

Herefordshire Council Five Year Supply of deliverable land for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation

(As at 31 March 2024)

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) 2023 sets out the Government's planning policy for Traveller sites. It should be read in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- 1.2 Paragraph 10 of PPTS states that local planning authorities (LPAs) should, in producing their local plan, identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against their locally set targets.
- 1.3 This report sets out the five-year supply position in Herefordshire for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople at 31 March 2024.

2.0 Context

- 2.1 Current and future need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation in Herefordshire is documented in the [Herefordshire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2022 \(GTAA\)](#). The GTAA separates out the pitch and plot requirements for Gypsies and Travellers, and Travelling Show People as the two groups have different site requirements.
- 2.2 In relation to new Gypsy and Traveller pitch requirements, the assessment provides two sets of figures: first, a needs figure based on ethnic identity; and second, a figure based on the definition included in the Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) (2015) guidance which was the relevant guidance at the time.
- 2.3 However, in December 2023, the Government has revised the [Planning Policy for Traveller Sites](#) by reverting the definition of gypsies and travellers broadly back to its original definition in the PPTS 2012. It now states 'Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such'. (PPTS, Annex 1: Glossary).
- 2.4 This amendment reintroduces the reference to those who have ceased to travel **permanently** due to education, ill health, or old age. It remains the case, however, that

to meet the definition households must have previously travelled for work or seeking work, regardless of whether travelling has ceased on a temporary or permanent basis.

2.3 Due to this change in definition, the ethnic definition need has been used when calculating the five-year supply.

2.4 The GTAA provides one need figure for Travelling Show People to reflect the PPTS definition which has remained unchanged.

Table 1: The need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches over the 20-year plan period.

Period	Ethnic definition need	PPTS 2015 definition need
2021-26	14	10
2026-31	8	8
2031-36	9	8
2036-41	10	9
Total 2021-2041	41	35

Table 2: The need for Travelling Showpeople plots over the 20-year plan period.

Period	Need
2021-26	6
2026-31	1
2031-36	1
2036-41	1
Total 2021-2041	9

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 As at 31 March 2024, there is 0 years supply of deliverable land for Gypsy and Traveller pitches. ($0/2.4 = 0$). There is a shortfall of 12 pitches over the next 5 years.
- 3.1 As at 31 March 2024, there is 0 years supply of deliverable land for Travelling Showpeople plots. ($0/1.4 = 0$), There is a shortfall of 7 plots over the next 5 years.

Table 3: Calculation of Five-Year Supply of deliverable land for Gypsy and Traveller pitches.

Requirement (minimum)		Total	Annual
A	GTAA Requirement (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026) (see Table 4)	14	2.8
B	GTAA Requirement (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031) (see Table 4)	8	1.6
C	Completions 1st April 2021 to now (31 March 2024)	8	
D	Requirement to now (31 March 2024) (3 years)	9	
E	Under supply (C – D)	-1	
F	Requirement for 5 years (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029) (see Table 5)	11	2.2
G	Requirement for 5 years (taking account of undersupply) E+F	12	2.4
Supply			
H	Traveller pitches with planning permission not yet completed	0	
I	Total Supply (deliverable)	0	
Shortfall			
J	Against requirement (I – G)	-12	
No. of years' supply			
K	Against requirement ($0/2.4 = 0$) (I/Annual G =K)	0	

Conclusion: As at 31 March 2024, there is 0 years supply of deliverable land for Traveller pitches. There is a shortfall of 12 pitches over the next 5 years.

Table 4: GTAA 2022 Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs (pitches)

Period	Pitches requirement
2021-2026	14
2026-2031	8

(Source GTAA 2022)

Table 5: Explanation of Row F (Requirement for 5 years)

Calculation of Requirement (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028)		
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1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025	2 x 2.8	5.6
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028	3 x 1.6	4.8
Total		11

Completions 1st April 2021 to now (31st March 2024)

- 1 pitch at Land at Green Lane Farm, Tillington (P201374/F)
- 4 pitches at Oakfield, Nash End Lane, Ledbury (P183661/F)
- 2 pitches at Openfields Traveller Site, Bromyard (Council development)
- 1 pitch at Romany Close, Hereford (P202413/CD3)

Table 6: Calculation of Five-Year Supply of deliverable land for Travelling Showpeople plots.

Requirement (minimum)		Total	Annual
A	GTAA Requirement (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026) (see Table 7)	6	1.2
B	GTAA Requirement (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031) (see Table 7)	1	0.2
C	Completions 1st April 2021 to now (31 March 2024)	0	
D	Requirement to now (31 March 2024) (3 years)	4	
E	Under supply (C – D)	-4	
F	Requirement for 5 years (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029) (see Table 8)	3	0.6
G	Requirement for 5 years (taking account of undersupply) E+F	7	1.4
Supply			
H	Traveller pitches with planning permission not yet completed	0	
I	Total Supply (deliverable)	0	
Shortfall			
J	Against requirement (I – G)	-7	
No. of years' supply			
K	Against requirement (0/1.4 = 0) (I/Annual G =K)	0	

Conclusion: As at 31 March 2024, there is 0 years supply of deliverable land for Travelling Showpeople plots. There is a shortfall of 7 plots over the next 5 years.

Table 7: GTAA 2022 Travelling show people accommodation needs (plots).

Period	Need
2021-26	6
2026-31	1

(Source GTAA 2022)

Table 8: Explanation of Row F (Requirement for 5 years).

Calculation of Requirement (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028)		
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025	2 x 1.2	2.4
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028	3 x 0.2	0.6
Total		3