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1 Introduction

Introduction

- 1.1 On 27th February 2018 Herefordshire Council (referred to hereafter as 'the Council') submitted the [Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication](#) (November 2017) (referred to hereafter as 'the Travellers' Sites DPD') for independent examination by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. An integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report (referred to hereafter as 'the SA Report') entitled '[Sustainability Appraisal of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document Pre-Submission Publication](#)' (November 2017) was submitted alongside the DPD. It should be noted that this is an Addendum to that SA Report and that the two documents should therefore be read together.
- 1.2 The examination hearing for the Travellers' Sites DPD took place on 22nd May 2018. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Inspector issued closing comments and post hearing advice. The Inspector concluded that the Travellers' Sites DPD fails to identify a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites from 2018 against locally set targets. Given that there is an immediate need and that providing for an adequate supply is a fundamental aim of Government policy, the Inspector advised that the Travellers' Sites DPD is not sound as it stands. To remedy this, the Inspector advised the Council to investigate ways to increase supply by at least five deliverable pitches to ensure a five year supply on adoption of the Travellers' Sites DPD. Overall, a further five pitches are required in the county before 2022/23 and a further 11 pitches between 2023 and 2031. This is in addition to the nine residential pitches at four different sites¹ and one temporary stopping place for five pitches² already identified in the Travellers' Sites DPD.
 - 1.1 Herefordshire Council provided the Inspector with a report outlining the possible approaches to identifying the additional pitches³. The Council's proposed approach is to assess the potential for additional pitches on an existing private site identified through the [Gypsy and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment Update 2017](#) (July 2017). In addition, the Council received a proposal for additional pitches at another site in the county. It is considered that the potential supply from these sites could achieve the requirement for the five year supply of pitches.
 - 1.2 The sites that are subject to assessment in this SA Addendum Report are:
 - Land at Stoney Street, Madley; and,
 - Land at Oakfield, North End Lane, Bosbury.
 - 1.3 The proposed sites and provisions within the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD, including the additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination, are identified in **Table 1.1**.

¹ 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.

² Temporary stopping place at Land to the west of A49 Leominster for five pitches.

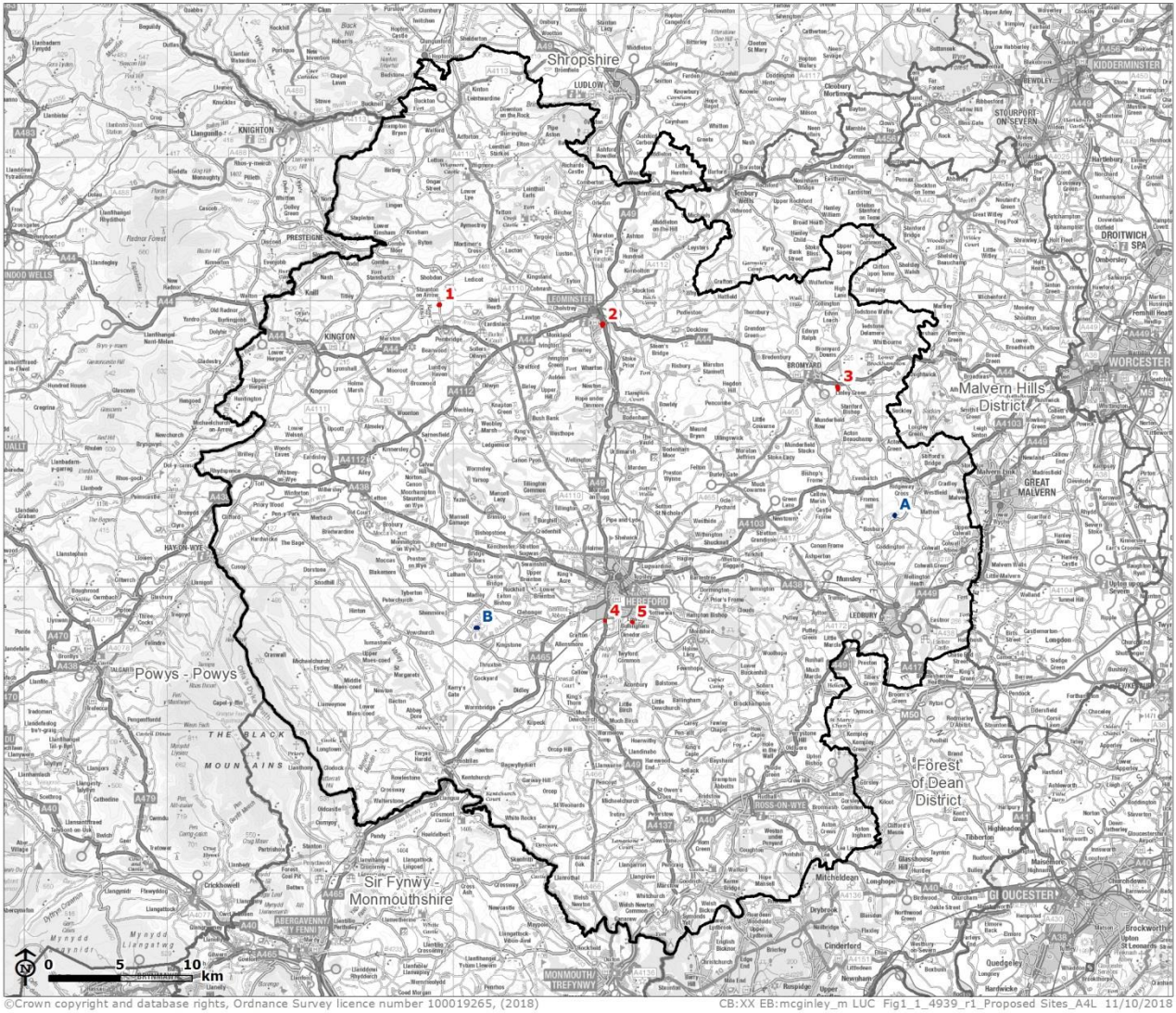
³ Herefordshire Council (2018) Herefordshire Local Plan – Travellers' Sites Development Plan – Proposed approach to finding additional sites to meet Five Year Requirement [online]. Available at: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/14919/coun008_herefordshire_council_approach_to_identifying_additional_pitches.pdf [Accessed 19 October 2018]

Table 1.1 Proposed allocation for residential pitches and temporary stopping places

Site Name	Site Type	Number of Pitches
Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49 Leominster, Herefordshire	Temporary Stopping Place	5
Romany Close, Grafton	Permanent Residential – Intensification within existing site	1
Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower Bullingham	Permanent Residential – Extension to existing site	2
Additional pitches at Openfields Caravan Site, Bromyard	Permanent Residential – Intensification within existing site	2
Extension to Pembridge Caravan Site, Herefordshire	Permanent Residential – Extension to existing site	4
Land at Stoney Street, Madley	Permanent Residential – Vacant site	10
Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury	Permanent Residential – Extension to existing site	4
Total number of pitches		28 of which 23 are residential pitches

1.4 **Figure 1.1** overleaf shows the location of the two proposed sites as well as the five sites allocated in the Travellers’ Sites DPD.

Figure 1.1 Additional Sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD Examination



Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD

Figure 1.1: Additional Sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD Examination

- Traveller Sites Pre-Submission Publication
- Additional Traveller Sites

- Extension to Pembridge
- 1 Caravan Site, Herefordshire Site adjacent to the roundabout on A49 Leominster,
- 2 Herefordshire Additional pitches at Openfields
- 3 Caravan Site, Bromyard
- 4 Romany Close, Grafton Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Lower
- 5 Bullingham Land at Oakfield, Nash End
- A Lane, Bosbury
- B Land at Stoney Street, Madley

Source: Herefordshire Council

Map Scale @ A4: 1:375,000



SA work previously undertaken

- 1.5 LUC, working on behalf of Herefordshire Council, has previously carried out several iterations of the SA process in relation to the Travellers' Sites DPD throughout its development. **Table 1.2** lists the iterations of the Travellers' Sites DPD that have been produced and consulted on by the Council, as well as the accompanying SA work that was undertaken at each stage.

Table 1.2 Iterations of the Travellers' Sites DPD and accompanying SA work

DPD Iteration	Accompanying SA Report
N/A	SA Scoping Report (June 2014)
Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Issues and Options Paper (August 2014)	SA of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Issues and Options Paper (August 2014)
Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Document Preferred Options Consultation Document (July 2016)	SA of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Preferred Options Consultation (July 2016)
Herefordshire Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document Pre-Submission Publication (November 2017)	SA of the Herefordshire Travellers' Sites DPD Pre-Submission Publication (November 2017)

- 1.6 The most recent full SA Report for the Travellers' Sites DPD is therefore the November 2017 SA Report which relates to the Pre-Submission Publication version of the DPD. The report described in detail the approach that has been taken to the SA process (Chapter 2); the sustainability context for development in Herefordshire (Chapter 3); the SA findings of the Issues and Options Paper (Chapter 4); the SA findings of the 15 reasonable alternative site options (Chapter 5); the SA findings of the Preferred Options Consultation Document (Chapter 6); the SA findings of the Pre-Submission Publication Document, including cumulative effects and proposed mitigation measures (Chapter 7); and, the monitoring indicators for monitoring the potential significant effects of implementing the DPD (Chapter 8). The Appendices outline the consultation comments received on the various iterations of the DPD and how these were addressed in the SA Reports (Appendix 1); the detailed SA matrices of the Issues and Options (Appendix 2); the assumptions used in the SA of site options (Appendix 3); the detailed SA matrices of the reasonable alternative site options and the Preferred Options Consultation Document (Appendix 4); and, the detailed SA matrices for the Pre-Submission Publication site options (Appendix 5) and policies (Appendix 6).
- 1.7 As previously outlined, this SA Addendum should be read in conjunction with the November 2017 SA Report. It is not intended to represent an 'SA Report' in the context of the SEA Regulations, which requires the presentation of certain information in the SA Report. It is not appropriate, proportionate or in the interests of effective consultation to repeat all this information in the Addendum.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 1.8 The HRA Screening Addendum of the additional sites has been undertaken by LUC on behalf of Herefordshire Council. The HRA Screening Addendum concludes that the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site is approximately 17.5km away from the nearest European site which is unlikely to be affected by the proposal, due to its scale. The Land at Stoney Street, Madley site is within approximately 3.5km of the River Wye SAC which the HRA Screening Addendum identifies is close enough to the SAC that recreational activities could increase physical disturbance/damage, or erosion/trampling. The November 2017 HRA Report identified that two sites, Romany Close and Extension to Orchard Caravan Park, are also close enough to the River Wye SAC that recreational activities could increase physical disturbance/damage, or

erosion/trampling. However, both the HRA Report and the HRA Addendum conclude that in all cases, the scale of development is very small and unlikely to result in significant effects. The HRA reports also state 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, policies *TS1: Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites* and *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.

2 Sustainability Appraisal Findings of the Additional Sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD Examination

- 2.1 This chapter presents the SA findings for the two additional sites that are proposed by Herefordshire Council to address the shortfall in deliverable pitches over the plan period. **Chapter 2: Methodology** of the November 2017 SA Report outlines the approach taken to the SA of the Travellers' Sites DPD, including presenting the SA Framework that is used to appraise the DPD and the scores/colour coding used to indicate likely significant effects on each SA objective. **Appendix 3** of the November 2017 SA Report presents the detailed set of assumptions that are applied to the site options to ensure consistency in the appraisal of sites.

Additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination

- 2.2 Two additional sites have been identified by Herefordshire Council:
- Land at Stoney Street, Madley: up to ten additional residential pitches.
 - Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury: up to four additional residential pitches (currently two pitches on site).
- 2.3 The likely sustainability effects (both positive and negative) of these sites are summarised in **Table 2.1** and the detailed SA matrices for the proposed sites can be found in **Appendix 1**. Where relevant, effects are classified as short, medium or long-term. Consideration is also given to potential mitigation measures that could prevent, reduce or offset the negative effects identified.

SA findings of the additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination

- 2.4 **Table 2.1** overleaf provides an overview of the SA scores attributed to the additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination.

Table 2.1 Summary of SA scores for the additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination

SA Objective	Land at Stoney Street, Madley	Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury
1. Employment opportunities	+	-
2. Skilled workforce	0	0
8. Education	-?	-?
5. Health	-	-
9. Reduce and prevent crime	0	0
10. Reduce poverty	0	0
4. Reduce road traffic	+	-
6. Recreation	-	-
11. Housing	++	++
19. Land use	+	-
20. Cultural heritage	-?	--?
12. Reduce waste	0	0
14. Natural resources	+	-?
16. Climate change	0	0
13. Biodiversity	-?	-?
15. Landscape quality	0	0
17. Flood risk	0	-
18. Minimise pollution	0	0

- 2.5 The Land at Stoney Street, Madley site could have a minor positive effect on SA objective **1: Employment opportunities** as, although it is not within a main town, it is located within reasonable walking distance of public transport links that would provide access to job opportunities further afield. Furthermore, there are a number of industrial estates located opposite the site which may provide employment opportunities within close proximity to the site. The Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site is expected to have a minor negative effect as residents may have relatively poor access to employment opportunities, particularly those without a car. The same range of effects is identified in relation to SA objective **4: Reduce road traffic** because, where sites are known to be connected by sustainable modes of transport, levels of car use are likely to be lower.
- 2.6 Both additional sites are expected to have minor negative effects on SA objectives **8: Education** and **5: Health**, as both sites are not within reasonable walking distance of schools and healthcare facilities. The effect on SA objective 8: Education is uncertain as there may be potential for the sites to be served by school transport however this is unknown at this stage in the assessment. The same effects are also identified in relation to SA objective **6: Recreation**, as the additional sites are located away from the main towns where leisure, sports and recreation facilities are likely to be concentrated, and are also not within close proximity of recreational assets such as National Trails or Country Parks.
- 2.7 Both additional sites are considered to be large in size (>0.5ha) and will be delivered within the next 5 years, within the period 2018/19 to 2022/23. Therefore, significant positive effects have been identified in relation to SA objective **11: Housing**, as the sites would greatly contribute towards meeting the identified need for Traveller sites in Herefordshire.
- 2.8 The Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site could have an adverse effect on SA objective **14: Natural resources**, as the site comprises mostly greenfield land which is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality. Development on previously undeveloped high quality agricultural land would result in the loss of those high quality soils. As the site is classed as Grade 3, the potential negative effect is uncertain as it is not known if the land is Grade 3a or 3b (Grade 3a land is considered 'best and most versatile agricultural land'). However, the area of land that is undeveloped and classed as Grade 3 is not currently used as farmland and is within the domestic curtilage of the existing site. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this site. The Land at Stoney Street, Madley site could have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as, although it is classified as Grade 2 agricultural land, it has been previously developed and used as

a transit site (with hard standings still in place). Similar effects are expected in relation to SA objective **19: Land use**. The Land at Stoney Street, Madley site is expected to have a minor positive effect, as this site comprises previously developed land which, if allocated and redeveloped, represents a more efficient use of land than the development of greenfield sites. The Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site would have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it comprises mostly greenfield land.

- 2.9 The Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site is expected to have a minor negative effect on SA objective **17: Flood risk** as, although it is outside of the flood zone areas, it comprises mostly greenfield land and 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 Land at Stoney Street, Madley site is expected to have no effect on this SA objective, as it is a previously developed site so would not increase impermeable surfaces and is not in a high risk flood zone.
- 2.10 Both additional sites are within at least 1km of a designated heritage asset such as a listed building or Scheduled Monument, so both could have at least minor negative effects on SA objective **20: Cultural heritage** 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. For the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site, the negative effect could be significant as the site is within particularly close proximity (250m) of a Grade II listed building. Effects are uncertain and will depend on factors such as the design of the sites which is not yet known.
- 2.11 Both additional sites could have minor negative effects on SA objective **13: Biodiversity** as they 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. However, 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 could be short term if they are associated with increased recreation pressure.
- 2.12 Both of the additional sites would have negligible effects on the remaining SA objectives (2, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 18), as those issues would not be affected by the spatial location of Traveller sites, as explained in the detailed SA matrices for the proposed sites in **Appendix 1**.

Secondary, synergistic and cumulative effects

- 2.13 The above SA findings have been considered in the context of the secondary, synergistic and cumulative effects assessment, presented in **Chapter 7: SA Findings – Pre-Submission Publication stage** of the 2017 November SA Report.
- 2.14 There are no changes to the assessment of effects presented in Chapter 7 of the 2017 November SA Report.

Mitigation and recommendations

- 2.15 It is assumed that, should the two additional sites be allocated in the Travellers' Sites DPD, associated site-specific policies are prepared and included in the DPD, in line with the approach taken for the other five site allocations.
- 2.16 For the Land at Stoney Street, Madley site, due to the proximity of the industrial estate opposite the site, it is recommended that a bund or other appropriate landscaping is incorporated into the design to mitigate any visual impact and to protect the amenity of residents of the sites.
- 2.17 For the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site, an uncertain significant negative effect has been identified for SA objective **20: Cultural heritage**. It is recommended that the site-specific policy should require proposals to incorporate suitable landscaping of the site boundary to minimise any potential impact on the Grade II Listed Building (located approximately 210m from the site). This will also have the added advantage of providing screening to maximise privacy for the residents of the site.

3 Conclusion and Next Steps

Conclusion

- 3.1 The two additional sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD examination to address the shortfall in deliverable pitches over the plan period have been subject to appraisal against the SA objectives which were developed at the scoping stage.
- 3.2 Both sites are expected to have significant positive effects for SA objective **11: Housing**. However, the Land at Stoney Street, Madley site is likely to have more positive and less negative effects overall than the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site. For the Land at Stoney Street, Madley site, minor positive effects are expected for SA objectives **1: Employment**, **4: Reduce road traffic**, **19: Land use**, and **14: Natural resources** while minor negative effects are identified for these SA objectives in relation to the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site. An uncertain significant negative effect is expected for SA objective **20: Cultural heritage** for the Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury site. However, the potential impact on the historic environment, specifically a nearby Grade II Listed Building, from the development of this site can be mitigated through policies *TS1 – Residential Traveller Pitches and Sites* and *H4: Traveller sites* (Core Strategy policy).
- 3.3 The SA also recommends that, should the two additional sites be allocated in the Travellers' Sites DPD, associated site-specific policies are prepared and included in the DPD, in line with the approach taken for the other five site allocations. The SA provides recommendations for the criteria that should be included in the site-specific policies which should avoid adverse impacts or enhance positive effects.

Next Steps

- 3.4 This SA Report will be available for consultation from 24th October 2018 to 5th December 2018. Following this, Herefordshire Council will consider the responses received during the consultation period and will submit the SA and HRA Addendums, together with their associated responses, to the Inspector for examination.

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Appendix 1

Detailed SA matrices for the Additional Sites identified during the Travellers' Sites DPD Examination

Land at Stoney Street, Madley

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.	+	This Traveller site option is not within or adjoining a main town, or directly served by public transport; however there are two bus stops situated approximately 670m (which is considered to be within reasonable walking distance) from the site. The site is also located opposite a number of industrial estates, including Stony Street Industrial Estate and Dene Industrial Estate. Overall, 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 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. However, this effect is uncertain as there may be potential for the site to be served by school transport, which is unknown at this stage in the assessment.
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.	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

SA Objective	Appraisal Question	SA Score	Justification
	9.3 Encourage respect for people and the environment.		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 there are two bus stops situated approximately 670m (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 adjoining 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 (0.51ha); therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this

SA Objective	Appraisal Question	SA Score	Justification
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 Travellers site option is located on previously developed land, which represents a more efficient use of land than development on a greenfield site. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is 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 is a Grade II Listed Building within 1km. 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

SA Objective	Appraisal Question	SA Score	Justification
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 on Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification however, it has been previously developed and used as a transit site (hardstandings are still in place). Overall, it is assumed that 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.	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 Cage Brook, which is a Local Wildlife Site, while the nearest European site, the River Wye SAC, is 3.5km from the site. Overall, 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.	0	This Traveller site option is located entirely on previously developed 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 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.

Land at Oakfield, Nashend Lane, Bosbury

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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. 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. However, this effect is uncertain as there may be potential for the site to be served by school transport, which is unknown at this stage in the assessment.
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	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

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	environment.		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, 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 adjoining 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 large (0.53ha); therefore a significant 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 mostly greenfield land, which represents a less efficient use of land than development on a previously developed 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 within 250m of a Grade II Listed Building in Pow Green. A number of other Grade II Listed Buildings are within 1km of the site, such as Nashend Farmhouse. A significant negative 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 mostly on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 agricultural quality. As the site is classed as Grade 3, the potential negative effect is uncertain as it is not known if the land is Grade 3a or 3b (Grade 3a land is considered 'best and most versatile agricultural land'). However, the area of land that is undeveloped and classed as Grade 3 is not currently used as farmland and is within the domestic curtilage of the existing site. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this site.
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.	-?	A small part of this Traveller site option is within 1km of Beacon Hill, 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	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 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.