, building on Policy H4 in the Core Strategy. These further considerations include:
- Access/turning space should be suitable for emergency vehicles.
 - Appropriate landscaping to include hard landscaping, fencing and boundary treatments to soften any visual impact and protect amenity but not enclose and separate the site so much that it hampers cohesion with the settled community.
 - Look for opportunities for sustainable drainage systems.
 - Accommodate provision for at least one touring caravan per pitch to accommodate travelling lifestyle.
 - Schemes should make clear what commercial activity is proposed on the site and where.
 - Proposed amenity buildings should be the minimum necessary to provide required facilities, be sensitively sited and use sympathetic materials.
 - Details of the keeping of animals to be submitted with applications.
 - External lighting should be controlled and kept to a minimum.
 - Reference should be made to latest best practice regarding layout and design.
- 4.31 At this stage, the list of potential criteria, and indeed the principle of including a criteria-based policy within the plan, are not sufficiently worked up to appraise as a complete policy option. However, including a criteria-based policy in the plan, building on Policy H4 in the Core Strategy, would have positive effects on a wide range of the SA objectives as including such criteria as a policy in the plan itself would provide more weight, than just relying on Policy H4.
- 4.32 The proposed list of criteria to be included in such a policy, as set out above, would be likely to have positive effects on SA objectives 5: **health**, 15: **landscape**, 17: **flooding**, 11: **housing** and 18: **pollution**, and should help to mitigate potential negative effects of developing new Travellers' sites and pitches.

How was this Policy Option taken forward?

- 4.33 The Preferred Options document also includes a proposed criteria-based policy that is similar to that which was proposed above. It includes most of the above considerations (albeit with slightly different wording), which have been appraised in the following chapter. Two of the possible criteria proposed have not been included in the Preferred Options document:
- Details of the keeping of animals to be submitted with applications.
 - Reference should be made to latest best practice regarding layout and design.
- 4.34 The Council has advised that the DCLG site design guidance that was referred to in the final criterion was withdrawn in September 2015 and to date has not been replaced. Therefore it is no longer appropriate to refer to it. The omission of reference to animals reflects the conclusions drawn in the [Issues and Options Results Report September 2015](#) which stated that this was covered by controls outside planning. However, this is still considered to be a relevant issue as it will impact on the site requirements, for example if grazing areas are required. Therefore it is recommended that the Council should revisit this issue (and a recommendation for this has been made in **Chapter 6** of this SA Report).

5 Sustainability Appraisal Findings – Reasonable Alternative Site Options

- 5.1 This chapter presents the SA findings for the reasonable alternative site options that have been considered by Herefordshire Council for allocation in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD**.
- 5.2 A total of 15 reasonable alternative Traveller site options have been identified by Herefordshire Council through a Call for Sites process that was undertaken between December 2015 and February 2016 and a review of any potential surplus local authority land. All 15 reasonable alternative site options have been subject to SA by LUC on behalf of the Council (see **Table 2.3**). A set of assumptions was devised to ensure that this number of reasonable site options could be appraised consistently – these assumptions are presented in **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 The likely sustainability effects (both positive and negative) of the reasonable alternative site options are summarised below. Where relevant, effects are classified as short, medium or long-term. Consideration is also given to potential mitigation measures that could reduce or offset the negative effects identified.
- 5.4 The SA scores for all 15 reasonable alternative site options are presented in **Table 5.1**, and the detailed SA matrices for the options can be found in **Appendix 4**.

SA findings of the reasonable alternative site options

- 5.5 Most of the site options would have positive effects on access to **employment** opportunities (SA objective 1). Six sites would have significant positive effects because they are located at either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye where most job opportunities are located, while a further seven sites would have minor positive effects because, although they are not at the main towns, they are served by public transport links that would provide access to job opportunities. Only two sites (GTAA/16/HC/O/2 and GTAA/16/O2) would have a minor negative effect because they do not fit either of these criteria and so residents of sites in those locations may have relatively poor access to employment opportunities, particularly those without a car. The same range of effects is identified in relation to **reducing road traffic** (SA objective 4), because where sites are at the main towns there are likely to be good opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport, and where sites are known to be connected by public transport, levels of car use are likely to be lower.
- 5.6 The six sites that scored significantly positively for SA objectives 1 and 4 are also expected to have significant positive effects on **recreation** (SA objective 6) because their proximity to the main towns of Herefordshire should provide relatively easy access to the recreational and cultural facilities that are concentrated there. The other nine site options are all expected to have minor negative effects on recreation because, as well as being located away from the main towns, none are within very close proximity of a National Trail or Country Park.
- 5.7 The effects of the site options on **education** (SA objective 8) and **health** (SA objective 5) are broadly similar, as the same sites tend to be well-connected to schools and healthcare facilities, i.e. those that are closer to the larger towns and villages. Only five of the 15 sites scored positively for these SA objectives, as most of the site options being considered are in relatively rural locations, which are outside of walking distance to services and facilities such as schools, GPs and hospitals. The only significant positive effects identified for these objectives were for sites GTAA/16/HC/O/9 and GTAA/16/HC/O/10 in relation to health, because both sites are within walking distance of Ross Community Hospital and Alton Street Surgery. In addition significant positive effects were identified for GTAA/16/O3 in relation to education due its close proximity to Hereford Academy, Marlbrook Primary School and Blackmarston School.

- 5.8 All of the 15 reasonable alternative site options would have at least minor positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 11) as all would go at least some way towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire. The larger five sites are expected to have significant positive effects as they would provide a higher number of pitches. The timescales for developing the sites would influence whether effects are experienced in the short or medium term.
- 5.9 All of the sites are within at least 1km of a designated heritage asset such as a listed building or Scheduled Monument, so all could have at least minor negative effects on **cultural heritage** (SA objective 20) if the assets or their settings were to be adversely impacted by development nearby – such effects would be permanent and long-term. For seven of the 15 site options, the negative effects could be significant as those sites are within particularly close proximity (250m) of at least one heritage asset. In all cases, the potential negative effects are uncertain as they will depend on factors such as the design of development and the extent of intervisibility between the site and heritage features. It is also possible that effects could be mitigated, for example through appropriate and high quality design or the use of screening.
- 5.10 Six of the site options could have a significant negative effect on **natural resources** (SA objective 14) as they are on greenfield land which is either Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural quality. Development on those sites could therefore result in the permanent loss of that land to agricultural uses. Where land is Grade 3, the potential significant negative effects are currently **uncertain as it is not known if the land is Grade 3a or 3b (Grade 3a land is considered 'high' agricultural quality, while Grade 3b is not)**. A further two site options could have a minor negative effect because they are greenfield sites but are on lower quality agricultural land (Grade 4 or 5). Three of the sites that are on greenfield land (GTAA16/HC/O/5, GTAA16/HC/O/6 and GTAA16/HC/O/7) are also within or close to a Minerals Resource Safeguarding Area, which contributes further to the negative effects already identified on natural resources. The remaining seven sites would have minor positive effects because they are on brownfield land. The same seven site options would have minor positive effects on **efficient land use** (SA objective 19) because development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land than the development of greenfield sites. The remaining eight options that are on greenfield land would have a minor negative effect on this objective. These effects would be permanent and long-term.
- 5.11 All of the site options could have at least minor negative effects on **biodiversity** (SA objective 13) as all are within at least 1km of a designated biodiversity site which could be affected by development nearby, for example as a result of disturbance from noise, increased recreation pressure or direct damage to habitats and species. Effects could be short term if they are associated with noise and disturbance from construction, or longer term, for example effects associated with increased recreation pressure. For seven site options, the negative effects could be significant as they are within particularly close proximity (250m) of a biodiversity designation. However, in all cases effects are uncertain as they will depend on the detailed proposals for the Traveller sites and the particular sensitivities of the biodiversity sites and features close to them. Effects may also be able to be mitigated, for example through the use of good practice construction techniques to mitigate the potential short term impacts of disturbance during construction. The incorporation of green infrastructure within Traveller sites would also reduce the potential for habitat fragmentation.
- 5.12 The effects of the site options on the **landscape** (SA objective 15) have been assessed by Herefordshire Council as part of its internal site assessment process. Six site options were assessed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development and so could have significant negative effects, which would be long-term and permanent. A further three sites could have minor negative effects as they were assessed as being of moderate or moderate-low landscape sensitivity. However, effects on the landscape cannot be determined in detail until specific proposals come forward for the Traveller sites, and it may be possible to mitigate adverse impacts through the use of screening such as tree planting.
- 5.13 Three of the site options (GTAA/16/HC/O/4, GTAA/16/HC/O/5, and GTAA/16/HC/O/6) could have significant negative effects on **flood risk** (SA objective 17) as they are located on greenfield land which is within flood zone 2, 3a or 3b. An increase in impermeable surfaces in those areas could have particularly adverse impacts on increasing flood risk as a result of reduced infiltration, and these effects would be long-term and permanent. A further seven site options could have minor negative effects because they are either on greenfield land (and therefore likely to increase impermeable surfaces) but outside of flood zones 2, 3a or 3b, or they are on brownfield land but

within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b. It may be possible to mitigate impacts on flood risk, for example through the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) or by avoiding positioning built development in the parts of sites that are affected by flood zones.

- 5.14 All of the site options would have negligible effects on the remaining SA objectives, as those issues would not be affected by the spatial location of Traveller sites, as explained in the assumptions in **Appendix 3**.

Summary

- 5.15 It is noted that Herefordshire Council needed to consider allocating some sites for temporary transit use. In general, the performance of the sites against the SA objectives is not affected by whether they would be used for permanent pitches or temporary transit sites, as ideally temporary sites should still be well-located in relation to services and facilities such as schools and GP surgeries, even if residents would only make short term use of them.
- 5.16 In general, the site options that are located close to the main towns of Herefordshire (GTAA/16/HC/O/3, GTAA/16/HC/O/4, GTAA/16/HC/O/8, GTAA/16/HC/O/9, GTAA/16/HC/O/10 and GTAA/16/03) are likely to have the most positive effects on the SA objectives because they should offer good access to job opportunities, services and facilities and public transport links. However, as with all of the site options, these sites could still have negative effects on other SA objectives, particularly those relating to the environmental topics. This is particularly the case for GTAA/16/HC/O/10 which could have significant negative effects on cultural heritage, biodiversity and the landscape.

Table 5.1 Summary of SA scores for the reasonable alternative site options

| SA Objective | Site Options | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | GTAA/16/HC/O/1 | GTAA/16/HC/O/2 | GTAA/16/HC/O/3 | GTAA/16/HC/O/4 | GTAA/16/HC/O/5 | GTAA/16/HC/O/6 | GTAA/16/HC/O/7 | GTAA/16/HC/O/8 | GTAA/16/HC/O/9 | GTAA/16/HC/O/10 | GTAA/16/HC/O/11 | GTAA/16/HC/O/12 | GTAA/16/01 | GTAA/16/02 | GTAA/16/03 |
| 1. Employment opportunities | + | - | ++ | ++? | + | + | + | ++ | ++ | ++ | + | + | + | - | ++ |
| 2. Skilled workforce | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Education | - | - | +? | +? | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | ++ |
| 5. Health | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | ++ | ++ | - | - | - | - | + |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Reduce road traffic | + | - | ++ | ++? | + | + | + | ++ | ++ | ++ | + | + | + | - | ++ |
| 6. Recreation | - | - | ++ | ++? | - | - | - | ++ | ++ | ++ | - | - | - | - | ++ |
| 11. Housing | + | + | + | ++ | + | ++ | ++ | + | + | ++ | + | + | ++ | + | + |
| 19. Land use | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | + |
| 20. Cultural heritage | -? | -? | --? | -? | --? | --? | -? | --? | --? | --? | -? | --? | -? | -? | -? |
| 12. Reduce waste | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Natural resources | + | --? | + | --? | - | - | -- | + | + | + | --? | + | -- | -- | + |
| 16. Climate change | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Biodiversity | -? | -? | --? | -? | --? | --? | -? | -? | -? | --? | -? | --? | --? | -? | --? |
| 15. Landscape quality | -? | 0 | 0 | 0 | --? | --? | --? | - | 0 | --? | --? | 0 | -? | --? | 0 |
| 17. Flood risk | 0 | - | - | -- | -- | -- | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| 18. Minimise pollution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

6 Sustainability Appraisal Findings - Preferred Options Stage

- 6.1 This chapter presents the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) findings for the eight site options that were proposed by Herefordshire Council as Preferred Options for the DPD, as well as the two policy approaches that are referred to in the [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Document Preferred Options Consultation Document](#) (for Long Term Supply of Travellers' sites, and a Site Design policy).

Preferred Options site allocations

- 6.2 A total of eight Preferred Traveller site options have been identified by Herefordshire Council, following the appraisal of the 15 initial sites (as outlined in **Chapter 5**), against the set of assumptions presented in **Appendix 3**, as well as the Council's own assessment of the sites. The Council's reasons for selecting the eight Preferred Traveller site options and discounting the remaining seven options, is provided in **Table 2.3**. As shown in the list below, six of the Preferred sites are proposed for permanent residential pitches, and two of them are proposed for temporary stopping places (transit pitches):

- **Site 1** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/9): Land adjacent to Broadmeadow Yard, Ross-on-Wye: five transit pitches;
- **Site 2** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/4): Land at the A49 roundabout, Leominster: ten transit pitches;
- **Site 3** (previous code GTAA/16/O/1): Land adjacent to Whitfield Coppice, Trumpet: seven residential pitches;
- **Site 4** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/2): Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham: two additional residential pitches;
- **Site 5** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/7): Land to the south east of Sutton St Nicholas: five residential pitches;
- **Site 6** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/11): Extension to Pembridge Site: four additional residential pitches;
- **Site 7** (previous code GTAA/16/HC/O/12): Extension to Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard: two additional residential pitches; and
- **Site 8** (previous code GTAA/16/O/3): Romany Way, Grafton: one additional residential pitch.

- 6.3 The likely sustainability effects (both positive and negative) of the Preferred Traveller site options are summarised in **Table 6.1** and the detailed SA matrices for the options can be found in **Appendix 4**. Where relevant, effects are classified as short, medium or long-term. Consideration was also given to potential mitigation measures that could reduce or offset the negative effects identified.

SA findings of the Preferred Options site allocations

- 6.4 It is noted that Herefordshire Council is considering allocating some of the Preferred Traveller site options for temporary stopping places (Site 1: **Land adjacent to Morrison's/Broadmeadow Yard**, Ross-on-Wye and Site 2: Land adjacent to A49 Roundabout, Leominster). The performance of these sites and all the other site options against the SA objectives is not generally affected by whether they would be used for permanent residential pitches or temporary transit sites, as

ideally temporary sites should still be well-located in relation to services and facilities such as schools and GP surgeries, even if residents would only make short term use of them. However, some of the effects on sensitive receptors, e.g. landscape and visual impacts might be more temporary in nature.

- 6.5 In general, the Preferred sites that are located close to the main towns of Herefordshire (Site 1: Land adjacent to Broadmeadow Yard, Site 2: Land at the A49 roundabout and Site 8: Romany Way, Grafton) are likely to have the most positive effects on the SA objectives because they should offer good access to job opportunities, services and facilities and public transport links. Two of these Preferred sites are the proposed temporary stopping places, which means that some of the preferred sites for permanent residential pitches are less well located for accessing these services and facilities.
- 6.6 As with all of the Preferred sites, the three sites closest to the main towns of Herefordshire could still have negative effects on other SA objectives, particularly those relating to the environmental topics. Careful consideration therefore needs to be given to the ways that these effects could be mitigated, and reference has been included in the list of constraints and opportunities for this site and the other preferred sites within the Preferred Options version of the DPD.
- 6.7 Most of the Preferred sites would have positive effects on access to **employment** opportunities (SA objective 1). Three sites would have significant positive effects because they are located in **close proximity to one of Herefordshire's main towns, where most job opportunities are** located, while a further four sites would have minor positive effects because, although they are not at the main towns, they are served by public transport links that would provide access to job opportunities. Only one site (Site 4: Extension to Orchard Caravan Park) would have a minor negative effect as residents may have relatively poor access to employment opportunities, particularly without a car. The same range of effects is identified in relation to **reducing road traffic** (SA objective 4), because where sites are at the main towns there are likely to be good opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport, and where sites are known to be connected by public transport, levels of car use are likely to be lower.
- 6.8 The three Preferred sites that scored significantly positively for SA objectives 1 and 4 are also expected to have significant positive effects on **recreation** (SA objective 6) as their proximity to the main towns of Herefordshire should provide relatively easy access to the recreational and cultural facilities that are concentrated there. The other five sites are all expected to have minor negative effects on recreation because, as well as being located away from the main towns, none are within very close proximity of a National Trail or Country Park.
- 6.9 The effects of the Preferred sites on **education** (SA objective 8) and **health** (SA objective 5) are broadly similar, as the same sites tend to be well-connected to schools and healthcare facilities, i.e. those that are closer to the larger towns and villages. Only three of the eight sites scored positively for these SA objectives, as most of the site options being considered are in relatively rural locations, which are outside of walking distance to services and facilities such as schools, GPs and hospitals. The only significant positive effect identified in relation to health was for site Site 1: Land adjacent to Broadmeadow Yard, because it is within walking distance of Ross Community Hospital and Alton Street Surgery. In addition significant positive effects were identified for Site 8: Romany Way in relation to education due its close proximity to Hereford Academy, Marlbrook Primary School and Blackmarston School.
- 6.10 All of the eight Preferred Traveller sites would have at least minor positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 11) as all would go at least some way towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire. The larger three sites are expected to have significant positive effects as they would provide a higher number of pitches. The timescales for developing the sites would influence whether effects are experienced in the short or medium term.

- 6.11 All of the Preferred sites are within at least 1km of a designated heritage asset such as a listed building or Scheduled Monument, so all could have at least minor negative effects on **cultural heritage** (SA objective 20) if the assets or their settings were to be adversely impacted by development nearby; such effects would be permanent and long-term for the residential pitches, but more temporary for the temporary stopping places. For two of the eight Preferred sites (Site 1: Land adjacent to Broadmeadow Yard and Site 7: Extension to Openfields Caravan Site), the negative effects could be significant as those sites are within particularly close proximity (250m) of at least one heritage asset, including the Ross-on-Wye Conservation Area for Site 1 (which is a preferred for temporary stopping places) and Down Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building for Site 7, which is in Bromyard. In all cases, the potential negative effects are uncertain at this stage as they will depend on factors such as the design of development and the extent of intervisibility between the site and heritage features. It is also possible that effects could be mitigated, for example through appropriate and high quality design or the use of screening (and this has been referred to in the list of opportunities and constraints for each site within the Preferred Option version of the DPD).
- 6.12 Five of the Preferred sites could have a significant negative effect on **natural resources** (SA objective 14) as they are on greenfield land which is either Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural quality. Development on those sites could therefore result in the permanent loss of that land to agricultural uses. Where land is Grade 3, the potential significant negative effects are currently **uncertain as it is not known if the land is Grade 3a or 3b (Grade 3a land is considered 'high' agricultural quality)**. The remaining three sites would have minor positive effects because they are on brownfield land. The same three sites would have minor positive effects on **efficient land use** (SA objective 19) because development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land than the development of greenfield sites. The remaining five Preferred sites that are on greenfield land would have a minor negative effect on this objective. These effects would be permanent and long-term.
- 6.13 All of the Preferred sites could have at least minor negative effects on **biodiversity** (SA objective 13) as all are within at least 1km of a designated biodiversity site which could be affected by development nearby, for example as a result of disturbance from noise, increased recreation pressure or direct damage to habitats and species. Effects could be short term if they are associated with noise and disturbance from construction, or longer term, for example effects associated with increased recreation pressure. For three sites, the negative effects could be significant as they are within particularly close proximity (250m) of a biodiversity designation. However, in all cases effects are uncertain as they will depend on the detailed proposals for the Traveller sites and the particular sensitivities of the biodiversity sites and features close to them. Effects may also be able to be mitigated, for example through the use of good practice construction techniques to mitigate the potential short term impacts of disturbance during construction. The incorporation of green infrastructure within Traveller sites would also reduce the potential for habitat fragmentation. Some reference to the need for assessments of impacts on particular SSSIs or SACs, or the replacement of hedgerows and planting of native trees has been included in the opportunities and constraints list for each site within the Preferred Option version of the DPD. These should be worked up into specific requirements for the final allocated sites in the next version of the DPD.
- 6.14 The effects of the Preferred sites on the **landscape** (SA objective 15) have been assessed by Herefordshire Council as part of its internal site assessment process. Two sites were assessed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development and so could have significant negative effects, which would be long-term and permanent for Site 5 and for Site 6. A further site (Site 3) could have minor negative effects as it was assessed as being of moderate or moderate-low landscape sensitivity. However, effects on the landscape cannot be determined in detail until specific proposals come forward for the Traveller sites, and it may be possible to mitigate adverse impacts through the use of screening such as tree planting (which has been referred to in the list of opportunities and constraints for each site within the Preferred Option version of the DPD).
- 6.15 One of the site options (Site 2: Land adjacent to the A49 roundabout, Leominster) could have significant negative effects on **flood risk** (SA objective 17) as it is located on greenfield land which is within flood zones 2 and 3 and the site is therefore at a high risk of flooding. In addition, an increase in impermeable surfaces in those areas could have adverse impacts on increasing flood risk within the site and elsewhere as a result of reduced infiltration. The site is proposed as

a temporary stopping place, which could reduce the risk to residents as the site could be avoided at times of flooding. The list of opportunities and constraints for this site only refer to the site being in Flood Zones 1 or 2, whereas there are larger areas of flood zone 3 than 1. It may be possible to mitigate impacts on flood risk, for example through the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) or by avoiding positioning built development in the parts of sites that are affected by flood zones, and this should be considered within the policy requirements for this site if it is allocated in the next version of the DPD. A further five of the Preferred sites could have minor negative effects because they are either on greenfield land (and therefore likely to increase impermeable surfaces) but outside of flood zones 2, 3a or 3b, or they are on brownfield land but within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b. The Preferred Options version of the DPD does state that flood risk assessments will be undertaken for each site, which should help to define specific mitigation measures that will be required.

- 6.16 All of the Preferred sites would have negligible effects on the remaining SA objectives, as those issues would not be affected by the spatial location of Traveller sites, as explained in the assumptions in **Appendix 3**.

Proposed policy approaches

Long term supply

- 6.17 The accommodation assessment (GTAA 2015) identifies that a further 29 residential pitches will be required between 2018/19 and by 2031 to achieve a total of 48 residential pitches. A further four plots for Travelling Showpeople is required to achieve a total of nine plots. **The Travellers' Sites** plan is required to identify broad locations of search for the longer term. This means that individual sites do not require to be identified at this stage but a broad indication of where these sites should be will be given.
- 6.18 In order to be in line with the Core Strategy it is proposed that these broad locations should be in the areas that are identified as the focus for development within the Core Strategy and as outlined in policy SS2. This means that Travellers' sites should be provided in the following areas: Hereford, the market towns of Bromyard, Kington, Ledbury, Leominster and Ross-on-Wye, and the villages identified in Policy RA2 in accordance with policy H4 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.
- 6.19 Due to the current lack of information and uncertainty over site specific details the potential effects of **any longer term Travellers' sites** is unknown. However, the principle of locating any future sites in Hereford, the market towns and larger villages would have positive effects in terms of the social and economic SA objectives, as it would ensure that Travellers have good access to existing services and facilities, and employment opportunities within those settlements. The environmental effects are difficult to predict until specific site locations are identified, but there may be more opportunities to use brownfield sites, avoid sensitive landscapes, heritage or nature conservation designations etc. if the sites are located in the main towns and villages. However, this would need to be assessed in more detail once specific sites are identified at the planning application stage.

Site Design Policy

- 6.20 The Preferred Options document identifies a number of potential criteria that could be included in Site Design criteria-based policy within the final version of the DPD, building on Policy H4 in the Core Strategy. The proposed considerations for the Site Design Policy include:
- Good quality of design to respect the setting of the site.
 - Good quality of build of amenity blocks to provide a decent standard of accommodation.
 - No unacceptable adverse impact on privacy and residential amenity for both site residents and neighbouring land uses.
 - Safe and convenient access to the highway network.
 - Appropriate vehicular access and turning space.
 - Appropriate landscaping proposals that reflect the surrounding landscape character.

- Areas where children are able to play safely on site where appropriate.
 - Details of foul sewage disposal and surface water drainage, and explore opportunities for Sustainable Drainage Systems.
 - Details of any commercial activity that is proposed on the site to be provided and to ensure that this is appropriate to the location.
 - External lighting to be kept to a minimum to avoid light pollution.
 - 'Soft' boundary treatments to avoid a distinct separation from the settled community.
- 6.21 At this stage, the list of potential criteria, and indeed the principle of including a criteria-based policy within the plan, are not sufficiently worked up to appraise as a complete policy option. However, including a criteria-based policy in the plan, building on Policy H4 in the Core Strategy, is likely to have positive (but uncertain) effects on a wide range of the SA objectives, while helping to mitigate the potential impacts of developing the proposed Traveller sites described above.
- 6.22 The proposed list of criteria to be included in such a policy, as set out above, would be likely to have positive effects on SA objectives 1: **employment opportunities**, 5: **health**, 6: **recreation**, 15: **landscape**, 17: **flooding**, 11: **housing** and 18: **pollution**, and should help to mitigate potential negative effects of developing new Travellers' sites and pitches. As a more detailed policy is worked up in the next stage of the plan preparation, it will be subject to a more detailed appraisal within the next iteration of the SA.
- 6.23 As noted in Chapter 4, **it is recommended that the omitted potential criterion included in the Issues and Options proposed design policy criteria should be reinstated to require the details of the keeping of animals to be submitted with applications.**

Table 6.1 Summary of SA Scores for the Preferred Traveller Site Options

| SA Objective | Site 1 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/9) | Site 2 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/4) | Site 3 (GTAA/16/ 01) | Site 4 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/2) | Site 5 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/7) | Site 6 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/11) | Site 7 (GTAA/16/ HC/O/12) | Site 8 (GTAA/16/ 03) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Employment opportunities | ++ | ++? | + | - | + | + | + | ++ |
| 2. Skilled workforce | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Education | + | +? | - | - | - | - | - | ++ |
| 5. Health | ++ | + | - | - | - | - | - | + |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Reduce road traffic | ++ | ++? | + | - | + | + | + | ++ |
| 6. Recreation | ++ | ++? | - | - | - | - | - | ++ |
| 11. Housing | + | ++ | ++ | + | ++ | + | + | + |
| 19. Land use | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| 20. Cultural heritage | --? | -? | -? | -? | -? | -? | --? | -? |
| 12. Reduce waste | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Natural resources | + | --? | -- | --? | -- | --? | + | + |
| 16. Climate change | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Biodiversity | -? | -? | --? | -? | -? | -? | --? | --? |
| 15. Landscape quality | 0 | 0 | -? | 0 | --? | --? | 0 | 0 |
| 17. Flood risk | - | -- | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 |
| 18. Minimise pollution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

7 Sustainability Appraisal Findings – Pre-Submission Publication stage

7.1 This chapter presents the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) findings for the five site allocations and seven policies that are proposed by Herefordshire Council in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites** DPD Pre-Submission Publication.

Pre-Submission Publication site allocations

7.2 A total of five Pre-Submission Publication site allocations have been identified by Herefordshire Council, following the appraisal of the eight Preferred Options (as outlined in **Chapter 6**), against the set of assumptions presented in **Appendix 3**, as well as the Council's own assessment of the sites. The Council's reasons for selecting the five Pre-Submission Publication site allocations and discounting the remaining three options are provided in **Table 2.3**. As shown in the list below, four of the sites are proposed for permanent residential pitches, and one is proposed as a temporary stopping place (transit pitch).

- **Site 1** (previously Site 2 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/4): Site adjacent to the roundabout on the A49, Leominster, Herefordshire: Temporary stopping place of five pitches.
- **Site 2** (previously Site 8 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/03): Romany Close, Grafton, Herefordshire: One additional residential pitch. The site area has been reduced since Preferred Options stage and it is now proposed to only redevelop the former **warden's** office as a pitch and retain the play area on the site.
- **Site 3** (previously Site 4 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/2): Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham: Two additional residential pitches.
- **Site 4** (previously Site 7 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/12): Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard: Two additional residential pitches.
- **Site 5** (previously Site 6 in the Preferred Options and code GTAA/16/HC/O/11): Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire: Four additional residential pitches. The site has been relocated following consultation comments received at Preferred Options stage and because of flooding issues highlighted in the SA of the Preferred Options. It is now proposed to extend the existing caravan site east rather than south as was proposed in the Preferred Options.

7.3 The likely sustainability effects (both positive and negative) of the Pre-Submission Publication site allocations are summarised in **Table 7.1** and the detailed SA matrices for the site allocations can be found in **Appendix 5**. Where relevant, effects are classified as short, medium or long-term. Consideration was also given to potential mitigation measures that could reduce or offset the negative effects identified.

SA findings of the Pre-Submission Publication site allocations

7.4 It is noted that Herefordshire Council is considering allocating a site as a temporary stopping place (Site 1: Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49, Leominster). The performance of this site and all the other site options against the SA objectives are not generally affected by whether they would be used for permanent residential pitches or temporary transit sites, as ideally temporary sites should still be well-located in relation to services and facilities such as schools and GP surgeries, even if residents would only make short term use of them. However, some of the effects on sensitive receptors, e.g. landscape and visual impacts might be more temporary in nature.

- 7.5 In general, the Pre-Submission Publication sites that are located close to the main towns of Herefordshire (Site 1: Site adjacent to the A49 roundabout, Leominster; and Site 2: Romany Close, Grafton) are likely to have the most positive effects on the SA objectives because they should offer good access to job opportunities, services and facilities and public transport links.
- 7.6 As with all of the Pre-Submission Publication sites, the two sites closest to the main towns of Herefordshire could still have negative effects on other SA objectives, particularly those relating to the environmental topics.
- 7.7 Most of the Pre-Submission Publication site allocations would have positive effects on access to **employment** opportunities (SA objective 1). Two sites would have significant positive effects **because they are located in close proximity to one of Herefordshire's main towns, where most job opportunities are located**, while a further two sites would have minor positive effects because, although they are not at the main towns, they are served by public transport links that would provide access to job opportunities. Only one site (Site 3: Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham) would have a minor negative effect as residents may have relatively poor access to employment opportunities, particularly without a car. The same range of effects are identified in relation to **reducing road traffic** (SA objective 4), because where sites are at the main towns there are likely to be good opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport, and where sites are known to be connected by public transport, levels of car use are likely to be lower.
- 7.8 The two sites that scored significantly positively for SA objectives 1 and 4 are also expected to have significant positive effects on **recreation** (SA objective 6) as their proximity to the main towns of Herefordshire should provide relatively easy access to the recreational and cultural facilities that are concentrated there. The other three sites are all expected to have minor negative effects on recreation because, as well as being located away from the main towns, none are within very close proximity of a National Trail or Country Park.
- 7.9 The effects of the Pre-Submission Publication sites on **education** (SA objective 8) and **health** (SA objective 5) are broadly similar, as the same sites tend to be well-connected to schools and healthcare facilities, i.e. those that are closer to the larger towns and villages. Only two of the five sites scored positively for these SA objectives, as most of the other sites are in relatively rural locations, which are outside of walking distance to services and facilities such as schools, GPs and hospitals. A significant positive effect was identified for Site 2: Romany Close, Grafton in relation to education due its close proximity to Hereford Academy, Marlbrook Primary School and Blackmarston School.
- 7.10 All of the five Pre-Submission Publication sites would have at least minor positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 11) as all would go at least some way towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire. The larger two sites (Site 1: Site adjacent to the roundabout on the A49, Leominster; and, Site 5: Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site) are expected to have significant positive effects as they would provide a higher number of pitches. The timescales for developing the sites would influence whether effects are experienced in the short or medium term.
- 7.11 All of the Pre-Submission Publication sites are within at least 1km of a designated heritage asset such as a listed building or Scheduled Monument, so all could have at least minor negative effects on **cultural heritage** (SA objective 20) if the assets or their settings were to be adversely impacted by development nearby; such effects would be permanent and long-term for the residential pitches, but more temporary for the temporary stopping places. For Site 4: Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, the negative effects could be significant as the site is within particularly close proximity (250m) of at least one heritage asset including the Down Lodge Grade II Listed Building.
- 7.12 Three of the Pre-Submission Publication sites could have a significant negative effect on **natural resources** (SA objective 14) as they are on greenfield land which is either Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural quality. Development on those sites could therefore result in the permanent loss of that land to agricultural uses. Where land is Grade 3, the potential significant negative effects are currently uncertain as it is not known if the land is Grade 3a or 3b (Grade 3a land is considered **'high' agricultural quality**). **The remaining two sites would have minor positive effects because they are on brownfield land. The same two sites would have minor positive effects on efficient land use** (SA objective 19) because development on brownfield land represents more efficient

use of land than the development of greenfield sites. The remaining three Pre-Submission Publication sites that are on greenfield land would have a minor negative effect on this objective. These effects would be permanent and long-term.

- 7.13 All of the Pre-Submission Publication sites could have at least minor negative effects on **biodiversity** (SA objective 13) as all are within at least 1km of a designated biodiversity site which could be affected by development nearby, for example as a result of disturbance from noise, increased recreation pressure or direct damage to habitats and species. Effects could be short term if they are associated with noise and disturbance from construction, or longer term, for example effects associated with increased recreation pressure. For two sites, the negative effects could be significant as they are within particularly close proximity (250m) of a biodiversity designation. However, in all cases effects are uncertain as they will depend on the detailed proposals for the Traveller sites and the particular sensitivities of the biodiversity sites and features close to them.
- 7.14 The effects of the Pre-Submission Publication sites on the **landscape** (SA objective 15) have been assessed by Herefordshire Council as part of its internal site assessment process. One site was assessed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development and so could have a significant negative effect, which would be long-term and permanent for Site 6.
- 7.15 One of the site options (Site 1: Site adjacent to the A49 roundabout, Leominster) could have a significant negative effect on **flood risk** (SA objective 17) as it is located on greenfield land which is within flood zones 2 and 3. In addition, an increase in impermeable surfaces in this area could have adverse impacts on increasing flood risk within the site and elsewhere as a result of reduced infiltration. The site is proposed as a Temporary Stopping Place, which could reduce the risk to residents as the site could be avoided at times of flooding. A further two of the Pre-Submission Publication sites could have minor negative effects because they are either on greenfield land (and therefore likely to increase impermeable surfaces) but outside of flood zones 2, 3a or 3b, or they are on brownfield land but within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b.
- 7.16 All of the Pre-Submission Publication sites would have negligible effects on the remaining SA objectives, as those issues would not be affected by the spatial location of Traveller sites, as explained in the assumptions in **Appendix 3**.

SA findings of the Pre-Submission Publication policies

- 7.17 The policies set out in the DPD are, with two exceptions, site-specific – providing detailed parameters for development of the proposed allocation sites. The remaining two (TS1 and TS2) provide general principles for the development of residential Traveller pitches and sites, and Travelling Showpeople plots respectively. As such, the other policies and the SA findings should be read in the context of the site assessments and the need for a policy response to particular issues.
- 7.18 The policies in the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication** are as follows:
- Policy TS 1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites.**
- 7.19 The policy is assessed as having a negligible effect on education and employment objectives, as it contains no specific requirements in this regard. The requirement for provision of play facilities in the policy, along with the requirement to have regard to appropriate health and safety considerations, and provisions in relation to the keeping of animals, gives rise to a predicted minor positive effect in relation to **health**. Negligible effects are predicted in relation to crime and poverty alleviation objectives, as no specific policy response is provided.
- 7.20 Minor positive effects in relation to **traffic and transport** are recorded due to the provision requiring proposals to have good accessibility to the road network. The policy requirement for development of community facilities on site generates a minor positive effect in relation to **accessibility of educational, cultural and recreation** activities.
- 7.21 A significant positive effect, at the scale of the local Traveller population, is recorded in relation to the policy support for appropriate provision of new Traveller pitches and sites, thereby enhancing provision of appropriate **housing** or equivalent pitches for caravans. However, the policy does

not require new developments of this type to be located either on previously developed land, or concentrated in/adjacent to urban areas to improve accessibility of services. A minor negative effect is therefore assessed in relation to **ensuring integrated, efficient and balanced use of land**. It is recommended that a criterion to this effect is added to the policy in the next iteration of the DPD.

- 7.22 It is noted that the policy has not been revised to reflect Historic England's recommendation that the design of sites should avoid / mitigate any potential impacts on the **historic environment** (designated or non-designated heritage assets). The policy wording should be updated to prioritise avoidance of impacts, ensuring that the character and significance of affected assets is appropriately understood and conserved by development proposals. A mixed effect is likely with current policy wording (significant negative/minor positive). It is therefore recommended that clause 1 of the policy is amended to include appropriate references to the historic environment.
- 7.23 A minor negative effect is anticipated in relation to **climate change** in that the policy is essentially required to facilitate use of private vehicles, creating greenhouse gas emissions. A neutral effect is anticipated with regard to **biodiversity** as, although the policy requires **'unacceptable adverse impacts' to be mitigated this confers no overall benefit to the objective**. (A positive effect could be delivered through minor amendments to the policy to prioritise the avoidance of adverse effects by design, and to require mitigation of all adverse effects and, where appropriate, to conserve and enhance on-site features of conservation value.)
- 7.24 A minor negative effect is anticipated in relation to **waste** as the policy does not require proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site (in line with Policy H4 of the Core Strategy). It is recommended that a criterion to this effect is added to the policy in the next iteration of the DPD.
- 7.25 A minor positive effect is anticipated in relation to **landscape**, as the policy supports good quality design, respecting local landscape character. Minor positive effects in relation to **flood risk** and **pollution prevention** as the policy requires the use of SuDS to manage surface water and requires appropriate connections to the sewerage system, along with preventing light pollution through the use of appropriate lighting solutions.

Policy TS 2: Travelling Showpeople Plots.

- 7.26 The policy is also assessed as having a negligible effect on education and employment objectives, as it contains no specific requirements in this regard. Minor positive effects are predicted in relation to **health** and **education**, as year-round accommodation will enable more elderly members of the community – along with parents and young children – to access consistent healthcare, and for school-age children to access schooling.
- 7.27 Minor positive effects are predicted in relation to crime prevention as the live-work element of the sites will help to ensure the security of both equipment stored on site and, due to predicted year-round occupancy, reduce any fear of **crime** or antisocial behaviour occurring.
- 7.28 The policy is likely to have a minor negative effect on road **traffic**, as sites are explicitly required to have good access to the strategic road network; some degree of disruption could occur as a consequence of large/outsize load HGVs to more equipment. Mixed effects are predicted in relation to ensuring a **balanced use of land**, in that the policy effectively encourages edge-of-town sites to facilitate access to the road network, potentially contributing to low density development – a less sustainable use of land. The policy could be amended to encourage new developments to be located on previously developed land, where appropriate.
- 7.29 Potentially significant negative effects may occur on the **historic environment**, as the policy makes no reference to the need to conserve the fabric and setting of heritage assets (in line with NPPF). It is therefore recommended that clause 7 of the policy is amended to include appropriate references to the historic environment. A significant negative effect is also predicted in relation to biodiversity, as no reference is currently made to conserving any natural heritage sites. Further amendments to the policy are therefore required.
- 7.30 A minor positive effect is predicted in relation to the provision of **housing** which, while negligible at a whole-population level, is likely to be important for Herefordshire's Travelling Showpeople.

- 7.31 A minor negative effect is anticipated in relation to **waste** as the policy does not require proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site when the site is occupied (in line with paragraph 4.24 of the DPD). It is recommended that a criterion to this effect is added to the policy in the next iteration of the DPD.
- 7.32 Minor positive effects are anticipated on **landscape** – through appropriate provision to conserve and enhance boundary features – and for **flood risk**, as the policy explicitly asks applicants to incorporate measures to reduce risk.
- 7.33 Significant negative effects are predicted in relation to **pollution**. At present, the policy does not currently contain explicit measures to control pollution. This is a potential risk in relation to the storage and maintenance of HGVs, plant and large-scale fairground/show equipment. Substantial quantities of diesel and other hydrocarbon-based fuels and lubricants (e.g. for generators, plant and equipment) are likely to be contained both within vehicles/machinery and may also be stored on site. Leakage may result in pollution incidents, potentially entering groundwater or watercourses in addition to contaminating soils. Use of HGVs and testing/repair of equipment will generate carbon emissions and may have a local effect on air quality where such activity is extensive. It is therefore recommended that clause 6 is expanded to include pollution prevention and control measures where vehicles, plant and machinery will be stored and/or maintained on site.

Policy TS 3: Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49, Leominster.

- 7.34 As site-specific policy, TS 3 will have a negligible effect against the majority of SA objectives. It will, however, have a minor positive effect with regard to **housing** – providing necessary temporary pitches.
- 7.35 As the policy makes no specific reference to the need to conserve the **historic environment**, there is the potential for minor negative effects. The associated site assessment indicates that there is some potential for adverse effects to heritage assets, therefore the policy could usefully be strengthened to avoid adverse effects to the character and significance of heritage assets.
- 7.36 Minor negative effects are also identified with regard to **waste** management. While the site will not be permanently occupied, ensuring that waste arisings are appropriately dealt with should be added to the policy (as specified in paragraph 4.24 of the DPD).
- 7.37 A minor negative effect is identified in relation to **flood risk** as the Environment Agency confirmed that, although the site is not within flood zones 2 and 3, a sequential approach to the layout of the site may be required based on any further information regarding flood risk. Therefore, it is recommended that a sequential approach to the layout of the site is included as a criterion in the policy.
- 7.38 Potential minor negative effects were also identified in relation to **pollution**, with the use of temporary sanitation facilities on site posing a potential risk to the River Lugg. It is recommended that a clause is added to the policy to apply appropriate pollution prevention measures.

Policy TS 4: Romany Close, Grafton, Herefordshire.

- 7.39 The policy is assessed as having negligible effects in relation to objectives under the following topics: education and employment; healthy and prosperous communities; resource consumption and climate change; and, transport and access.
- 7.40 A minor positive effect is recorded in relation to the provision of appropriate accommodation (under the **housing** objective). While just a single pitch, this is a potentially valuable addition to local capacity for the Traveller community. A minor positive effect is also identified for **flood risk**, with the policy requiring the provision of a surface water drainage strategy for the site – potentially helping to reduce the risk of flooding for the pitch and the wider Traveller site.

Policy TS 5: Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham.

- 7.41 This site-specific policy also has negligible effects on: education and employment; resource consumption and climate change; and, healthy and prosperous communities objectives.

- 7.42 The policy will have an uncertain effect on local **traffic** as there is insufficient information on current traffic levels to determine whether access either through the existing junction or new provision would result in positive or negative effects on flows and safety.
- 7.43 As the policy supports the delivery of an additional two residential pitches, a minor positive score is recorded in relation to **housing**.
- 7.44 The use of brownfield land for the additional pitches generates a minor positive effect on **use of natural resources**, encouraging regeneration of the resource and potentially facilitating decontamination. However, a minor negative effect is likely on **landscape** character and quality as the policy makes no reference to landscape conservation or enhancement. An addition to the policy to prioritise the retention of existing boundary trees and hedgerows could mitigate this effect both at a site and policy level.

Policy TS 6: Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard.

- 7.45 In common with other site-specific policies, TS 6 also will have negligible effects on: education and employment; healthy and prosperous communities; resource consumption and climate change and, transport and access objectives.
- 7.46 Similarly, it will have a positive effect on **housing** through the provision of an additional two residential pitches.
- 7.47 The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on **landscape** as it requires enhancement of **the site's boundary treatment, potentially improving the character and appearance of the site**. Uncertain effects are recorded for **flood risk**. The policy requires the submission of a flood risk statement with any application; although the site is at comparatively low risk the uncertainty means that nature and significance of effects cannot be determined.

Policy TS 7: Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire.

- 7.48 Negligible effects were recorded in relation to: education and employment; and, healthy and prosperous communities objectives.
- 7.49 A minor positive effect in relation to **equality of access to facilities** will occur as a consequence of the policy requirement for the provision of a suitable and safe on-site play area for children.
- 7.50 An uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to **transport** as the policy requires access to the additional pitches via the existing route onto the highway. This could result in a minor adverse effect if this were to result in a substantial increase in traffic activity at what is a junction with limited visibility.
- 7.51 As the policy supports the creation of four new residential pitches, a minor positive effect will be generated on the **housing** objective. However, the potential for minor negative effects on the **historic environment** are likely due to the lack of policy requirements to understand, conserve and enhance heritage assets potentially affected by the development. (The supporting text identifies the potential for adverse effects to two designated assets.) The policy should be amended to require the provision of an appropriate heritage impact assessment/heritage statement with any application. A minor positive effect is, however, recorded for **landscape** as the policy makes reference to delivering appropriate enhancement to reflect local character.

Cumulative effects

- 7.52 The limited number of sites (including a number of existing sites), their small scale and dispersed nature means that significant cumulative effects are very unlikely.
- 7.53 **The Travellers' Sites DPD should result in positive cumulative effects in terms of the SA Housing objective.**
- 7.54 The appraisal of individual sites has identified the potential for a range of adverse effects on the historic assets specific to particular sites. **In line with Historic England's recommendations at Preferred Options consultation stage**, these could be avoided or minimised as a result of modifications to policy wording.

- 7.55 The appraisal identified the development of sites in three greenfield locations as impacting on natural resources, though the scale of change is likely to be minor overall.
- 7.56 Policy wording should ensure that significant adverse cumulative effects on biodiversity are avoided, however, there is potential to ensure that development of these sites results in a positive cumulative effect on biodiversity.

Mitigation and recommendations

Policy TS 1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites

- 7.57 It should be noted that this policy was revised based on a recommendation in the SA of the Preferred Options to require applicants to submit details of any animals that are to be kept on site with the planning application.
- 7.58 It is recommended that the policy (clause 1) is amended to read "***An overall good quality of design which respects the setting of the site, local landscape character, and the character and significance of designated and undesignated heritage assets***" to take into account Historic England's recommendation. This would have the effect of changing the current mixed effect of the policy to a neutral effect.
- 7.59 It is recommended that the policy is amended to include a new criterion relating to the provision of appropriate waste management and recycling facilities. Minor amendments to the policy are also recommended to encourage the development of previously developed land in preference to greenfield land or land primarily near urban areas which would reduce the need to travel to access services.
- 7.60 It is recommended that minor amendments are made to the policy to prioritise the avoidance of adverse effects on biodiversity through good design, to require mitigation of all adverse effects and, where appropriate, to conserve and enhance on-site features of conservation value. This would have the effect of changing the current neutral effect of the policy to a minor positive effect.

Policy TS 2: Travelling Showpeople Plots

- 7.61 It is therefore recommended that clause 7 of the policy is amended to read "***An overall good quality of design which respects the setting of the site, local landscape character, and the character and significance of designated and undesignated heritage assets***" to take into account Historic England's recommendation. This would help avoid potentially significant negative effects.
- 7.62 It is recommended that the policy is amended to include a new criterion requiring proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site when the site is occupied (in line with paragraph 4.24 of the DPD).
- 7.63 It is recommended that the policy is amended to include reference to avoiding or mitigating adverse effects on biodiversity and where appropriate, conserving and enhancing on-site features of conservation value. This would help avoid potentially significant negative effects and result in neutral or minor positive effects.
- 7.64 It is recommended that clause 6 is expanded to include pollution prevention and control measures where vehicles, plant and machinery will be stored and/or maintained on site. This will help avoid significant negative effects in relation to pollution.

Policy TS 3: Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49, Leominster.

- 7.65 It is recommended that policy should be strengthened to avoid adverse effects to the character and significance of heritage assets.
- 7.66 It is recommended that the policy is amended to include a new criterion requiring proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site when the site is occupied (in line with paragraph 4.24 of the DPD).

- 7.67 It is recommended that a sequential approach to the layout of the site is included as a criterion in the policy.
- 7.68 It is recommended that a clause is added to the policy requiring appropriate pollution prevention measures relating to temporary sanitation facilities.

Policy TS 4: Romany Close, Grafton, Herefordshire.

- 7.69 No recommendations were identified in relation to this policy.

Policy TS 5: Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham.

- 7.70 It is recommended that a clause is added to the policy requiring the retention of existing boundary trees and hedgerows.

Policy TS 6: Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard.

- 7.71 No recommendations were identified in relation to this policy.

Policy TS 7: Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire.

- 7.72 It is recommended that the policy should be amended to require the provision of an appropriate heritage impact assessment/heritage statement with any application.

Table 7.1 Summary of SA Scores for the Pre-Submission Publication DPD site allocations

| SA Objective | Site 1 (PO Site 2) | Site 2 (PO Site 8) | Site 3 (PO Site 4) | Site 4 (PO Site 7) | Site 5 (PO Site 6) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Employment opportunities | ++? | ++ | - | + | + |
| 2. Skilled workforce | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Education | + | ++ | - | - | - |
| 5. Health | + | + | - | - | - |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Reduce road traffic | ++? | ++? | - | + | + |
| 6. Recreation | ++? | ++ | - | - | - |
| 11. Housing | ++ | + | + | + | ++ |
| 19. Land use | - | + | - | + | - |
| 20. Cultural heritage | -? | -? | -? | --? | -? |
| 12. Reduce waste | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Natural resources | --? | + | --? | + | --? |
| 16. Climate change | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Biodiversity | -? | --? | -? | --? | -? |
| 15. Landscape quality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --? |
| 17. Flood risk | -- | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| 18. Minimise pollution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 7.2: Summary of SA scores for the Pre-Submission Publication DPD policies

| SA Objective | TS1 | TS2 | TS3 | TS4 | TS5 | TS6 | TS7 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Employment opportunities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Skilled workforce | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Education | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Health | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Reduce road traffic | + | - | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | -? |
| 6. Recreation | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + |
| 11. Housing | ++ | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 19. Land use | - | +/- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Cultural heritage | +/-? | --? | -? | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 12. Reduce waste | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Natural resources | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Climate change | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Biodiversity | 0 | +/-- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Landscape quality | + | + | 0 | 0 | - | + | + |
| 17. Flood risk | + | + | - | + | 0 | ? | 0 |
| 18. Minimise pollution | + | -- | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

8 Monitoring

- 8.1 The SEA Regulations require that *"the responsible authority shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action"* and that the environmental report should provide information on *"a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring"*. Monitoring proposals should be designed to provide information that can be used to highlight specific issues and significant effects, and which could help decision-making.
- 8.2 The Planning Advisory Service guidance on SA states that it is not necessary to monitor everything. Instead, monitoring should be focused on the significant sustainability effects that may give rise to irreversible damage (with a view to identifying trends before such damage is caused) and the significant effects where there is uncertainty in the SA and where monitoring would enable preventative or mitigation measures to be taken. Therefore, monitoring measures have been proposed in this SA Report in relation to all of the SA objectives in the SA framework for which likely (or uncertain) significant negative effects have been identified from the DPD. This is the case for SA objectives:
- 13: Biodiversity
 - 14: Natural resources
 - 15: Landscape quality
 - 17: Flood risk
 - 18: Minimise pollution
 - 20: Cultural heritage
- 8.3 **Table 8.1** sets out a number of suggested indicators for monitoring the potential significant effects of implementing the DPD.
- 8.4 The data used for monitoring in many cases will be provided by outside bodies. Information collected by other organisations (e.g. the Environment Agency) can also be used as a source of indicators. It is therefore recommended that the Council continues the dialogue with statutory environmental consultees and other stakeholders that has already been commenced, and works with them to agree the relevant sustainability effects to be monitored and to obtain information that is appropriate, up to date and reliable.

Table 8.1 Proposed Monitoring Framework for the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

| SA objectives for which likely (or uncertain) significant negative effects have been identified for the DPD | Proposed monitoring indicators |
|---|--|
| Biodiversity | Periodic monitoring of designated sites (e.g. SSSI, SINC)s should identify changes in condition/integrity; causation can then be investigated and, if attributable to development, appropriate remediation and mitigation measures designed. |
| Natural resources | Loss of agricultural land should be monitored at the district level, with existing areas of calculated for each of the higher quality classes. Where schemes come forward that are likely to result in the loss of this resource, the |

| SA objectives for which likely (or uncertain) significant negative effects have been identified for the DPD | Proposed monitoring indicators |
|---|--|
| | proposed loss can be understood in terms of its cumulative effect on the district's resources. |
| Landscape quality | Percentage of land in areas that are of high to medium sensitivity. |
| Flood risk | Development in areas at risk of flooding should be monitored at the district level – recording applications and consents within Zone 2 and 3, whether site-specific FRA was required, the outcome and its influence on the determination. |
| Minimise pollution | <p><i>Pollution monitoring, event identification, mitigation and, where necessary, legal recourse lie outside of planning control.</i></p> <p>Environment Agency monitoring of groundwater and rivers may assist in the identification of point-source and diffuse pollution. Where this can be proved to be related to development, this should be recorded at the district level and – if necessary – planning enforcement action sought to remedy issues (if within planning control).</p> |
| Cultural heritage | <p>Condition monitoring is not routinely undertaken for either designated or non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>Avoidance of impacts, in line with recommended policy changes, should be prioritised – thereby removing the potential for significant effects.</p> |

9 Conclusions

- 9.1 The five sites and seven policies set out in the Pre-Submission Publication version of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD have been subject to appraisal against the SA objectives which were developed at the scoping stage.
- 9.2 In general, the sites that are located close to the main towns of Herefordshire are likely to have the most positive effects on the SA objectives because they should offer good access to job opportunities, services and facilities and public transport links. All of the sites could still have negative effects on other SA objectives, particularly those relating to the environmental topics, though most effects are likely to be avoided as a result of site and policy criteria. The principal exception relates to the historic environment where the potential for a number of adverse impacts remains. It is recommended that these are addressed in relation to specific sites and through modification of Policy TS1 and Policy TS2. A number of other recommendations are designed to avoid other potential impacts or to enhance positive effects. Recommended changes will help ensure no significant cumulative impacts occur.

Next Steps

- 9.3 This SA Report will be available for consultation alongside the **Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD** Pre-Submission Publication from 06th November 2017 to 18th December 2017.
- 9.4 **Following consultation of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication**, the responses received and the findings of the SA will be taken into account by Herefordshire Council as it prepares the next iteration of the DPD.

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Appendix 1

Consultation Comments received on SA Scoping Report and during Issues and Options consultation and Preferred Options consultation

Table 1: Scoping consultation comments

Note that page/paragraph references in this table refer to those in the Scoping Report. Updated versions of the policy review, baseline information and key sustainability issues, taking into account the consultees' responses as appropriate, can be found in Chapter 3 of this report.

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Shropshire Council | <p>Are there other Documents specifically relevant to the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD that we should take into account?</p> <p>As you are aware Shropshire Council is currently completing its GTAA which will provide an update for Shropshire on the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2008 GTAA) for Shropshire, Herefordshire, Telford and Wrekin and Powys. This should be referenced when it is published.</p> | Noted. The updated information from the GTAA will be taken into account during later stages of the SA once it is available. |
| Shropshire Council | <p>Can you suggest (or provide) any other information/have we identified the main sustainability issues?</p> <p>The high degree of mobility of this population is a significant characteristic which may merit highlighting in relation to provision. Similarly migration patterns and household formation are heavily influenced by family links and traditions e.g. a tendency for women to move away on marriage and men to stay in close proximity to their families.</p> <p>Feedback on our draft GTAA also highlighted greater social barriers to the provision of accommodation including local opposition, land ownership and lack of political support. Survey responses indicated significant use of health services (in the last year 98% of those surveyed had accessed a GP, 50% a dentist, 33% A & E). Therefore access to these services may also be a significant issue within Herefordshire.</p> | Noted. This information has been added to the revised baseline information in Chapter 3 of this report. |
| English Heritage | <p>Cultural Heritage</p> <p>We note in the key sustainability issues table on pages 12 and 13 there is no mention of the historic environment as a key sustainability issue. We would request that a sustainability issue addressing the historic environment is included to ensure that it is appropriately assessed.</p> | Noted. An additional key sustainability issue relating to the historic environment has been added to the revised set in Chapter 3 of this report. |
| English Heritage | <p>We support the inclusion of SA objective 20 that relates to the historic environment and would encourage the inclusion of a broad range of heritage assets rather than only the ones currently listed, a recognition of the value of the</p> | Noted. The assessment of the Plan against SA objective 20 considers all aspects of the historic environment. While Conservation Areas, Listed |

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
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| | natural landscape within the historic environment as well as the built environment and the importance of conserving and enhancing the significance of heritage assets. | Buildings and archaeological remains are referred to specifically, the SA objective also refers to 'other features and areas of historical heritage and cultural value'. |
| English Heritage | We would welcome including monitoring indicators within the assessment that fully reflect the historic environment. | Noted. Proposals for monitoring the likely significant effects of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD will be considered at a later stage of the SA process, as described in the Scoping Report. |
| English Heritage | <p>Plans and Programmes</p> <p>We would support the inclusion of Plans and Programmes that reflect the historic environment for example any evidence base documents used to inform the plan making process such as Historic Landscape Characterisation, Historic Environment SPDs, information from the Historic Environment Record (HER) etc. We would encourage that you liaise with local conservation and archaeology staff in your area who would be best placed to advise on the specific plans and programmes that would merit inclusion.</p> | Noted. The policy review set out in the Scoping Report (and Chapter 3 of this report) describes plans, policies and programmes of specific reference to the Traveller community only – the full review, which considers a range of plans, policies and programmes associated with the historic environment, can be found in the SA Report for the Local Plan-Core Strategy, as described in the Scoping Report. |
| English Heritage | <p>English Heritage Guidance</p> <p>English Heritage has produced guidance on Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment of which I enclose the link below for your information:</p> <p>http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-enviro-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/SA_SEA_final.pdf</p> | Noted. This guidance will be referred to as relevant throughout the SA process (e.g. once potential sites for the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD have been identified). |
| Natural England | Natural England is generally satisfied that the proposed scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD is appropriate. | Noted, no action required. |
| Natural England | <p>Are there other Documents specifically relevant to the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD that we should take into account?</p> <p>Natural England has no recommendations specifically relevant to the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD. However, we would suggest that due to the</p> | Noted. Reference to the Habitats and Species Regulations has been added to the updated version of the policy review in Chapter 3 of this report. |

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| | water quality issues for the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC), reference could be made to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. We note the proposal to undertake a separate Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD. | |
| Natural England | <p>Have we identified the main sustainability issues?</p> <p>We welcome the inclusion of water quality and biodiversity and stewardship in table 4.1: Key sustainability issues. We welcome the inclusion of biodiversity and the landscape in table 5.1 SA Framework.</p> | Noted, no action required. |
| Natural England | <p>Do you think the appraisal methodology (e.g. screening out 'unreasonable' sites) and assessment method is clear and workable?</p> <p>Yes.</p> | Noted, no action required. |

Table 2: Issues and Options Consultation Responses

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
|------------------|---|--|
| English Heritage | <p>We support the inclusion of SEA Objective 20 on the historic environment/cultural heritage on page 11. We would encourage a few amendments to the appraisal questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend 'preserve' to 'conserve'. • Amend 'other features' to refer to 'heritage assets', both designated and undesignated, in line with the NPPF. • Include reference to the 'significance' of heritage assets which includes their setting. | Noted, SA objective 20 has been updated to reflect these suggestions. |
| English Heritage | We would encourage reference to the historic environment within SEA objective 15 and recognition of the importance of the historic environment within the landscape. | Noted, SA objective 15 references 'historic landscapes', within the appraisal criteria. |
| English Heritage | Within Section three on page 16 we would expect the SEA to take full consideration of all relevant plans, policies and programmes for the historic environment, including the Historic Environment Record, Heritage legislation, evidence base documents such as conservation area appraisals and management plans, historic landscape and townscape/urban characterisation etc. as well as complying with national and local planning policy and guidance that relates to the historic environment. We note on page 34 that plans, policies and programmes relevant to the traveller community only are being included, however, we still consider that taking full account of the historic environment within this assessment, is important and this information could be valuable. | Noted, however the Travellers' Sites DPD forms part of the wider Local Plan, and the SA Report prepared for the Herefordshire Local Plan reviewed the wider range of plans and programmes including those relating to the historic environment. |
| English Heritage | We support the reference to cultural heritage within the key sustainability issues on page 21, arising from our previous comments. It is important that any effects to the historic environment are assessed and an impact of the harm is undertaken, as referred to in our comments above. | Noted. |
| English Heritage | The assessments undertaken in tables 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 are insufficient and often cite '?' effects for the historic environment. It is unclear how table 4.1, option 1 and 3 could be positive for the historic environment with the limited information available. A simplistic assessment of the size of a site on the bearing of a heritage asset is not a sufficient approach as it will depend on the heritage | The uncertainty previously cited was due to the broad policy options which were being assessed. Specific site options have now been appraised so it has been possible to assess the effects on the historical environment in more detail, see |

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
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| | assets, their significance including setting and the relationship with the proposed allocation. A heritage impact assessment would need to be undertaken. | Chapters 5 and 6 and Appendix 4 of this SA Report. |
| English Heritage | Paragraph 4.25 we would support the approach that where mitigation measures are identified that these are incorporated into the policy wording in the Plan. | Noted. Further recommendations regarding mitigation have been made in Chapter 6. |
| English Heritage | Appendix 2 Detailed Matrices offers some further information on the reasoning behind the assessment in tables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. We would support additional information at the next stages of the SEA process. Many of the judgements relate to new development being built to higher standards but it is not clear what this would relate to or how this would have a positive effect on the historic environment. | |
| Natural England | Natural England is pleased to see the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC) identified as a key sustainability issue in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA). In the absence of an adopted core strategy we would, however, appreciate a more detailed explanation of the issues identified at this site (i.e. the elevated phosphate levels) and also a direct reference to the counties Nutrient Management Plan when discussing appropriate mitigation for development. | The Core Strategy has since been adopted and the Nutrient Management Plan is referred to. |

Table 3: Preferred Options Consultation Responses

Question 23 in the Preferred Options Consultation Document asked *"do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and/or the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)?"* The responses detailed below are extracted from the [Summary of responses received on Traveller Sites DPD – Preferred Options consultation](#)

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
|------------------|---|---|
| Historic England | Recommends that detailed assessments of the likely impacts on the historic environment including both designated and undesignated assets are undertaken for the proposed site allocations. | Herefordshire Council conducted an assessment of the likely effects on the historic environment and concluded that the development of these sites will not have a detrimental effect on the historic environment as the sites are not visible from the nearby heritage assets and therefore neither the assets nor their settings will be affected. |
| Historic England | Recommend that Policy TS 1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites is amended to read "Good quality of design to respect the setting of the site, including any potential impacts on designated and undesignated heritage assets" . | This amendment has not been incorporated into the Pre-Submission Publication version (September 2017), however the Council are aware of this and will seek cabinet members approval to include this prior to pre-submission. It is included as a recommendation in this SA Report. |
| Public | Objectives 1,4 and 16 need revision to fully reflect the impacts highlighted | SA objectives are derived from the SA of the adopted Core Strategy. Using the same objectives ensures consistency and allows comparison of sustainability issues between the different documents that form the Local Plan. |
| Public | The Sustainability Appraisal has most of the appraisals of the objectives set out as being able to have a score, because they cannot be measured without assumptions. If the council has no idea of what the provision is likely to be, how can it commit local public spending to this, comparing it to the known issues in other areas in public spending which are already an issue and are measurable | Noted. The use of assumptions for site assessment ensures consistency of SA scores. The Pre-Submission Publication DPD has identified that it will allocate five Traveller sites including one Temporary Stopping Place delivering a total of 14 pitches. This is above the requirement identified in the GTAA 2017 Update. |

| Consultee | Comment | Response |
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| Public | Agricultural land change of use will have a negative impact. | Noted. |
| Public | Note the SA Report identifies that all 8 of the shortlisted sites will have some kind of impact on nearby heritage assets. All suggested sites will need detailed assessment as recommended. | Noted. Herefordshire Council conducted an assessment of the likely effects on the historic environment and concluded that the development of these sites will not have a detrimental effect on the historic environment as the sites are not visible from the nearby heritage assets and therefore neither the assets nor their settings will be affected. Any potential effects could be mitigated if, as Historic England recommended during the Preferred Options consultation stage, Policy TS 1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites is amended to refer to designing layouts that respect the setting of the site, including any potential impacts on designated and undesignated heritage assets. |

Appendix 2

Detailed SA Matrices for the Issues and Options stage

Options for permanent residential pitches

Option 1: Increase capacity on existing authorised sites, where possible, and/or expansion of the site area of such sites

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SA Score | Justification |
|--|--|----------|---|
| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on the provision of employment opportunities. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on health. |
| 7. Sustainable | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SA Score | Justification |
|---|---|----------|--|
| Regeneration | community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | | regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on reducing poverty. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on reducing traffic or encouraging the use of sustainable transport modes. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on access to recreational cultural opportunities. |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SA Score | Justification |
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| sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | ++ | Expanding or increasing capacity on existing sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. This approach may also offer opportunities to improve the overall quality and appearance of existing sites, by incorporating high quality new development. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | +? | Increasing capacity at or extending existing sites may have a positive effect on this objective as this approach may offer opportunities to develop on brownfield land within existing sites. However, if sites are expanded, this may require development on greenfield land. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical | +? | The effects of this option on the built environment including cultural heritage are uncertain at this stage without knowing which existing sites may be expanded. Effects will also depend on the exact design and layout of the new development. However, the principle of expanding existing sites may have a positive effect by avoiding the |

| SA Objective | Appraisal Question | SA Score | Justification |
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| and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | development of an entirely new site in an area that may be sensitive in terms of the built environment/cultural heritage. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | +? | It is inevitable that new development will result in an increase in waste generation. However, by expanding or increasing capacity at existing sites, there may be less waste generation during the construction process than if an entirely new site were to be developed as there may be opportunities for re-using materials onsite. However, this is uncertain depending on the circumstances at each site. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | +? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. However, increasing capacity at existing sites may have a positive effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land, and there may be more opportunities to re-use existing buildings within the expanded sites. An uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by</p> | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| problem. | micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
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| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | +? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing which existing sites may be expanded. However, the principle of expanding existing sites may have a positive effect by avoiding the development of an entirely new site which may be more likely to disturb sensitive habitats and species. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | +? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing which existing sites may be expanded and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. However, the principle of expanding existing sites may have a minor positive effect by avoiding the development of an entirely new site which may be more likely to have an adverse effect on the character of the landscape. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | +? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing which existing sites may be expanded and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. However, the principle of expanding existing sites may have a positive effect by avoiding the development of an entirely new site which may be more likely to be on greenfield land. In addition, new development within or adjacent to an existing site may offer opportunities to incorporate SuDS into the site that will benefit the whole site. An uncertain and potentially positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on on-site practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. However, it is possible that expanding or increasing capacity at an existing site could result in some noise/light pollution for existing residents, although this would be temporary and may be mitigated through the |

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| | <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | | use of good practice construction techniques. It is also possible that increasing capacity within existing sites could have a positive effect on protecting soil quality, by avoiding the development of an entirely new site elsewhere that may be on high quality land. However, this effect is uncertain as it will depend on the soil quality in each area. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |

Option 2: Allocate new sites and/or broad areas of search around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns with good access to services and facilities

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | <p>1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings.</p> <p>1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> | + | If new sites are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market towns this may make it easier for Travellers to access the job opportunities that are mainly focussed in those urban locations. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | <p>2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs.</p> <p>2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | + | If new sites are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market towns this may make it easier for Travellers to access schools and colleges that are more likely to be focussed in those urban locations. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of | + | This option is likely to have a positive effect on health as locating sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns will mean that Travellers are more easily able to access services and |

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| disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | facilities there, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. There may also be good opportunities to use walking and cycling as modes of travel day-to-day, as distances travelled to access services and facilities, job opportunities etc. will be relatively small. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | + | If new sites are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market towns this will help to improve access to jobs and avoid disadvantage associated with inaccessibility. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | If new sites are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market towns this would reduce journey lengths and mean that Travellers are more likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling. |

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| cycling and walking. | | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | + | If new sites are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market towns this would enable good access to the leisure and cultural facilities that are focussed in those urban areas. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and</p> | +/- | The provision of entirely new sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however if they are located around the outskirts of Hereford and the Market Towns it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites and the location should also help to ensure that the need to travel is reduced. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall. |

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| | materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns may mean that the setting of heritage features is more likely to be affected as listed buildings etc. tend to more concentrated in urban areas. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. The likely effects overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | +/-? | It is inevitable that new development will result in an increase in waste generation. By developing new sites there may be more waste generation during the construction process than if an existing site were to be expanded as there would not be potential opportunities for re-using materials onsite. However, this is uncertain depending on the circumstances at each site. In addition, the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which may enable the re-use of existing buildings and materials. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> | +/-? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing entirely new sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |

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| | 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | + | Locating sites within closer proximity of urban areas is likely to have a positive effect on this objective by increasing accessibility to sustainable transport options... |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites. The principle of developing entirely new sites (rather than expanding existing ones) may be more likely to result in disturbance to sensitive habitats and species; however, the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could help to avoid habitat loss. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. The principle of developing entirely new sites (rather than expanding existing ones) may be more likely to have an adverse effect on the character of the landscape; however the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could have negligible or even beneficial effects on the landscape. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. The principle of developing entirely new sites (as opposed to increasing capacity within an existing site) may |

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| economy and the environment. | 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | | mean that there is more likely to be development on greenfield land; however the location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | ? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on on-site practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing entirely new sites would not be expected to result in noise/light pollution for existing residents in the same way that the expansion of an existing site could. However, developing new sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites. The fact that sites would come forwards around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to use brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

Option 3: Allocate new sites and/or broad areas of search in more rural locations, but still with reasonable access to essential services

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | - | If new sites are located in more rural areas this may make it less easy for Travellers to access the job opportunities that are mainly focussed in those urban locations. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |

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| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | If sites are located in more rural areas, it may be less easy for Travellers to access schools and colleges which are more likely to be concentrated in urban areas. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | Locating sites in more rural areas would mean that Travellers are less easily able to access services and facilities there, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. There would also be fewer opportunities to use walking and cycling as modes of travel day-to-day, as distances travelled to access services and facilities, job opportunities etc. will be longer. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | - | If new sites are located in more rural areas, levels of access to jobs and education are likely to be less good which could contribute to disadvantage associated with inaccessibility. |
| Transport and Access | | | |

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| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | - | If new sites are located in more rural areas this would increase journey lengths and mean that Travellers are less likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | - | If new sites are located in more rural areas this would mean that access to the leisure and cultural facilities that are focussed in those urban areas would be less good. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. |
| 19. Ensure | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate | - | The provision of entirely new sites may result in the development of |

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| integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | | greenfield land, particularly if sites are located in more rural areas where there are less likely to be brownfield sites that can be redeveloped. The location may also have a negative effect on reducing the need to travel. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | +? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, the location of sites in more rural areas may mean that the setting of heritage features is less likely to be affected as listed buildings etc. tend to more concentrated in urban areas. It is also assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. An uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely, and would need to be reviewed once potential site locations are identified. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | -? | It is inevitable that new development will result in an increase in waste generation. By developing new sites there may be more waste generation during the construction process than if an existing site were to be expanded as there would not be potential opportunities for re-using materials onsite. However, this is uncertain depending on the circumstances at each site. The location of sites around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be fewer opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could enable the re-use of existing buildings |

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| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | -? | <p>and materials. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. However, developing entirely new sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land, and the location of sites in rural areas means that there may be fewer opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely.</p> |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | -? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites. The principle of developing entirely new sites (rather than expanding existing ones) may be more likely to result in disturbance to sensitive habitats and species and the location of sites in more rural areas means that there may be fewer opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could otherwise help to avoid habitat loss. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in</p> | -? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. However, the principle of developing entirely new sites (rather than expanding existing ones) may be more likely to have an adverse effect on the character of the landscape, and the |

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| areas and open spaces. | agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | location of sites in more rural areas means that development is more likely to be on greenfield sites. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | -? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. The principle of developing entirely new sites (as opposed to increasing capacity within an existing site) may mean that there is more likely to be development on greenfield land, particularly as the location of sites under this option would be in more rural areas. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | -? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on on-site practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing entirely new sites would not be expected to result in noise/light pollution for existing residents in the same way that the expansion of an existing site could. However, developing new sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites. The fact that sites would come forward in more rural areas under this option means that they may be more likely to be on greenfield sites and therefore result in the loss of soils. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely. |

Options for transit pitches

Option 1: One or two single sites close to a main settlement

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on employment. While the location of sites close to a main settlement may make it easier for Travellers to access the job opportunities that are mainly focussed in those urban locations, this is not particularly relevant to transit sites as residents would be temporary. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | This option is likely to have a positive effect on health as locating transit sites close to a main settlement will mean that temporary Traveller residents are more easily able to access services and facilities there, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. There may also be good opportunities to use walking and cycling as modes of travel day-to-day, as distances travelled to access services and facilities will be relatively small. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |

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| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | + | If new sites are located close to a main settlement this will help to improve access to services and facilities and avoid disadvantage associated with inaccessibility. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.5 Secure the implementation of green travel plans.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> <p>4.7 Promote a shift of freight from road to rail.</p> | + | If new sites are located close to a main settlement this would reduce journey lengths and mean that Travellers are more likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling day-to-day. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> | + | If new sites are located close to a main settlement this would enable good access to the leisure and cultural facilities that are focussed in urban areas. |

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| activities for all. | 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new transit sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet any potential need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | +/- | The provision of new transit sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however if they are located close to a main settlement it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites and the location should also help to ensure that the need to travel is reduced. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. | +/-? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new transit sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, the location of sites close to a main settlement may mean that the setting of heritage features is more likely to be affected as listed buildings etc. tend to more concentrated in urban areas. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. The likely effects overall are therefore mixed and |

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| and cultural heritage. | <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | +? | It is inevitable that the development of new transit sites will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the location of sites close to a main settlement means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which may enable the re-use of existing buildings and materials. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | +/-? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing new transit sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however the location of sites close to a main settlement means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites. The principle of developing new sites could result in the loss of or damage to habitats and species, although it may also be possible to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the design. Locating new transit sites close to a main settlement means that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could help to avoid habitat loss. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new transit sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. Developing new sites may have either a positive or negative effect on the character of the landscape depending on the design of the site and the character and quality of the area; however the location of sites close to a main settlement indicates that there may be more opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites which could have negligible or even beneficial effects on the landscape. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new transit sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. Developing new sites may result in the loss of greenfield land and an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces; however the location of sites close to a main settlement means that there may be good opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use</p> | ? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on on-site practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing new transit sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites and the fact that sites would come forwards around the outskirts of Hereford and the market towns means that there may be more opportunities to use brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. The likely |

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| | of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | | effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

Option 2: Along highway corridors. This would need to be informed through local evidence of traditional Traveller movement patterns across the county, along with detailed highways discussions

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to a main settlement where temporary residents will be able to access services and facilities, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. |

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| living for all. | sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to a main settlement where temporary residents will be able to access services and facilities, thereby reducing exclusion associated with accessibility issues. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in reduced journey lengths and mean that people are more likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling day-to-day. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to Hereford and the |

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| engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | | market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in improved levels of access to the cultural and recreation facilities located there. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new transit sites, regardless of location, would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. Locating transit sites along the main highway corridors should help to ensure that they are accessible and well-located in relation to demand. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | ? | The provision of new transit sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however this will depend on the exact location of the sites which is not currently known. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner | ? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new transit sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this |

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| character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | stage. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | ? | It is inevitable that the development of new transit sites will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the extent to which it may be possible to use brownfield sites, and potentially re-use existing building materials, is not yet known. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | ? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing new transit sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however there may be opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of new sites. The principle of developing new sites could result in the loss of or damage to habitats and species, although it may also be possible to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the design. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | +/-? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the exact location of the new transit sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. Developing new sites may have either a positive or negative effect on the character of the landscape depending on the design of the site and the character and quality of the area; however the location of sites along highway corridors indicates that significant impacts on a more rural landscape are unlikely. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | +/-? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new transit sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. Developing new sites may result in the loss of greenfield land and an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces; however it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or | -? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on on-site practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing new transit sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites and it may be possible to |

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| resources. | <p>reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | | make use of brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. Locating sites within close proximity of highway corridors may result in high noise levels. |

Option 3: Combined residential/transit pitches where provision for one or two pitches are provided for in conjunction with new permanent residential pitch provision

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | <p>1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings.</p> <p>1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | <p>2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs.</p> <p>2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new combined sites and their proximity to a main settlement where both temporary and permanent residents will be able to access services and facilities, including health-related |

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| geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new combined sites and their proximity to a main settlement where both temporary and permanent residents will be able to access services and facilities, thereby reducing exclusion associated with accessibility issues. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new combined sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in reduced journey lengths and mean that people are more likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling day-to-day. |

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| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new combined sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in improved levels of access to the cultural and recreation facilities located there. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new transit sites as part of combined sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional transit pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | ? | The provision of new combined sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however this will depend on the exact location of the sites which is not currently known. |

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| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | ? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new combined sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | ? | It is inevitable that the development of new combined sites will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the extent to which it may be possible to use brownfield sites, and potentially re-use existing building materials, is not yet known. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | ? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing new combined sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however there may be opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |
| 16. Reduce | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on |

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| Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new sites. The principle of developing new sites could result in the loss of or damage to habitats and species, although it may also be possible to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the design. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | +/-? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the exact location of the new combined sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. Developing new sites may have either a positive or negative effect on the character of the landscape depending on the design of the site and the character and quality of the area. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | ? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new combined sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. Developing new sites may result in the loss of greenfield land and an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces; however it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. | ? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on onsite practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing |

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| enhance environmental resources. | 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | | new combined sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites and it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

Options for the size of sites

Option 1: Provide fewer larger permanent sites to accommodate say not more than 10 pitches

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |

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| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | <p>5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health.</p> <p>5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation.</p> | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new large sites and their proximity to a main settlement where residents will be able to access services and facilities, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | -? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new large sites and their proximity to a main settlement where residents will be able to access services and facilities, thereby reducing exclusion associated with accessibility issues. However, developing a smaller number of larger sites may place strain on services and facilities nearby and result in them being overloaded. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and</p> | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new large sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in reduced journey lengths and mean that people are more likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling day-to-day. |

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| the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | -? | The effects of this option are largely uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new large sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in improved levels of access to the cultural and recreation facilities located there. However, developing a smaller number of larger sites may place strain on services and facilities nearby and result in them being overloaded. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | ++ | The provision of new sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses | ? | The provision of one or two new large sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however this will depend on the exact location of the sites which is not currently known. |

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| | using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | +/-? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new large sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. A smaller number of larger new sites may reduce the number of heritage assets that could be affected by new development within close proximity; however larger sites may be more likely to have a negative effect on the setting of heritage assets as they will be more visible. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore identified for this objective. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | ? | It is inevitable that the development of new sites will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the extent to which it may be possible to use brownfield sites, and potentially re-use existing building materials, is not yet known. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high | ? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing new sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however there may be opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The total area of land take is likely to be approximately the same whether a smaller number of large sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

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| | standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new sites. The principle of developing new sites could result in the loss of or damage to habitats and species, although it may also be possible to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the design. A smaller number of larger new sites may reduce the number of biodiversity features that could be affected by new development within close proximity; however larger sites may be more likely to have a negative effect on biodiversity as they will cover a larger land area. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore identified for this objective. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | -? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. However, larger sites may be less easily integrated into the landscape, so an uncertain minor negative effect is likely. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | ? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. Developing new sites may result in the loss of greenfield land and an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces; however it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites. The total area of land to be developed is likely to be |

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| | | | approximately the same whether a smaller number of large sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | ? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on onsite practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing new sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites and it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. The total area of land take is likely to be approximately the same whether a smaller number of large sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

Option 2: Greater number of smaller sites of say not more than 1 or 2 pitches

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on securing an adaptable and skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on educational achievement. |

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| throughout the county | | | |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new smaller sites and their proximity to a main settlement where residents will be able to access services and facilities, including health-related services such as doctors' surgeries and dental practices. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and encourages positive community interaction. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on sustainable regeneration. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | This option is not expected to have a direct effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | +? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new smaller sites and their proximity to a main settlement where residents will be able to access services and facilities, thereby reducing exclusion associated with accessibility issues. However, developing a larger number of smaller sites would be less likely to place strain on services and facilities nearby (compared to a smaller number of large sites as in option 1) and should therefore help to avoid them being overloaded. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated | ? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new smaller sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in reduced journey lengths and mean that people are more |

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| improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | | likely to be able to use sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling day-to-day. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | +? | The effects of this option are uncertain and will depend on the exact location of the new smaller sites and their proximity to Hereford and the market towns – sites closer to these areas would result in improved levels of access to the cultural and recreation facilities located there. However, developing a larger number of smaller sites would be less likely to place strain on services and facilities nearby (compared to a smaller number of large sites as in option 1) and should therefore help to avoid them being overloaded. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | The provision of new sites would have a significant positive effect on this objective by helping to meet the identified need for additional pitches. It is assumed that new sites would be built to a high standard of design and construction. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will | ? | The provision of several smaller sites may result in the development of greenfield land; however this will depend on the exact location of the sites which is not currently known. |

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| | <p>increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | +/-? | The effects of this option will depend on the location of new smaller sites in relation to heritage assets so cannot be determined at this stage. However, it is assumed that new sites would be built to high standards. A larger number of smaller new sites may increase the number of heritage assets that could be affected by new development within close proximity; however smaller sites may be less likely to have a negative effect on the setting of heritage assets as they will be less visible. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore identified for this objective. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | ? | It is inevitable that the development of new sites will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the extent to which it may be possible to use brownfield sites, and potentially re-use existing building materials, is not yet known. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable</p> | ? | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. Developing new sites may have a minor negative effect in terms of minimising the consumption of land; however there may be opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites. The total area of land take is likely to be approximately the same whether a smaller number of large |

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| | resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | The effects of the option on this objective will depend largely on onsite practices which are not known at this stage. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | +/-? | The effects of this option on biodiversity are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new sites. The principle of developing new sites could result in the loss of or damage to habitats and species, although it may also be possible to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the design. A larger number of smaller new sites may increase the number of biodiversity features that could be affected by new development within close proximity; however smaller sites may be less likely to have a negative effect on biodiversity as they will cover a smaller land area. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore identified for this objective. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | +? | The effects of this option on the landscape are uncertain at this stage without knowing the exact location of the new sites and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. However, smaller sites may be more easily integrated into the landscape, so an uncertain minor positive effect is likely. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the | +/-? | The effects of this option on flood risk are uncertain at this stage without knowing the location of the new sites and their proximity to areas of high flood risk. Developing new sites may result in the |

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| public well-being, the economy and the environment. | floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | | loss of greenfield land and an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces; however it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites. The total area of land to be developed is likely to be approximately the same whether a smaller number of large sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore mixed and uncertain. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | ? | The effects of this option on this SA objective will be largely dependent on onsite practices, which are unknown at this stage and are not determined by the location of the new pitches. Developing new sites could result in the loss of high quality soils although this will depend on the location of the sites and it may be possible to make use of brownfield sites and therefore avoid the loss of soils. The total area of land take is likely to be approximately the same whether a smaller number of large sites, or a larger number of smaller sites, is developed. The likely effects of the option overall are therefore uncertain. |

Options for the tenure of sites

Option 1: Making provision for an element of “affordable” Travellers’ Sites to be provided in the county as “exception sites” where a local need is evidenced and allocating these in the Travellers’ Sites Document to supplement Policy H4 of the Core Strategy

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on securing a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on education. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on health. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on sustainable regeneration. |

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| | encourages positive community interaction. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | ++ | This option would have a significant positive effect on this SA objective because making provision for an element of affordable Travellers' Sites to be provided in the county would help to address poverty and disadvantage in relation to housing, and would provide more certainty than relying on the existing Core Strategy policy only. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on transport and access. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on access to services and facilities. |

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| and community activities for all. | heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | ++ | This option would have a significant positive effect on this SA objective because making provision for an element of affordable Travellers' Sites to be provided in the county would help to ensure that the identified local need is met, and would provide more certainty than relying on the existing Core Strategy policy only. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on ensuring integrated, efficient and balanced land use. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on cultural heritage. |

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| historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on waste. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on energy efficiency. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on climate change. |

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| | (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on biodiversity. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on landscape. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on flooding. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on pollution. |

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| | minimisation techniques. | | |

Option 2: Not allocating specific sites and relying on Core Strategy Policy H4 to address the issue where a local need exists.

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on employment. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on securing a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the county | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on education. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on health. |
| 7. Sustainable Regeneration | 7.4 Support or create high quality public realm and community/amenity space that is safe and | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on sustainable regeneration. |

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| | encourages positive community interaction. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on crime. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | + | This option would have a minor positive effect on this SA objective because relying on the existing Core Strategy policy only is not likely to provide as much certainty regarding meeting the identified local need for affordable Travellers' sites (and therefore reducing poverty and disadvantage associated with housing) in comparison to if provision were made for an element of affordable Travellers' sites through the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD. However, a positive effect is still likely as the Core Strategy policy that would be relied on under this option does provide some policy support for the delivery of affordable sites. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on transport and access. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on access to services and facilities. |

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| and community activities for all. | heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | + | This option would have a minor positive effect on this SA objective because relying on the existing Core Strategy policy only is not likely to provide as much certainty regarding meeting the identified local need for affordable Travellers' sites in comparison to if provision were made for an element of affordable Travellers' sites through the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD. However, a positive effect is still likely as the Core Strategy policy that would be relied on under this option does provide some policy support for the delivery of affordable sites. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on ensuring integrated, efficient and balanced land use. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on cultural heritage. |

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| historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on waste. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on energy efficiency. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on climate change. |

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| | (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on biodiversity. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on landscape. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on flooding. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water</p> | 0 | This option is not expected to have an effect on pollution. |

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| | minimisation techniques. | | |

Appendix 3

Assumptions used in the SA of Traveller Site Options

Assumptions used in the SA of Traveller site options

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| Education and Employment | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | <p>The location of Traveller sites will not influence the number or type of employment opportunities available; however it will influence how easily people are able to access employment opportunities.</p> <p>GIS data showing the location of employment sites is not available; however it is assumed that most employment opportunities will be focussed in the main towns (Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye). Detailed information about specific public transport links/routes is also not available; however the Council's site assessment work indicates whether each settlement is served by public transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within or adjoining either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye are likely to have a significant positive (+ +) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjoining either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye, but that are at a settlement served by public transport are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjoining either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye, and that are not at a settlement served by public transport, are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | <p>The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective and all sites will have negligible (0) effects.</p> |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | <p>Where Traveller site options are within walking distance of existing schools (800m is assumed to be a reasonable walking distance), residents should have good access to education, although effects are uncertain depending on whether there is capacity at those nearby schools to accommodate additional pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within 800m of both a primary and secondary school could have a significant positive effect although this is uncertain (+ +?). • Traveller site options that are within 800m of one of either a primary |

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| | | <p>or secondary school could have a minor positive effect although this is uncertain (+?).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are more than 800m from both a primary and secondary school are likely to have a minor (-) negative effect. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | |
| <p>5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all.</p> | <p>5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health.</p> <p>5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation.</p> | <p>Where Traveller site options are within walking distance of existing healthcare facilities such as hospitals or GP surgeries, residents should have good access to healthcare facilities. As above, 800m is assumed to be a reasonable walking distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are within 800m of both a hospital and a GP surgery are likely to have a significant positive effect (++). Traveller site options that are within 800m of either a hospital or a GP surgery are likely to have a minor positive effect (+). Traveller site options that are more than 800m from both a hospital and a GP are likely to have a minor (-) negative effect. <p>Access to open space for sport and recreation is considered separately under SA objective 6 below.</p> |
| <p>9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county.</p> | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | <p>The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of Traveller sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the potential Traveller sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0).</p> |
| <p>10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county.</p> | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | <p>Most of the issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. While the location of Traveller sites could affect access to services, jobs and education opportunities, these factors are considered separately under SA objectives 1, 6 and 8. Therefore, all Traveller site options will have a negligible (0) effect on this SA objective.</p> |
| Transport and Access | | |
| <p>4. Reduce road traffic</p> | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> | <p>Where Traveller sites are located within or adjacent to the main towns</p> |

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| and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | <p>(Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye) there are likely to be good opportunities to reduce journey lengths and to walk and cycle day to day to access the jobs, services and facilities that tend to be focussed there. As above, 800m is assumed to be a reasonable walking distance.</p> <p>Outside of the main towns, opportunities to reduce car use will depend largely on the availability of public transport links. While detailed GIS data showing public transport routes within the County is not available, the Council's site assessment work indicates whether each settlement is served by public transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within or adjacent to Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye are likely to have a significant positive (+ +) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjacent to Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye but that are at a settlement served by public transport are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjoining either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye, and that are not at a settlement served by public transport are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | <p>The effects of Traveller sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to the main towns in Herefordshire where leisure, sports and recreation facilities are likely to be concentrated. Impacts will also depend on access to open space. As above, 800m is assumed to be a reasonable walking distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within or adjacent to Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye are likely to have a significant positive (+ +) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjacent to Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye but that are within 800m of a National Trail or Country Park are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Traveller site options that are not within or adjoining either Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye, and that are not within 800m of a National Trail, Country Park or open access land are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. |
| The Built Environment | | |
| 11. Provide everyone | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting | All of the Traveller site options would have positive effects on this SA |

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| with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | <p>objective as all would go some way towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire. Larger sites (those over 0.5ha) would deliver a larger number of pitches. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger site options (over 0.5ha) would have a significant positive (++) effect. • Smaller site options (smaller than or equal to 0.5ha) would have a minor positive (+) effect. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | <p>The extent to which site options are in accessible locations and are well-connected to services and facilities via public transport is considered separately under other SA objectives.</p> <p>Site options that are on previously developed (brownfield land) would represent more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options on brownfield land would have a minor positive (+) effect. • Traveller site options on greenfield land would have a minor negative (-) effect. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general</p> | <p>It is assumed all new development would be high quality in terms of its design and appearance. Where Traveller site options are within close proximity of designated heritage assets, the potential for adverse effects on those assets and/or their settings is identified although this cannot be concluded with certainty at this point as effects will depend on factors such as the design of the site which is not yet known. The following scoring is applied as a starting point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that include or are within 250m of a designated heritage asset could have a significant negative effect although this is uncertain (--?). • Traveller site options that are within 1km (but more than 250m) of a designated heritage asset could have a minor negative effect although this is uncertain (-?). |

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| | appearance of the area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are more than 1km from a designated heritage asset could have a negligible effect although this is uncertain (0?). <p>The score will then be further refined by considering the nature and significance of the heritage asset and the realistic potential for impacts, for example if there is existing built development in between the site option and the heritage asset. This may result in the scores above being amended.</p> |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective and all sites will have negligible (0) effects. Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | <p>The energy efficiency of development will depend on its design and onsite practices rather than its location.</p> <p>Where development takes place on previously undeveloped high quality agricultural land, this would result in the loss of those high quality soils. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 1 or 2 are likely to have a significant negative (--) effect. Traveller site options that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 are likely to have a significant negative (--?) effect although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b which is not known. Traveller site options that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 4, Grade 5 or urban land are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Traveller site options that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on brownfield land are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. <p>In addition, which could lead to mixed effects with the above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are within a minerals resource |

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| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | <p>safeguarding area would have a minor negative (-) effect.</p> <p>Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by its location as it will depend on its design and onsite practices rather than its location; rather the main way in which Traveller site options would affect this SA objective is through the extent to which they allow for reduced car use. This is considered separately under other SA objectives; therefore negligible (0) effects are identified for all site options.</p> |
| The Natural Environment | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | <p>Traveller sites that are within proximity of an internationally, nationally or locally designated biodiversity or geodiversity site have the potential to affect those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, trampling etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if Traveller sites include green infrastructure. Therefore, while proximity to designated sites provides an indication of the potential for an adverse effect, uncertainty exists as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. In addition, the potential impacts on biodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential Traveller sites cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within 250m of one or more designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a significant negative (--?) effect. • Traveller site options that are between 250m and 1km of one or more designated sites biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a minor negative (-?) effect. • Traveller site options that are more than 1km from any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a negligible (0?) effect. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> | <p>The Council's site assessment work has involved an assessment of the landscape sensitivity at each site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are in areas of high landscape sensitivity are likely to have a significant negative (--?) effect. |

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| spaces. | 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveller site options that are in areas of moderate-high landscape sensitivity could have a significant negative (-?) effect although this is uncertain. Traveller site options that are in areas of moderate landscape sensitivity are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Traveller site options that are in areas of moderate-low landscape sensitivity could have a minor negative (-?) effect although this is uncertain. Traveller site options that are in areas of low landscape sensitivity are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | <p>The development of Traveller sites on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies caravans, mobile homes and park homes intended for permanent residential use as a 'highly vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 but would require an exception test in flood zone 2 and is unsuitable in flood zones 3a or 3b.</p> <p>While new development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate SuDS, and therefore have a positive effect on reducing flood risk, this would depend on the design of the proposed development and not on the location of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on greenfield land that is within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a significant negative (-) effect. Sites that are either entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on greenfield outside of flood zones 2, 3a or 3b, or that are entirely or mainly (i.e. more than 50%) on brownfield within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Sites that are on brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the | The location of Traveller sites will affect levels of air pollution by influencing the extent to which residents would be able to make use of public transport |

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| and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | <p>in place of cars, which is assessed separately under other SA objectives. However, development in close proximity of one of the AQMAs in Herefordshire could result in more people being exposed to air pollution and could compound existing air pollution in those areas. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveller site options that are within or are directly connected by road to an AQMA are likely to have a significant negative (--) effect on air pollution. • Traveller site options that are not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA are likely to have a negligible (0) effect on air pollution. <p>Impacts on soils are considered separately under SA objective 14 above.</p> <p>Levels of water consumption will depend on onsite practices and will not be determined by the location of Traveller sites. In relation to water quality, it is assumed that any required infrastructure would be in place to support development and impacts cannot be determined on the basis of the location of sites.</p> |

Appendix 4

Appraisal Matrices for Reasonable Alternative Site Options and Preferred Options

GTAA/16/HC/O/1: Pontrilas Highways Depot

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| | 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. | | |
| | 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. | | |
| | 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | | |
| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| | 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. | | |
| | 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is |
| | 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. | | |
| | 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the | | |

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| | environment. | | likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.1ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however it is within 1km of a number of designated heritage assets, including Pontrilas Court, an Unregistered Park and Garden and a Dovecote, which is a Grade II Listed Building. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA |

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| minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | | objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from several designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites, including the River Dore and Callow Hill Wood, both of which are Local Wildlife Sites; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. | -? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium to medium low landscape sensitivity; therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain. |

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| spaces. | 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, outside flood zone areas (although there is an area of Flood Zone 2 directly adjacent to the north western site boundary). A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town, and is not served by public transport. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town, and is not served by public transport. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.12ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| | materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however it is within 1km of a number of designated heritage assets, including Lower Bullingham deserted medieval village, which is a Scheduled Monument and Rotherwas Park, an Unregistered Park and Garden. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from several designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites, including Withy Brook, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, and the River Wye SSSI; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, outside flood zone areas. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA16/HC/O/3: Land at Waterworks Lane Leominster

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | ++ | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster; therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | +? | This Traveller site option is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a secondary school (Earl Mortimer College and Sixth Form Centre); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain and will depend on whether there is capacity at this school to accommodate additional pupils. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | This site is within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Leominster Community Hospital. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is |

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| | environment. | | likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster, where leisure, sports and recreation facilities are likely to be concentrated. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.14ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | There are several designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option, including River Meadows Conservation Area and a number of Grade II Listed Buildings. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA |

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| minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | | objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of the River Lugg SSSI; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| spaces. | 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, within flood zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA16/HC/O/4: Leominster land adjacent to A49 roundabout – Site A

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | ++? | This Traveller site option is directly adjoining to the town of Leominster; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | +? | This Traveller site option is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a secondary school (Earl Mortimer College and Sixth Form Centre); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain and will depend on whether there is capacity at this school to accommodate additional pupils. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | This site is within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Leominster Community Hospital. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are | ++? | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by |

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| through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | | the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ++? | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster, where leisure, sports and recreation facilities are likely to be concentrated. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (0.78ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| | encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however there are a number within 1km, including River Meadows Conservation Area and a several Grade II Listed Buildings (including a bridge over the River Lugg). A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A |

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| impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is located between 250m and 1km of a number of designated biodiversity sites, including the River Lugg SSSI and a Land at Eaton, which is a Local Wildlife Site; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land which is mainly within flood zones 2 and 3. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| | minimisation techniques. | | |

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate |

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| behaviour in the county. | opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | | lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however |

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| to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.26ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | There is one designated heritage asset within 250m of this Traveller site option, the bridge over the River Lugg, which is Grade II Listed. There are also a number of designated heritage assets, including River Meadows Conservation Area, within 1km. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |

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| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 4 agricultural quality, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. However the site is also entirely within a Minerals Resource Safeguarding Area. A minor negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of the River Lugg SSSI; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |

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| of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, within flood zone 2. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| skilled workforce. | attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (0.95ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| | 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | There is one designated heritage asset within 250m of this Traveller site option; the bridge over the River Lugg, which is Grade II Listed. There are also a number of designated heritage assets, including River Meadows Conservation Area, within 1km. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 4 agricultural quality, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. However the site is also entirely within a Minerals Resource Safeguarding Area. A minor negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, |

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| vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of the River Lugg SSSI; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, within flood zone 2. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| | 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | | |

GTAA16/HC/O/7: Sutton St Nicholas

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town; however it is served by public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (1.75ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however it is within 1km of a number of designated heritage assets, including Sutton Conservation Area and Pantile Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |

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| | 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 2 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. The site is also partially within a Minerals Resource Safeguarding Area which contributes to the negative effect already identified. Overall, a significant negative effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km of several designated biodiversity sites, including the River Lugg SSSI; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |

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| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, outside flood zone areas. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA16/HC/O/8: Ross Highway Depot

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs | <p>1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings.</p> <p>1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| of the local workforce. | | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | <p>2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs.</p> <p>2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills.</p> | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | <p>5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health.</p> <p>5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation.</p> | - | This site is just outside of reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |

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| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.25ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| | <p>increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of Ross-on-Wye Conservation Area. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on this designated heritage asset should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design)</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely within an urban area, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |

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| | of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is within 1km of Chase and Merrivale Woods Local Wildlife Site; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium landscape sensitivity; therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| resources. | <p>reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | | |

GTAA16/HC/O/9: Land adjacent to Morrison's

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | <p>1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings.</p> <p>1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | <p>2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs.</p> <p>2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills.</p> | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | <p>8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need.</p> | + | As this Traveller site option is within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Brampton Abbots CE Primary School, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain depending on whether there is capacity at this school to accommodate additional pupils. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and | <p>5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health.</p> <p>5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use</p> | ++ | This site is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of both Ross Community Hospital and Alton Street Surgery. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| encourage healthy living for all. | and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| | and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.11ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of Ross-on-Wye Conservation Area, and a number of Grade II Listed Buildings including the Plough Inn and Brookfield Guesthouse. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |

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| | and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely within an urban area, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated biodiversity sites including Wilton Bluff Local Wildlife Site and the River Wye SSSI; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |

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| | value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | | |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and is within an area covered by flood zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA16/HC/O/10: Homs Road Car Park

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | + | As this Traveller site option is within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Brampton Abbots CE Primary School, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain depending on whether there is capacity at this school to accommodate additional pupils. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | ++ | This site is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of both Ross Community Hospital and Alton Street Surgery. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| | account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | | |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | ++ | This Traveller site option is within the town of Ross-on-Wye; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (0.52ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than |

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| and balanced land use. | <p>developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | | development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is entirely within Ross-on-Wye Conservation Area, and within 250m of a number of Grade II Listed Buildings including Pye's Almhouses. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food,</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely within an urban area, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |

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| | goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of the River Wye SSSI; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | | |

GTAA16/HC/O/11: Extension of Pembridge Site

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | <p>1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings.</p> <p>1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | <p>2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs.</p> <p>2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills.</p> | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| and community activities for all. | heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.2ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated heritage assets, including North Herefordshire Rowe Ditch, A Scheduled Monument and Clear Brook, a Grade II* Listed Building. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |

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| | 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated biodiversity sites, including Pembridge Disused Railway Line which is a Local Wildlife Site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |

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| | spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | | |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, but is not within a flood zone. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA16/HC/O/12: Additional two pitches within Openfields, Bromyard

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town or directly served by public transport; however there is a public transport link situated approximately 400m (which is considered to be |

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| quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | within reasonable walking distance) from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| | and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | | |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town or directly served by public transport; however there is a public transport link situated approximately 400m (which is considered to be within reasonable walking distance) from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.5ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | + | This Traveller site option would involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land. This represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of a designated heritage asset; Down Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building. A number of other designated heritage sites are within 1km of the site, including Brockhampton Unregistered Park and Garden. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by</p> | + | This Traveller site option will involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land; therefore development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |

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| | all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | | |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of Bromyard Downs and adjoining woodland, a designated Local Wildlife Site. A significant negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | 0 | This Traveller site option is within an existing Traveller site, which has not previously been assessed in relation to landscape sensitivity; however as this site option involves intensification of an existing site a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | This Traveller site option will involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land and it is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA/16/01: Land adjacent to Whitfield Coppice Trumpet

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to |

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| of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | | |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (1.6ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in | -? | This Traveller site option is within 1km of a number of designated heritage assets, including Mainstone Court Unregistered Park and Garden and the Trumpet Inn, a Grade II Listed Building. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |

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| | <p>scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 2 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is directly adjacent to Whitfield and Slade Coppices, a designated Local Wildlife Site. A significant negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could |

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| | <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | | result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium landscape sensitivity; therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA/16/02: Land at Midsummer Orchard Ridge Hill

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| Education and Employment | | | |

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| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | - | This Traveller site option is not within a main town but is served by public transport. However this service is very limited, operating on a Wednesday and Friday only; therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a high school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | | |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town but is served by public transport. However this service is very limited, operating on a Wednesday and Friday only; therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.13ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| | building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from one designated heritage asset; Brook Farmhouse, a Grade II Listed Building. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 2 agricultural quality, and so |

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| more efficiently. | <p>fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | | development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is within 1km of Reeces Wood, a designated Local Wildlife Site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| public well-being, the economy and the environment. | floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | | |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

GTAA/16/03: Romany Way, Grafton

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | ++ | This Traveller site option is directly adjacent to the town of Hereford; therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | ++ | As this Traveller site option is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a primary school (Malbrook Primary School), a high school (Hereford Academy) and a third |

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| County | | | school (Blackmarston School), a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | <p>5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health.</p> <p>5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation.</p> | + | This site is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Ross Road Doctors Surgery. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is directly adjacent to the town of Hereford; therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is adjacent to the town of Hereford, (though not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.01ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated heritage assets, including the ruins of the Church of St Peter (a Grade II Listed Building) and Bullingham Old Church (a Scheduled Monument). A minor negative effect |

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| and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
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| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is directly adjacent to a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. A significant negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

Appendix 5

Appraisal Matrices for Pre-Submission Publication Site Allocations

Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49 Leominster, Herefordshire

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | ++? | This Traveller site option is directly adjoining the town of Leominster; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | +? | This Traveller site option is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a secondary school (Earl Mortimer College and Sixth Form Centre); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain and will depend on whether there is capacity at this school to accommodate additional pupils. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | This site is within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Leominster Community Hospital. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced |

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| | 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | | by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | ++? | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | ++? | This Traveller site option is adjoining the town of Leominster, where leisure, sports and recreation facilities are likely to be concentrated. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (0.78ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this |

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| housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however there are a number within 1km, including River Meadows Conservation Area and a several Grade II Listed Buildings (including a bridge over the River Lugg). A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the |

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| requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | | sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is located between 250m and 1km of a number of designated biodiversity sites, including the River Lugg SSSI and Land at Eaton, which is a Local Wildlife Site; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| areas and open spaces. | agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | -- | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land which is mainly within flood zones 2 and 3. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

Romany Close, Grafton, Herefordshire

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | ++ | This Traveller site option adjoins to the town of Hereford; therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | ++ | As this Traveller site option is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a primary school (Malbrook Primary School), a high school (Hereford Academy) and a third school (Blackmarston School), a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | This site is within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of Ross Road Doctors Surgery. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are | ++? | This Traveller site option is adjacent to the town of Hereford where journeys are likely to be shorter and there are likely to be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day; therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site is separated from the town by |

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| through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | | the railway line which could affect ease of access, so the potential significant positive effect is uncertain. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | ++ | This Traveller site option is adjacent to the town of Hereford, (though not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.02ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located on an area of brownfield land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| | encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | | |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of listed buildings in Bullinghope and the Bullingham Old Church Scheduled Monument. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | + | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and so development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A |

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| impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | --? | The site is 80m from a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. A significant negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | This Traveller site option is located entirely on brownfield land, and is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| | minimisation techniques. | | |

Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town, and is not served by public transport. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| | 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. | | |
| | 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. | | |
| | 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | | |
| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. | - | This site is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| | 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. | | |
| | 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| | 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. | | |
| | 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | | |

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| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town, and is not served by public transport. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.10ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | -? | There are no designated heritage assets within 250m of this Traveller site option; however it is within 1km of a number of designated heritage assets, including Lower Bullingham deserted medieval village, which is a Scheduled Monument and Rotherwas Park, an Unregistered Park and Garden. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | | |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from several designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites, including Withy Brook, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, and the River Wye SAC/SSSI; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. This is uncertain, however, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by | 0 | This Traveller site option is in an area of low landscape sensitivity; therefore a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| | all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, outside flood zone areas. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town or directly served by public transport; however there is a public transport link situated approximately 400m (which is considered to be within reasonable walking distance) from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town or directly served by public transport; however there is a public transport link situated approximately 400m (which is considered to be within reasonable walking distance) from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . 11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing. 11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes. 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively small (0.5ha); therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | + | This Traveller site option would involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land. This represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of a designated |

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| and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | heritage asset; Down Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building. A number of other designated heritage sites are within 1km of the site, including Brockhampton Unregistered Park and Garden. A significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. Effects will need to be assessed in more detail at the planning application stage, and reference to the requirement to consider impacts on these designated heritage assets should be included in the policy for this site if allocated. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | + | This Traveller site option will involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land; therefore development here would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by</p> | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |

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| problem. | micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | --? | This Traveller site option is within 250m of Bromyard Downs and adjoining woodland, a designated Local Wildlife Site. A significant negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option is within an existing Traveller site, which has not previously been assessed in relation to landscape sensitivity; however as this site option involves intensification of an existing site a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | 0 | This Traveller site option will involve the intensification of an existing Traveller site, rather than the use of greenfield land and it is not within a flood zone. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| | 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. | | |
| | 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. | | |
| | 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The location of Traveller site options will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | | |
| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | - | As this Traveller site option is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a primary school or a secondary school, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. | - | This site is not within reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of either a hospital or GP surgery. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| | 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. | | |
| | 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. | 0 | The effects of new Traveller sites on levels of fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However such issues will not be influenced |
| | 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. | | |

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| | 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | | by the location of Travellers sites and so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | + | This Traveller site option is not within a main town; however it is served by public transport. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | 6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport. 6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all. 6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration. | - | This Traveller site option is not within or adjacent to a main town, and is not within a reasonable walking distance (assumed to be 800m) of a National Trail or Country Park. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable | 11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people) . | ++ | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire; however larger sites will provide more pitches. This site is relatively large (0.89ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this |

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| housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | SA objective. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | - | This Traveller site option is located on an area of greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a brownfield site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated heritage assets, including the Scheduled Monuments of North Herefordshire Rowe Ditch, Bowl barrow 460m south of Milton Cross, Bowl barrow 460m south east of Milton Cross, and Bowl barrow 550m south east of Milton Cross. There are also a number of Listed Buildings between 250m and 1km of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, although as effects will depend on factors relating to the design of the site, which are unknown at this stage, this is uncertain. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc.</p> | 0 | Effects on waste generation and levels of recycling will depend on the onsite practices of residents and not the location of the |

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| requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | | sites. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | --? | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality, and so development here would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore likely, although this is uncertain as it is not known whether the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | 0 | Levels of greenhouse gas emissions from built development will not be influenced by the location of the Traveller site options, but rather will depend on design and onsite practices. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | -? | This Traveller site option is between 250m and 1km from a number of designated biodiversity sites, including Pembridge Disused Railway Line which is a Local Wildlife Site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely; however this is uncertain, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and could result in beneficial effects. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in | --? | This Traveller site option is in an area of medium high landscape sensitivity; therefore a significant negative effect is likely on this SA effect, although this is uncertain. |

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| areas and open spaces. | agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | - | This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land, but is not within a flood zone. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | This site is not within or directly connected by road to an AQMA. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

Appendix 6

Appraisal Matrices for Pre-Submission Publication Policy Options

Policy TS 1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | The policy will have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as it requires proposals to incorporate a safe area for children to play in the site layout which will encourage healthy lifestyles. Furthermore, it requires proposals to have proper regard to health and safety requirements when designing the site layout including ensuring there is adequate spacing between perimeter boundaries and any structures on site and between structures which meet fire safety standards. In addition the policy requires proposals to explore opportunities to deliver an on-site shared community building. Finally, as specified as a recommendation in the SA of the Preferred Options, the policy now requires applicants to submit details of any animals that are to be kept on site with the planning applications. |

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| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | <p>9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures.</p> <p>9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.</p> | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | + | The policy will have a minor positive effect as it requires proposals to provide safe and convenient access to the highway network for cars, pedestrians and vehicles and turning space within the site. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | + | The policy will have a minor positive effect as it supports the delivery of onsite shared community buildings. |

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| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | ++ | A significant positive effect is expected for this SA objective as it supports proposals for new residential Traveller pitches and sites. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | - | The policy does not encourage new developments to be located on previously developed land or primarily focussed near urban areas to reduce the need to travel to access services. It is recommended that a criterion is added to the policy to reflect this in the next iteration of the DPD. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> | +/--? | <p>This policy is expected to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective as the policy has not been revised to reflect Historic England's recommendation that the design of sites respects the setting of the site including any potential impacts on designated and undesignated heritage assets. A minor positive effect is identified as the policy requires any unacceptable adverse impact on heritage assets to be satisfactorily mitigated. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected for this SA objective.</p> <p>In line with the HE consultation response, it is recommended that an appropriate clause is added to the policy requiring applicants to have regard to the historic environment.</p> <p>This could be achieved by amending clause 1 to:</p> |

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| | 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | | <i>"An overall good quality of design which respects the setting of the site, local landscape character and the character and significance of designated or non-designated heritage assets."</i> |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | - | The policy will have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it does not require proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site (in line with Policy H4 of the Core Strategy). It is recommended that a criterion is added to the policy to reflect this in the next iteration of the DPD. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | - | The policy will have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it requires proposals to provide convenient access to the highway network for vehicles which encourages private car use and therefore the emission of greenhouse gas emissions. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation | 0 | The policy will have a neutral effect on this SA objective as it requires proposals to satisfactorily mitigate any unacceptable adverse impacts on local nature conservation designations, ecology and biodiversity – negating potential negative effects, but conferring no benefit. It also supports the retention of existing trees and hedgerows and requires any trees or hedgerows lost due to development to be replaced by native trees and hedgerows in appropriate areas of the site. |

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| | value. 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | | |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | + | The policy will have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as it supports good quality design of sites that respect local landscape character. Furthermore, it requires amenity blocks to be sensitively designed and sited using appropriate materials for the area. It also requires any unacceptable adverse impacts on the landscape to be satisfactorily mitigated. Proposals should include a suitable landscaping scheme where the site boundary treatment reflects local character, local materials and local colour. The policy encourages the use of native trees, hedgerows and shrubs to form boundaries as an alternative to high close board fencing. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | + | The policy supports the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems to reduce the risk of flooding on site. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | + | The policy supports requires proposals to include arrangements for foul sewerage disposal and surface water drainage which will help to protect the quality of watercourses. Furthermore, the policy requires external lighting to be kept to a minimum and directed down to the ground to avoid light pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore expected for this SA objective. |

Policy TS 2: Travelling Showpeople plots

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | + | The policy will have a minor positive effect, enabling older members of the Travelling Show community to stay at home – and thus access consistent, good quality healthcare – year-round if desirable. Similarly, parents and young children could enjoy similar continuity of care. This could help to address health inequalities between this and settled communities. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | + | This policy is likely to have a minor positive effect, through the live-work element of appropriate sites – ensuring that the equipment on which Travelling Showpeople rely for their income is secure and conveniently located adjacent to residential sites. The design and amenity considerations contained in the policy should help to ensure that any adverse effects on neighbouring residents are minimised through appropriate siting of storage and maintenance yards for equipment. Similarly, the health and safety elements of the policy, along with provisions in relation to playspace for children, should ensure that such sites are safe, secure and pleasant locations for users. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | | |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | - | The policy is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective, as sites are explicitly required to facilitate road transport, with easy access to the strategic road network. While appropriate siting and design considerations included in the policy should help to reduce the impact of such sites on the local road network, some degree of disruption as a consequence of large/outsize load HGVs is inevitable – although this is likely to be limited to a few occurrences a year (depending on travel patterns). |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | + | The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect, ensuring that children can – if desirable – remain in a fixed location and access consistent educational provision, along with other relevant local amenities on the same basis as settled communities. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> | + | <p>The policy inherently makes provision for the development of housing / residential accommodation tailored to the needs of Travelling Showpeople. While it will not increase overall supply, it will cater to an important identified need.</p> <p>Design and amenity elements of the policy should contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the built environment.</p> |

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| | 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | +/- | <p>The policy has the potential to generate either/both positive or negative effects.</p> <p>Brownfield sites may not be appropriate, given the potential need for remediation and frequent town centre locations – which would not be suitable, given the need for HGV and, often, outsize load access. Such locations could give rise to significant disruption to the local road network – albeit frequency of effects may vary depending on travel patterns.</p> <p>The inherent need for good accessibility of the strategic road network suggests edge-of-town locations, contrary to the desire for sustainable transport-focused development. Similarly, sites require large open areas for equipment and vehicle maintenance and storage – contributing to low density development. It is recommended that a criterion is added to the policy in the next iteration of the DPD to encourage new developments to be located on previously developed land, where appropriate.</p> |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | --? | <p>The policy, as currently drafted, has the potential for significant adverse effects to the historic environment.</p> <p>No explicit consideration of the need to conserve the fabric and setting, or the potential for harm to, heritage assets is contained in the policy.</p> <p>The design quality element of the policy relates principally to landscape considerations and, without appropriate consideration, could still give rise to harm to the historic environment / heritage assets.</p> <p>In line with the HE consultation response, it is recommended that an appropriate clause is added to the policy requiring applicants to have regard to the historic environment. This could be achieved by amending clause 7 to: <i>"An overall good quality of design which respects the</i></p> |

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| | | | <i>setting of the site, local landscape character and the character and significance of designated or non-designated heritage assets."</i> |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option. | - | The policy will have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it does not require proposals to provide appropriate waste management and recycling facilities on site when the site is occupied (in line with paragraph 4.24 of the DPD). It is recommended that a criterion is added to the policy to reflect this in the next iteration of the DPD. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | 14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. 14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. 14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | 16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. 16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | - | The policy will have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it requires proposals to provide convenient access to the strategic road network for vehicles. While this is unlikely to increase overall emissions, the policy inherently supports the use of fossil fuel-consuming HGVs and equipment. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | 13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. 13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. 13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. 13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. | +/- | As currently drafted, the policy does not include specific safeguards for international, national, regional or local sites of importance for biodiversity/natural heritage. The clauses of the policy relating to trees, hedges and boundary treatments could contribute to local biodiversity and habitat connectivity, but this link – or the means to ensure this happens – is not explicitly drawn. It is recommended that appropriate protective measures |

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| | 13.5 Create new appropriate habitats. | | are added to the policy. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | 15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's , historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. 15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. 15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | + | The policy requires schemes to be well-designed, and have regard to local landscape character. In addition, focus on boundary treatment should help development blend in to the local landscape. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | + | The policy explicitly asks applicants to include measures to reduce the risk of flooding (rather than simply managing water on site), resulting in a minor positive effect. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | -- | <p>The policy does not currently contain explicit measures to control pollution. This is a potential risk in relation to the storage and maintenance of HGVs, plant and large-scale fairground/show equipment.</p> <p>Substantial quantities of diesel and other hydrocarbon-based fuels and lubricants (e.g. for generators, plant and equipment) are likely to be contained both within vehicles/machinery and may also be stored on site.</p> <p>Leakage may result in pollution incidents, potentially entering groundwater or watercourses in addition to contaminating soils.</p> <p>(There is a potential conflict with the aspiration for permeable surfaces to manage rainwater, as such surfacing in the wrong location could exacerbate groundwater and watercourse pollution.)</p> <p>Use of HGVs and testing/repair of equipment will generate carbon emissions and may have a local effect on air quality where such activity is extensive.</p> <p>It is recommended that clause 6 is expanded to include pollution prevention and control measures where vehicles, plant and machinery will be stored and/or maintained on site.</p> |

Policy TS 3: Site adjacent to roundabout on A49, Leominster

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | The policy makes no provision in relation to employment, and will therefore have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy contains no specific requirements with regard to educational provision. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | The policy contains no specific requirements in relation to healthcare. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | No specific requirements are made in the policy with regard to design considerations that could reduce crime or the fear of crime locally, and within the site itself. The requirement for a 1.8m high steel fence to prevent access to railway land should prevent potential issues with trespass on the railway and associated risks. |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision | 0 | The issues covered by this SA objective will not be directly |

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| and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | | affected by the location of Traveller site options. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision in relation to off-site traffic management or reduction. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision with regard to equality of access to facilities. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> | + | All Traveller site options will contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire. The policy identifies this site as being for temporary stopping pitches, rather than longer-term occupation. This will assist the Travelling community in finding appropriate locations to stay while en route through the area, generating a positive effect – but does not provide housing as such. |

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| pleasant local environments. | 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision in terms of balance of land uses. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | -? | The policy makes no specific reference to the need to conserve and enhance the historic environment. As indicated in the site assessment, there is some potential for adverse effects on heritage assets. It is therefore recommended that a requirement to avoid adverse effects to the character and significance of heritage assets is included. (Given the separation distance, there is good potential for mitigation by design – for example the required retention of existing trees on site) |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best | - | As specified in paragraph 4.24 of the DPD, temporary stopping places will consist of an area of hardstanding with sanitation and waste disposal facilities brought in when the site is occupied (as the sites will be available for a maximum of 14 days for any one stop and the site will not be occupied all year). |

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| materials and encourage recycling. | Practical Environmental Option. | | A minor negative effect is expected as the criteria in the policy do not refer to the provision of waste disposal facilities. The policy text should be revised to include this omission. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no reference to resource efficiency. (A significant negative effect is identified in the site assessment with regard to the loss of agricultural land. No policy response is available to mitigate this.) |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to GHG management. It will not, however, encourage activities that would change the balance of emissions. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | The policy requires that development would have no potential impact on the River Lugg SSSI. It does not require enhancement, therefore only a neutral effect is possible. (Nevertheless, the site is at significant risk of flooding and no impact will be challenging to achieve.) |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by</p> | 0 | The policy states that development should retain existing trees on site boundaries to mitigate landscape effects. It does not require enhancement, therefore a neutral effect is likely. |

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| | all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | - | <p>This Traveller site option is located entirely on greenfield land which is almost entirely within flood zones 2 and 3. However, the explanatory text accompanying the policy indicates that consultation with the Environment Agency confirmed that the site was not subject to this level of flood risk and advised that a sequential approach to the layout of the site may be required based on any further information regarding flood risk.</p> <p>Therefore, it is recommended that a sequential approach to the layout of the site is included as a criterion in the policy.</p> |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | - | <p>The use of temporary sanitation facilities on site creates a pollution risk, particularly with regard to the proximity of the River Lugg. At present, the policy does not make the link between this infrastructure and the potential for impacts on the river.</p> <p>A clause should be added to the policy to prioritise pollution prevention and control measures connected to the use of temporary sanitation facilities.</p> |

Policy TS 4: Romany Close, Grafton

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to employment provision. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to workforce availability or skills. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to educational attainment. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to health; no specific provision is made in this regard. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to reduction of crime or fear of crime. It will therefore have a negligible effect. |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision | 0 | The policy contains no specific measures with regard to poverty |

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| and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | | reduction or social inclusion. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no reference to these considerations. It will therefore have a negligible effect. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision with regard to equality of access to facilities. It will therefore result in a negligible effect. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> | + | The policy supports the provision of a single additional residential pitch on an existing Traveller site. This will result in a minor positive effect, increasing supply of pitches in the area. |

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| pleasant local environments. | <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no reference to balancing land uses. The site is already in use as part of a long-established local authority owned and managed Traveller site. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | 0 | Although the policy makes no specific provision in this regard, the site is located on an existing Travellers' site and will have no additional effects on the built or historic environment. A negligible effect is likely. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to waste management. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| materials and encourage recycling. | Practical Environmental Option. | | |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no provision for sustainable use of natural resources. A negligible effect is likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no references to management of GHG emissions. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to natural heritage. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and</p> | 0 | The policy makes no reference to landscape conservation or enhancement. The provision with regard to screening for the new pitch is specifically couched in terms of privacy for residents. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | + | The policy requires the provision of a surface water drainage strategy with any application. While unlikely to reduce flood risk overall, it should assist in reducing risk from surface water flooding on site (which may be an issue due to high groundwater levels). |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no provision with regard to pollution prevention or control. Its implementation will therefore have a negligible effect. |

Policy TS 5: Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to employment provision. |
| | 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. | | |
| | 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. | | |
| | 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | | |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to workforce availability or skills. |
| | 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. | | |
| | 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | | |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to educational attainment. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to health; no specific provision is made in this regard. |
| | 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. | | |
| | 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | | |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to reduction of crime or fear of crime. It will therefore have a negligible effect. |
| | 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. | | |
| | 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | | |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision | 0 | The policy contains no specific measures with regard to poverty |

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| and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | | reduction or social inclusion. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | ? | The policy will have an uncertain effect on local traffic. Through the requirement to demonstrate appropriate vehicular access and turning space, adverse effects should be avoided – but the provision of new access could confer minor benefits through the alleviation of any existing issues. Information is not available in this regard, therefore an uncertain effect is recorded. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision with regard to equality of access to facilities. It will therefore result in a negligible effect. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> | + | The policy supports the provision of two new residential pitches on an existing Traveller site. This will result in a minor positive effect, increasing supply of pitches in the area. |

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| pleasant local environments. | 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | 0 | The policy makes no reference to balancing land uses. The site is already in use as part of a long-established local authority owned and managed Traveller site. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | 0 | Although the policy makes no specific provision in this regard, the site is located on an existing Travellers' site and will have no additional effects on the built or historic environment. A negligible effect is likely. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to waste management. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| materials and encourage recycling. | Practical Environmental Option. | | |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | + | The additional pitches will be on brownfield land, encouraging the regeneration of this resource. There is the potential that the site may be contaminated (former Royal Ordnance factory), and decontamination as a consequence of development would represent a minor positive effect. (Minor due to small scale of site). |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no references to management of GHG emissions. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | The policy explicitly requires an ecological appraisal to be prepared and submitted with any application to understand the likely effects on local SINCs and the River Wye SSSI. Significant enhancement arising from development on this scale is unlikely; therefore a negligible effect is predicted on the assumption that – in line with the policy – adverse effects can be avoided/satisfactorily mitigated. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and</p> | - | <p>The policy makes no reference to landscape conservation or enhancement. The site represents a small extension to an existing Travellers' site and could result in a small-scale adverse change to landscape character and quality.</p> <p>An addition to the policy to prioritise the retention of existing trees and hedgerows on site as boundary features could mitigate this effect.</p> |

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| | accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | The policy requires the preparation of a site-specific FRA to understand the potential for surface water flooding and influence design. The development is therefore likely to have a negligible overall effect on flood risk – provided assessed effects are satisfactorily mitigated without increasing downstream risk. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | The policy makes no provision with regard to pollution prevention or control. Its implementation will therefore have a negligible effect. |

Policy TS 6: Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to employment provision. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to workforce availability or skills. |

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| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to educational attainment. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to health; no specific provision is made in this regard. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to reduction of crime or fear of crime. It will therefore have a negligible effect. |
| 10. Reduce poverty and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age. 10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups. 10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment. 10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages. | 0 | The policy contains no specific measures with regard to poverty reduction or social inclusion. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by | 4.1 Reduce the need to travel. 4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion, 4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all. 4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking. 4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel. | 0 | The policy makes no reference to these considerations. It will therefore have a negligible effect. (Explanatory text refers to local public transport provision) |

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| public transport, cycling and walking. | | | |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific provision with regard to equality of access to facilities. It will therefore result in a negligible effect. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments. | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> <p>11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health.</p> <p>11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction.</p> <p>11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place.</p> | + | The policy supports the provision of a two additional residential pitches on an existing Traveller site. This will result in a minor positive effect, increasing supply of pitches in the area. |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | <p>19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design.</p> <p>19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no reference to balancing land uses. The site is already in use as part of a long-established local authority owned and managed Traveller site. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner | 0 | While the 2016 SA identified the potential for negative effects on the Grade II-Listed Down Lodge, the proposed mitigation |

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| character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | <p>appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings.</p> <p>20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <p>20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p> <p>20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</p> | | provided by strengthening/enhancing intervening planting should satisfactorily conserve the setting of the asset. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling. | <p>12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials.</p> <p>12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste.</p> <p>12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste.</p> <p>12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best Practical Environmental Option.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to waste management. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no provision for sustainable use of natural resources. A negligible effect is likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power</p> | 0 | The policy makes no references to management of GHG emissions. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| | (CHP), district heating and in transportation. | | |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to natural heritage. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</p> | + | The policy makes reference to enhancing boundary treatment of the site, which is likely to have a minor positive effect. |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <p>17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</p> <p>17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</p> <p>17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</p> | ? | The policy requires the submission of a flood risk statement with any application. Although the site is at comparatively low risk of flooding (Zone 1), there is some uncertainty – which could result in either positive or negative effects. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | <p>18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</p> <p>18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses.</p> <p>18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</p> <p>18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no provision with regard to pollution prevention or control. Its implementation will therefore have a negligible effect. |

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| Education and Employment | | | |
| 1. Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce. | 1.1 Maintain or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors. 1.2 Provide flexible employment land near to the workforce or provide opportunities easily accessible by public transport. 1.3 Encourage fair and decent work conditions and increase median weekly earnings. 1.4 Help to increase diversity of job opportunities. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to employment provision. |
| 2. Secure a more adaptable and higher skilled workforce. | 2.1 Provide or facilitate through investment, appropriate training and learning to help build, attract and retain a highly skilled workforce that meets existing and future needs. 2.2 Reduce inequalities in skills across the county. 2.3 Promote the voluntary sector, lifelong learning and life/environmental skills. | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to workforce availability or skills. |
| 8. Raise Educational achievements throughout the County | 8.1 Ensure that education infrastructure meets projected future demand and need. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to educational attainment. |
| Healthy and Prosperous Communities | | | |
| 5. Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically and encourage healthy living for all. | 5.1 Help to ensure there is adequate provision of healthcare services appropriate to local needs, which are accessible by sustainable modes of transport. 5.2 Help to reduce inequalities in health. 5.3 Encourage healthy lifestyles, e.g. reducing car use and maintaining or enhancing access to physical sports, green space and recreation. | 0 | The policy will have a negligible effect in relation to health; no specific provision is made in this regard. |
| 9. Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and antisocial behaviour in the county. | 9.1 Enhance community safety, security and reduce crime or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. 9.2 Help improve quality of life and address the opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour through design measures. 9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment. | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to reduction of crime or fear of crime. It will therefore have a negligible effect. |
| 10. Reduce poverty | 10.1 Ensure easy and equitable access to and provision | 0 | The policy contains no specific measures with regard to poverty |

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| and promote equality, social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county. | <p>of services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, and avoid negative impacts on different groups of people because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexuality or age.</p> <p>10.2 Enable the involvement of all affected parties, including hard to reach groups.</p> <p>10.3 Promote equality, fairness and respect for people and the environment.</p> <p>10.4 Address poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantages.</p> | | reduction or social inclusion. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| Transport and Access | | | |
| 4. Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking. | <p>4.1 Reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>4.2 Promote more sustainable transport patterns in areas suffering from congestion,</p> <p>4.3 Improve the quality and/or provision of integrated transport options in areas of need and that are accessible to all.</p> <p>4.4 Increase the use of public transport, cycling and walking.</p> <p>4.6 Minimise risks associated with car travel.</p> | -? | The policy requires access to the additional pitches via the existing route onto the highway. This could result in a minor adverse effect if this were to result in a substantial increase in traffic activity at what is a junction with limited visibility. |
| 6. Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all. | <p>6.1 Maintain or increase the type or quality of facilities (including open space) in areas where there is need, ensuring easy and equitable access by sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>6.2 Promote Herefordshire's facilities to local people and tourists encouraging appreciation of the heritage of the county and participation by all.</p> <p>6.3 Promote the use of inland waterways for leisure, recreation, telecommunication, freight transport and/or as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration.</p> | + | The policy will result in a minor positive effect to this objective through the required provision of a suitable and safe on-site play area for children. |
| The Built Environment | | | |
| 11. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and | <p>11.1 Increase access to good quality housing meeting people's needs (e.g. tenure, aspirations, location, affordability, size and type, accessible to disabled people).</p> <p>11.2 Increase the supply of affordable housing.</p> <p>11.3 Reduce the percentage of unfit homes/empty homes.</p> | + | The policy supports the provision of a four additional residential pitches in an extension to an existing Traveller site. This will result in a minor positive effect, increasing supply of pitches in the area. |

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| pleasant local environments. | 11.4 Improve the energy and resource efficiency of homes and reduce fuel poverty and ill-health. 11.5 Increase the use of sustainable design techniques, improve the quality of housing and use sustainable building materials in construction. 11.6 Improve the wider built environment and sense of place. | | |
| 19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. | 19.1 Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 19.2 Encourage an appropriate density and mix of uses using sustainable resource-efficient design. 19.3 Promote ways of meeting local needs locally by encouraging local sourcing of food, goods and materials. | 0 | The policy makes no reference to balancing land uses. The site is already in use as part of a long-established local authority Traveller site. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| 20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's historic environment and cultural heritage. | 20.1 Conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. 20.2 Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. 20.3 Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place? 20.4 Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. | - | The policy itself contains no requirement to understand, conserve and enhance heritage assets potentially affected by the development. The supporting text identifies the potential for adverse effects to a Scheduled Monument and a Grade II* building. While visibility may be regarded as minimal, the policy should require the provision of an appropriate heritage impact assessment to accompany any application. |
| Resource Consumption and Climate Change | | | |
| 12. Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable | 12.1 Minimise the use of non re-usable materials. 12.2 Minimise waste from households, businesses etc. including hazardous waste. 12.3 Promote re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. 12.4 Deal with waste locally and/or through the best | 0 | The policy makes no specific reference to waste management. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |

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| materials and encourage recycling. | Practical Environmental Option. | | |
| 14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. | <p>14.1 Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <p>14.2 Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</p> <p>14.3 Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no provision for sustainable use of natural resources. A negligible effect is likely. |
| 16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. | <p>16.1 Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</p> <p>16.2 Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</p> | 0 | The policy makes no references to management of GHG emissions. A negligible effect is therefore likely. |
| The Natural Environment | | | |
| 13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. | <p>13.1 Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</p> <p>13.2 Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</p> <p>13.3 Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</p> <p>13.4 Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</p> <p>13.5 Create new appropriate habitats.</p> | 0 | The policy will have no effect with regard to natural heritage. |
| 15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. | <p>15.1 Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</p> <p>15.2 Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</p> <p>15.4 Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and</p> | + | The policy makes reference to delivering appropriate landscape enhancement to reflect local landscape character. |

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| | accommodate the needs of disabled users. | | |
| 17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | 17.1 Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. 17.2 Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. 17.3 Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. | 0 | The policy will have no effect in relation to reducing flood risk. |
| 18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. | 18.1 Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. 18.2 Protect and enhance the quality of watercourses. 18.3 Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 18.4 Help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans through for e.g. increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking. 18.5 Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. | 0 | The policy makes no provision with regard to pollution prevention or control. Its implementation will therefore have a negligible effect. |