

Herefordshire

Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson

Accommodation Assessment

Table 5.1 Needs Modelling Revision

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1. Gypsy and Traveller pitch need update

- 1.1 This document presents an update to Table 5.1 of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2017. This follows an Examination in Public of the Travellers Sites Development Plan Document that was informed by the GTAA. The inspector has made a series of recommendations to update the model and the updated modelling also takes into account changes in pitch numbers and vacancy levels across authorised pitches.

Pitch requirement model overview

- 1.2 Pitch requirements are assessed over an initial five-year period (updated to 2018/19 to 2022/23) (the 5-year model) and then longer-term need is based on the expected number of households likely to form over the remainder of the plan period (2023/24 to 2031) based on the age profile of children under 13 living in Gypsy and Traveller households on pitches (the longer-term model). The modelling is based on the cultural need for pitches but the impact of the PPTS definition on need is also considered.
- 1.3 In terms of **cultural need**, the 5-year model considers:
- The baseline number of households on all types of site (authorised, unauthorised and temporary authorised sites) as at May 2018;
 - Existing households in need of a pitch in the next five years; and
 - Emerging households currently on sites and likely to emerge in the next five years and stay within the study area on a pitch; to derive a figure for
 - Total pitch need.
- 1.4 In terms of **supply**, the model considers:
- Total supply of current pitches on authorised sites;
 - New pitch supply; and
 - Vacant pitches on authorised sites.
- 1.5 The model then reconciles total need and existing authorised supply over the next 5 years by summarising:
- Total need for pitches; and
 - Total supply of authorised pitches.
- 1.6 The longer-term element of the model then considers the cultural and anticipated PPTS need over the remainder of the plan period (to 2031).

Description of factors in the 5-year need model

- 1.7 Table 5.1 of the 2017 GTAA set out the 5-year pitch need calculation. The Inspector has recommended that aspects of the model are revised which are now set out.

Need

1.8 **Current households living on pitches (1a to 1f)**

These figures are derived from local authority data, site observation and household survey information. Note that no household stated they were doubled up or included concealed households. Site observation and fieldwork carried out as part of the 2017 GTAA indicated a total of 122 pitches occupied by 119 households. This has been revised upwards following a reduction in vacancy to a total of 128 households living on pitches.

1.9 **Existing Households in need of a pitch in the next five years (2)**

This was derived from information from the household survey for respondents currently on authorised pitches. To account for non-response, the data in the model has been weighted by a factor of 1.44¹.

The 2017 GTAA reported need from 5 households planning to move to another pitch in the next 5 years. These households may duplicate those on the housing register and are already included in section 1 and therefore have been removed.

Households planning to move from a pitch into bricks and mortar are now factored into the model in the supply-side of the calculation.

Housing register information

Updated housing waiting list for the local authority sites identifies a total of 27 households planning to move from bricks and mortar to a pitch. There are also an additional 12 households on the register, 8 of which are currently on pitches (7 on local authority sites and 1 on a private site) and wanting to move onto LA sites. The other 4 are of no fixed abode. This updated information on need has been included in the model at 2d excluding those who are currently on pitches.

This results in an overall net requirement of +31 pitches from existing households in need of a pitch in the next 5 years.

Emerging households (3)

This is the number of households expected to emerge in the next 5 years based on household survey information. The total number is 26 (weighted).

¹ 89 responses from 128 G&T households on pitches results in a weighting factor of $112889 = 1.44$

If children old enough to form their own household were living with family and have not specified that they want to form a new household, this is assumed to be through choice and the model does not assume they want to form a new household.

1.10 **Total need for pitches (4)**

This is a total of current households on authorised pitches, households on pitches planning to move in the next five years and demand from emerging households currently living on pitches. This indicates a total need for 185 pitches.

Supply

1.11 **Current supply of authorised pitches (5)**

This is a summary of the total number of authorised pitches and the number of vacant authorised pitches. This shows a total supply of 129 occupied authorised pitches (note that there are 3 households across the County who occupy 2 pitches each). In addition, the model factors in supply of 4 pitches which have been granted permission since July 2017 and which are unoccupied. The total authorised supply is therefore 133 pitches.

Reconciling supply and demand

- 1.12 There is a total need over the next five years (2018/19 to 2022/24) for 185 pitches in Herefordshire (revised Table 5.1) compared with a supply of 133 authorised pitches (including vacant pitches). The result is an overall cultural shortfall of 52 pitches.

Revised Table 5.1 Summary of demand and supply factors: Gypsies and Travellers – 2018/19 to 2022/23			
CULTURAL NEED			Herefordshire
1	Total households living on pitches	1a. On LA Site	52
		1b. On Private Site – Authorised	66
		1c. On Private Site - Temporary Authorised	0
		1d. On Private Site – Tolerated	10
		1e. Unauthorised	0
		1f. Total (1a to 1e)	128
Weighting applied to stages 2 and 3 = 1.44 to account for G&T household no-response			
2	Existing households in need of a pitch in next 5 years	Currently on Sites	
		2a. To a site /bricks and mortar outside the county.	0
		Currently in Bricks and Mortar	
		2b. Planning to move to a site in LA	27
		2c Planning to move to another B&M property	0
		Currently on housing register	
2d. Household currently on housing register	4		
2e. TOTAL Net impact (2a+2b +2d)	31		
3	Emerging households (5 years)	3a. Currently on site and planning to live on current site	23
		3b. Currently on sites and planning to live on another site in LA	3
		3c. Currently on site and planning to live on site outside the study area	0
		3d. Currently in B&M planning to move to a site in LA	0
		3e. Currently in B&M and moving to B&M (no net impact)	0
		3f. Currently on Site and moving to B&M (no net impact)	0
		3g. TOTAL Net impact (3a+3b-3c+3d)	26
4	Total Need	1f+2e+3g	185
SUPPLY			
5	Current supply of authorised pitches	5a Current occupied authorised pitches	129
		5b Current vacancies on authorised pitches	0
		5c. New site permissions since July 2017 GTAA	4
		5d. Total current authorised supply (5a+5b+5c)	133
RECONCILING NEED AND SUPPLY			
6	Total need for pitches	5 years (from 4)	185
7	Total supply of authorised pitches	5 years (from 5e)	133
5 YEAR AUTHORISED PITCH SHORTFALL 2018/19 TO 2022/23			52

Note: Figures in the table subject to rounding