

Traveller Sites Document – Additional Pitches Consultation

We would like to know your views on additional sites that are being considered for residential Travellers as part of the Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document.

An initial desk top assessment of the sites has taken place, and they are deemed to have potential, subject to consultation and further technical assessment. Please refer to the maps in the additional sites consultation document for the location and proposed number of pitches.

This questionnaire is also available to complete online at the following web address: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation)

**1. Land at Oakfield, Nash End Lane, Bosbury**

**Do you agree that this could be a suitable site for up to 4 additional residential traveller pitches?**

Yes   
No

If no, please explain...The site is located along a narrow dead-end lane which has a difficult blind access on to a B road. The proposed increase in the local population (four families) will be disproportionate to the existing local community. There is minimal local employment, the public transport is minimal and inadequate for commuting purposes and the local school is full and there is no prospect of increasing the intake. These facts contribute to a significant negative for this site. Further there will be an unnecessary increase in Greenhouse emissions which will affect the existing community in this location, and thus be an additional negative for this site, and more generally will increase Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impact of climate change.

The proposed location is close to (several hundred metres) and is visible to a significant number of Grade II listed buildings, and this further development will have a significant negative effect on the County's historic and environmental heritage.

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**Do you have any further comments on this site?**

Yes

Please explain...This is a private site; how do Hereford Council plan to monitor this location to ensure all regulations covering the planning consent will be observed? Previously this site received planning in 2012 for a second pitch, which has now lapsed as there was no material change to the site, so if as recently as 2012 there was no requirement for additional capacity why is there now a proposed increase of 400% ? I understand the planning consent by the Parish Council in 2012 was with the proviso that

the maximum number of residential pitches on this site would be capped at two; surely this provision is as valid now as it was then.

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**2. Land at Stoney Street, Madley**

**Do you agree that this could be a suitable site for up to 10 residential traveller pitches?**

Yes  X  
No  O

If no, please explain.....  
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**Q2 continued...**

**Do you have any further comments on this site?**

Yes  X

Please explain.....This is a council managed site and therefore the council is well placed to make an informed decision regarding the suitability of the site for expansion and in addition have an existing monitoring system.

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**3. Do you have any suggestions of alternative or additional sites to help meet the need for pitches and plots in Herefordshire?**

Yes:  X The Parish of Bosbury and Coddington is approximately 1.1% of the total area of Herefordshire, and already has over 10% of the County's traveller pitches. This density of pitches is obviously disproportionate and there can be no justification for any further pitches here. Several areas of the County currently have no pitches and these regions should be considered as priority areas for the development of new sites. Why should this small area of the County have its resources and infrastructure so burdened whilst other areas remain free from paying their fair share of the costs of accommodating the County's travellers?

(If you have more detail, please complete the site submission form at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation))

No

**4. Do you have any other comments on the consultation that are not covered by these questions?**

Yes .....

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No

(Please use additional section at the back of the questionnaire if you need extra space for comment on any of the questions.)

**Please complete your contact details.**

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**Do you wish to be kept informed of future planning policy consultations?**

Yes

No

(You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by notifying us.)

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If you would like any further assistance, please contact us in one of the following ways:  
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Questionnaires can be returned by post to:  
Forward Planning, Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE

Or by email to [ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk)

**The closing date for this survey is midnight on 5 December 2018**

**Thank you for taking time to share your views with us.**

Continuation sheet if needed.