

# Bedford Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

## 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. In response to the publication of new government guidance 'Planning policy for traveller sites' in March 2012 the Council has prepared a local assessment of the need for traveller accommodation in the Borough. The new Government policy uses the term traveller to refer to both Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople (see the definitions in the glossary at the end of this document).
- 1.2. Under the new policy it is the responsibility of Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to assemble the evidence to support their planning approach and in particular evidence traveller accommodation needs for both permanent and transit accommodation.
- 1.3. This study contains new estimates of need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Gypsy and Traveller transit pitches.
- 1.4. The need for plots for Travelling Show People was assessed as part of a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) undertaken in 2006. In response to this need a site for up to 8 plots has been identified in the Allocations and Designations Plan at Manton Lane. Consultation on the plan has not raised issues about additional need so it is not considered necessary to reassess the need for this type of accommodation at this time.

### 2. Methodology for the study

- 2.1. The first step in the preparation of this study was to consult on a draft methodology. The consultation was undertaken in June and July of 2012. The consultation was advertised in the local press and local councils and neighbouring Local Authorities, travellers and groups representing them were also invited to comment. The comments received drew attention to the need for the research to draw on primary and secondary data, the need for clarity in the description and application of the methodology and the need for more detail about the assessment of transit needs. The comments have been taken into account in drafting the final methodology and minor textual changes have been made to provide further clarity. The methodology can be viewed at [www.bedford.gov.uk/planningfortravellersites](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/planningfortravellersites) . Appendix 1 of this document reproduces table 1 of the methodology which sets out the detailed steps in the assessment of the need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches.

- 2.2. The organisations and individuals who were consulted on the methodology are listed at Appendix 3.
- 2.3. Several steps in the methodology give rise to fractions. Clearly the ultimate result has to be a whole number but to provide a reasonable level of accuracy and to allow the methodology to be followed clearly figures have been rounded to one decimal place at each stage.
- 2.4. As indicated in the Methodology the steps identified in the methodology have been applied sequentially with care being taken to avoid double counting both on the need and the supply side of the Methodology.
- 2.5. In preparing the Methodology the Council has had regard to the Guidance issued by CLG in 2007.

### **3. Base date for the study.**

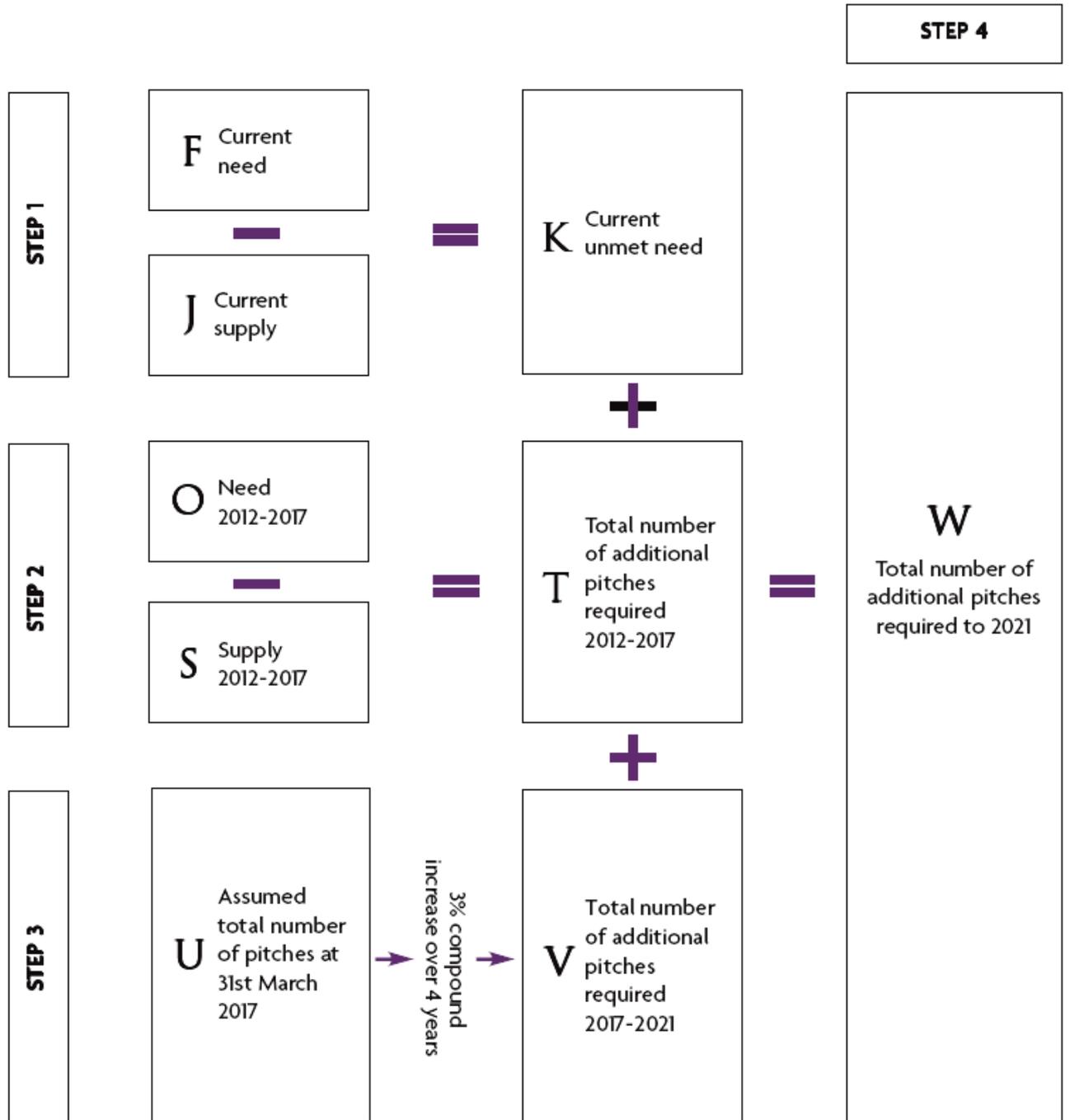
- 3.1 The base date for the study is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012. This was chosen to ensure consistency between the secondary data sources (which include waiting list data and planning application records) and the primary data collected through the gypsy and traveller survey which was undertaken between 26<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012.
- 3.2 The period for which need has been assessed is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 to 31 March 2021, a period of 8 years and 8 months.

## **4 Study Results**

### **Estimate of need for permanent gypsy and traveller pitches**

- 4.1 There are four main steps in the calculation of need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches. These are summarised in the diagram below which is taken from fig 1 of the methodology.
- 4.2 The full detail of the methodology is set out in Appendix 1
- 4.3 A table providing a summary of the outputs for each row of the model appears at Appendix 2.
- 4.4 A flow chart summarising the methodology appears at Figure 1.

**Figure 1 Summary of the draft methodology**



## Step 1 Current Unmet Need

### Current residential need

A. Total number of Gypsy and Traveller households adequately housed on existing pitches

The Council owns and manages one Gypsy and Traveller site at Kempston Hardwick. The site has 16 pitches and at the survey base date 15 were occupied by Gypsy and Traveller households.

B. Total number of households on the waiting list for Local Authority sites.

The Council holds a waiting list of those looking for permanent pitch accommodation. At 1 August 2012 there were 9 households on the waiting list.

C. Total number of permanent pitches needed as a result of unauthorised encampments or unauthorised developments.

Gypsy and Traveller counts are undertaken biannually by all Local Authorities in January and July. Information is collected about caravans on unauthorised encampments and unauthorised developments. At the January 2012 count there were 7 caravans on unauthorised sites and at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012. All were assessed as having a local need. Taking the average of these two figures gives a total of 7.5 caravans. On the basis of 2 caravans per household this gives a total of 3.8 households.

D. Total number of occupied pitches with temporary planning permission but not expected to receive permanent planning permission

There is currently one site in the Borough at Staploe which has temporary planning permission for two pitches. At the base date this site was vacant. However allowance has been made for the travelling lifestyle of the residents and this site has been counted as two households.

E. Total number of pitches that are overcrowded

There are currently no pitches on the Council owned site at Kempston Hardwick where, as defined in the methodology, there is over crowding.

F. CURRENT GROSS PITCH NEED

Taking account of all the needs identified in A-E the current gross need is 29.8 households.

## **Current residential supply**

### G. Current supply of LA residential pitches.

There are currently 16 pitches at Kempston Hardwick.

### H. Current supply of authorised privately owned pitches.

There are no privately owned pitches with permanent planning permission in the Borough.

### I. New pitches with planning permission.

Planning permission has been granted for a further 6 pitches at Kempston Hardwick and for 14 pitches at Meadow Lane. There were no non-LA pitches with permanent planning permission at the base date.

### J. CURRENT PITCH SUPPLY

Taking account of all the pitches identified in G-I the total is 36 pitches

### K. NET PITCH REQUIREMENT

Taking the gross pitch requirement of 29.8 households (Line F) and the gross supply of 36 pitches (Line J) gives a net requirement of -6.2 which rounds to minus 6 pitches.

## **Step 2 Net Need 2012-2017**

### **Assessment of need to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

#### L. Total requiring pitches moving from bricks and mortar.

Whilst this study is concerned with the provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches for members of the Gypsy and Traveller community not all Gypsies and Travellers live on caravan sites. Some live in bricks and mortar accommodation but for cultural reasons may choose to move to a caravan site. In the 3 year period 2009 – 2011 there was one move from bricks and mortar accommodation to the Kempston Hardwick site. Using this data and forecasting forward over 5 years it is estimated that there will be 1.7 households requiring pitches in order to leave bricks and mortar accommodation.

#### M. Forecast of new households predicted to arrive from elsewhere.

There are 4 households who arrived from elsewhere in the 2009/10 – 2011/12 period. Using this data and forecasting forward over 5 years it is estimated that there will be 6.7 households arriving from elsewhere.

N. Forecast of family formation from existing residents.

The survey which was undertaken as part of the study provides a demographic profile of the Gypsy and Traveller households currently living on sites in the Borough. This profile was used to identify those individuals who are of family forming age now or will reach that age during the next 5 years.

It is difficult to estimate which of these individuals will actually form new households requiring pitch accommodation within the Borough but a judgement has been taken (based on a number of factors set out in the methodology) that the household formation rate will be 50% of those identified in the survey.

On this basis 3.5 new pitches will be needed for new households in the period.

O. TOTAL GROSS NEED 2012-17

Taking account of the needs identified in L-N the total gross need 2012 -2017 is 11.9 pitches.

**Assessment of pitch supply to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

P. Number of households in site accommodation wishing to live in bricks and mortar.

Analysis of the change in residents on the Kempston Hardwick site in the period 2009 to 2012 provides information about those who have moved to bricks and mortar accommodation. The Bedfordshire Homefinder database also provides a record of those who have applied to move into bricks and mortar accommodation. Analysis of recent Homefinder records shows that in the year to the base date at any one time there have been 3-4 Gypsy and Traveller households wanting to move to bricks and mortar. Actual moves in the period 2009-2012 have occurred at a rate of one per year. The number of pitches vacated by households moving to brick and mortar in the period 2012-17 is 5.

Q. Turnover: Number of pitches becoming vacant each year.

The number of pitches which have become vacant on Kempston Hardwick in the period 2009/10 – 2011/12 excluding those vacated as a result of moves to bricks and mortar is 3 pitches. On the basis of this trend it is forecast that 5 pitches will become vacant in the period 2012-2017.

R. Applications for sites likely to gain permission.

There are currently no planning applications for gypsy and traveller accommodation which have not been determined.

S. TOTAL SUPPLY 2012-17

Taking account of all the supply identified in P-R the gross supply for 2012-17 is forecast to be 10 pitches.

#### T. NET NEED 2012-2017

Taking the gross pitch requirement of 11.8 households (Line O) and the gross supply of 10 pitches (Line J) there is forecast for the period 2012-2017 to be a net requirement of 1.9 pitches which rounds to 2 pitches.

#### **Step 3. Need 2017 -21**

- U. The number of households that require pitches at 2017 is forecast to be 31.7 households.
- V. The number of households requiring pitches is then increased by a compound growth rate of 3% for the 4 remaining years of the study period. This is a forecast net increase rate so no further allowance is made for vacated pitches. This gives a total requirement for 2017-21 of 4 pitches.

#### **Step 4 Additional pitches required to 2021.**

W. The final step in the model is to add together the outputs of the first three steps to give the sum of current need and the forecast needs up to 2021. The number of additional pitches required over the whole period calculated from the original data excluding the rounding in this report is as follows:

CURRENT NET NEED	-6.2	pitches
NET NEED 2012-2017	1.9	pitches
NEED 2017-2021	4.0	pitches
NEED FROM BASE DATE TO 2021	-0.3	pitches

#### **Conclusion**

This Accommodation Assessment indicates that the 6 pitches that have planning permission at Kempston Hardwick and the 14 pitches that have planning permission at Meadow Lane together will provide the estimated requirement to 2021

When the additional 6 pitches at Kempston Hardwick have been provided the immediate requirement at Meadow Lane is for 8 pitches not 14.

Meadow Lane will not be required to its full extent in the period to 2017. A development of 10 pitches at Meadow Lane would be sufficient through to 2017.

The requirement only meets the planned total in 2021. The number of pitches required increases in the period 2017-2021 and by 2021 all 14 pitches that are planned for Meadow Lane will be required.

## **Estimate of need for Gypsy and Traveller Transit Pitches**

As outlined above the monitoring of unauthorised encampments and unauthorised developments can provide information about both potential permanent and transit or temporary stopping place needs. In relation to transit / temporary stopping place needs the extent and incidence of unauthorised encampments provides an indicator of whether there is an in principle need for this type of accommodation in a particular location.

The average number of caravans counted in the bi annual caravan count since January 2009 is 5.75 caravans per count with the highest number of caravans being nine. This does indicate that an element of transit / temporary stopping place provision would be beneficial to ensure that there is a place for temporary stopping available.

The Council has already granted planning permission for 9 temporary stopping places at Meadow Lane. The success of this facility will be kept under review and the extent to which it meets the needs of Gypsy and Traveller households in transit will be kept under review.

## **GLOSSARY**

### **Gypsies and travellers**

Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of 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.

### **Pitch**

A pitch is an area of land where a gypsy or traveller household can reside; typically this may contain a building, parking space and one or more caravans.

### **Gypsy and Traveller Household**

For the purpose of interpreting Table 1 of this document a Gypsy and Traveller household means a group of people living together who require a single pitch.

### **Housing need**

A household in housing need is:

- a household who have no authorised site anywhere on which to reside;
- a household whose existing site accommodation is overcrowded or unsuitable, but who are unable to obtain larger or more suitable accommodation;
- a household who contain suppressed households who are unable to set up separate family units and who are unable to access a place on an authorised site, or obtain or afford land to develop one.
- a bricks and mortar dwelling household whose existing accommodation is overcrowded or unsuitable

### **Local Need**

Local Need means Gypsies and Travellers who have a housing need and who require a permanent site and need to reside in Bedford in order to meet their educational, health or employment needs or as a result of an immediate family connection. An immediate family connection means mother or father /spouse or partner or civil partner / child /sibling.

### **Registered Provider**

A Registered Providers of social housing is a provider of social housing registered with the Homes and Communities Agency.

### **Travelling Showpeople**

Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependants' more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age

have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined above.

## **RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND LINKS**

Planning policy for traveller sites. CLG March 2012.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/travellers/>

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessments Guidance . October 2007

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/accommneedsassessments.pdf>

2006 Bedfordshire and Luton GTAA

<http://www.bedford.gov.uk/housing/travellers.aspx>

2006 Bedfordshire and Luton GTAA appendix for Travelling Showpeople

<http://www.bedford.gov.uk/housing/travellers.aspx>

Bedford Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment. September 2010

[www.bedford.gov.uk/planningfortravellersites](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/planningfortravellersites)

Bedford Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation assessment Methodology. July 2012

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## Appendix 1 Methodology for assessing the need for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs up to 2021

<b>STEP 1 CURRENT UNMET NEED</b>			
<b>ASSESS CURRENT RESIDENTIAL NEED JULY 2012</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Approach / What is being counted</b>	<b>Notes / Assumptions</b>
Adequately housed on existing pitches	<b>a</b>	Total number of Gypsy and Traveller households that are adequately housed on existing pitches - total Local Authority (LA) pitches and authorised permanent sites. As at the base date.	Information provided by the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer (GTLO).
Seeking permanent site accommodation in the area (Waiting List) Including households seeking to move from bricks and mortar	<b>b</b>	Total number of households on the waiting list for LA sites. As at the base date.	Information to be taken from the Council's waiting list for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation which includes and Gypsies and Travellers notified to the Council as seeking moves to a site by Registered Providers.
On unauthorised encampments or unauthorised development	<b>c</b>	Total number of households resident on unauthorised encampments in Bedford Borough where the Gypsy and Traveller households have a local need. Both the total number of households on unauthorised encampments and the total number requiring permanent pitches because of local need will be based on an average of the previous two counts.	<p>Unauthorised encampments occur for a number of reasons. They may be due to Gypsy and Traveller households leaving bricks and mortar accommodation without permanent site accommodation to go to, households arriving back in an area where they have family connections without having a permanent pitch to go to or the households may be purely stopping off en route to fairs or family celebrations. Not all unauthorised encampment therefore reflects a need for permanent accommodation in the area. The need may be for transit accommodation whilst travelling. The number recorded in box 'c' will only include those whose occupation reflects a need for permanent accommodation.</p> <p>The Gypsy and Traveller caravan counts undertaken bi-annually are a useful source of information about trends in unauthorised encampment. Both the total number of households on unauthorised encampments and the total number requiring permanent pitches because of local need will be based on an average of the previous two counts to reduce the effect of seasonal fluctuations in unauthorised sites.</p>
Number of occupied pitches with temporary planning permission but for which permanent planning permission may not be granted.	<b>d</b>	Total number of households resident on pitches that have temporary planning permission but are not expected to receive permanent planning permission where the occupants have a local need.	Advice from Development Management Officers about future recommendations. This is the best guide available although decisions on applications rest with the Planning Committee. The number of occupied pitches is monitored by the GTLO and through the bi-annual caravan count. As with unauthorised encampments the occupiers of pitches with temporary planning permission but for which permanent planning permission is not expected may be a range of different circumstances and may or may not have local need.
Total Overcrowded	<b>e</b>	Total number of households requiring rehousing as a result of overcrowding on Local Authority and authorised sites. Figure at the base date to be provided by the GTLO.	The CLG guidance on GTAs advises that overcrowding describes the situation where 'family members have grown to the extent that there is now insufficient space for the family within its caravan accommodation and insufficient space on the pitch or site for a further caravan'.

<b>Sub Total CURRENT GROSS PITCH NEED</b>	<b>F = (a+b+c+ d+e)</b>	<b>Total current gross need</b>	
<b>ASSESS CURRENT RESIDENTIAL SUPPLY JULY 2012</b>			
Current supply of LA residential pitches	<b>g</b>	Total number of pitches provided on LA owned Gypsy and Traveller sites at the base date.	Number of pitches managed by or on behalf of the council's Operational Housing team.
Current supply of authorised privately owned pitches	<b>h</b>	Total number of pitches that are on privately owned sites in the Borough at the base date. Figure does not include pitches with temporary planning permission.	Information collected by the GTLO. Note: There are presently no privately owned pitches with permanent planning permission in the Borough.
New pitches with planning permission	<b>i</b>	Total pitches already planned with planning permission at the base date.	This information is provided by planning services.
<b>Sub Total CURRENT PITCH SUPPLY</b>	<b>J = (g+h+i)</b>	<b>J = Total number of pitches identified.</b>	
<b>CURRENT NET NEED (SURPLUS)</b>	<b>K = (F-J)</b>	<b>Current unmet need = Total current need (F) - Total current supply (J)</b>	

<b>STEP 2 NET NEED 2012 - 2017</b>			
<b>ASSESS NEED TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Approach / What is being counted</b>	<b>Notes / Assumptions</b>
Total requiring pitches moving from bricks and mortar	<b>l</b>	Gypsy and Traveller households in bricks and mortar accommodation wanting to move to a caravan pitch in the 5 year period.	This will be based on a projection taking those who have moved from bricks and mortar in the period 2009-2012 and adjusting it to give an indication of five year demand from households in bricks and mortar. . From this indicator and from GTLO knowledge about the patterns of movement between sites and bricks and mortar an estimate of the demand for moves from bricks and mortar 2012-17 can be made.
Forecast of new households predicted to arrive from elsewhere 2012-2017	<b>m</b>	Annual number of households forecast to arrive from elsewhere who have a local need multiplied by 5 (to cover the 5 years 2012-2017).	This will be derived from monitoring of previous arrivals and projections based on this past experience taking into account: Households from unauthorised encampments who demonstrate a local need. Unauthorised encampments occur for a number of reasons. They may be due to Gypsy and Traveller households who have already left bricks and mortar accommodation without permanent site accommodation to go to or households arriving back in an area where they have family connections without having a permanent pitch to go to. In such cases there may be a local need but where households are purely stopping off en route to fairs or family celebrations the need may be for transit accommodation. Households from unauthorised developments who demonstrate a local need. Such needs may include health or education requirements. Households from sites with temporary planning permission who have a local need.

Forecast of family formation from existing residents	n	Number of new Gypsy and Traveller households forming from existing Gypsy and Traveller households over the next 5 years.	<p>Based on information about the demographic profile of the current Gypsy and Traveller population it is possible to identify those individuals who are of family forming age now or will be of that age by the end of the 5 year period.</p> <p>It is difficult to estimate the number of additional families which will actually be formed but the following factors have helped form a judgement that 50% of the individuals identified may form new households.</p> <p>The age of marriage is generally lower in the Gypsy and Traveller community than in the general population.</p> <p>It is common for couples to form from within their own community.</p> <p>A proportion of the young people who are currently teenagers might be expected to form new households in the next five years but they have the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>remain in the Borough or move away,</li> <li>remain single or live with a partner,</li> <li>find a partner from within the Borough or from elsewhere,</li> <li>continue to live with their existing extended family.</li> </ul>
<b>Sub Total TOTAL GROSS NEED 2012 -2017</b>	<b>O = (l+m+n)</b>	<b>Total gross need 2012 - 2017</b>	
<b>ASSESS 5 YEAR SUPPLY TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017</b>			
Number of households in site accommodation wishing to live in bricks and mortar	p	Pitches vacated by households seeking to move from site accommodation to bricks and mortar	This will be based on a projection taking those who have moved from a Gypsy and Traveller site to bricks and mortar in the period 2009-2012 and adjusting it to give an indication of five year demand from households in bricks and mortar. Information from the Bedfordshire Homefinder database can be used to identify Gypsy and Traveller households who are on the housing register and want to move from site accommodation. From these indicators and from GTLO knowledge about the patterns of movement between sites and bricks and mortar an estimate of the demand for moves to bricks and mortar 2012-17 can be made.
Turnover - the number of pitches becoming vacant	q	Annual number of pitches becoming vacant each year on average multiplied by the five year period and rounded but excluding moves to bricks and mortar.	Vacancies on the Kempston Hardwick site are monitored by the GTLO enabling the average turnover of pitches to be calculated.
Applications for sites likely to gain permission	r	The total number of pitches on sites where applications have been received that are likely to gain planning permission.	Advice from Development Management Officers about future recommendations
<b>Sub Total TOTAL SUPPLY 2012 - 2017</b>	<b>S = (p+q+r)</b>	The total number of pitches which will become available in the period 2012-2017.	
<b>NET NEED 2012 - 2017</b>	<b>T = (O-S)</b>	<b>Total number of new permanent pitches required 2012 - 2017</b>	

<b>STEP 3 NEED 2017 - 2021</b>			
<b>ASSESS NEED TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Approach / What is being counted</b>	<b>Notes / Assumptions</b>
<b>NEED 2017 - 2021</b>	<b>U = (F+O-p-q)</b>	The number of permanent pitches required to meet need at 31st March 2017. This figure is the number of pitches which will be assumed to have been provided at that date if the identified needs are met.	The total number of pitches at 31st March 2017 will be calculated by adding together the current gross need (F) and the gross need 2012-2017 (O) minus the households moving to bricks and mortar (p) and vacancies (q). This is the base figure needed to calculate the increase in households between 2017 and 2021.
	<b>V = 3% compound increase in Gypsy and Traveller households between 2017 and 2021</b>	V is calculated by applying a compound growth rate of 3% to the base figure (U) over 4 years.	A growth rate of 3% will be used as this is the level of growth that was endorsed by research undertaken at the time of the examination of regional plans.

<b>STEP 4 ADDITIONAL PITCHES REQUIRED TO 2021</b>			
<b>ASSESS TOTAL ADDITIONAL PITCHES REQUIRED TO 2021</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Approach / What is being counted</b>	<b>Notes / Assumptions</b>
<b>NET NEED 2012 - 2021</b>	<b>W = (K+T+V)</b>	The total number of additional permanent pitches required to 2021.	The total number of additional pitches required by 2021 will be calculated by adding together the current unmet need (K), the net need 2012-2017 (T) and the need 2017-2021 (V).

## Appendix 2 Summary of the outputs for each row of the model

<b>Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment Summary</b>		
<b>Step 1: Current Unmet Need</b>		
<b>Assess Current Residential Need July 2012</b>		
<b>a</b>	Total number of Gypsy and Traveller households adequately housed on existing pitches	15
<b>b</b>	Total number of households on the waiting list for LA sites	9
<b>c</b>	Total number of permanent pitches needed as a result of unauthorised encampments	3.8
<b>d</b>	Total number of pitches with temporary planning permission but not expected to receive permanent planning permission	2
<b>e</b>	Total number of pitches that are overcrowded	0
<b>F</b>	<b>Total Current Need</b>	<b>29.8</b>
<b>Assess Current Residential Supply</b>		
<b>g</b>	Total number of pitches provided on LA G&T sites	16
<b>h</b>	Total number of pitches on privately owned sites in the Borough	0
<b>i</b>	Total LA pitches planned with planning permission	20
<b>J</b>	<b>Total number of pitches identified</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>CURRENT UNMET NEED</b>	<b>-6.2</b>
<b>Step 2: Net Need 2012-2017</b>		
<b>Assess Need to 31st March 2017</b>		
<b>l</b>	Total requiring pitches moving from bricks and mortar (2012-2017)	1.7
<b>m</b>	Forecast of new households predicted to arrive from elsewhere 2012-2017	6.7
<b>n</b>	Forecast of family formation from existing residents	3.5
<b>O</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PITCHES NEEDED 2012-2017</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>Assess 5 year supply to 31st March 2017</b>		
<b>p</b>	Number of households in site accommodation wishing to live in bricks and mortar	5
<b>q</b>	Turnover - the number of pitches becoming vacant each year (average)	5
<b>r</b>	Applications for sites likely to gain permission	0
<b>S</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPLY 2012-2017</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>NET NEED 2012-2017 - number of new permanent pitches required</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Step 3: Need 2017-2021</b>		
<b>Assess Need to 31st March 2021</b>		
<b>U</b>	Number of permanent pitches required to meet need at 31st March 2017.	31.7
<b>V</b>	Number of permanent pitches required to meet need 2017-2021.	4.0
<b>Step 4: Additional Pitches required to 2021</b>		
<b>Assess total additional pitches required to 2021</b>		
<b>W</b>	<b>The total number of additional permanent pitches required to 2021</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

### **Appendix 3: List of Consultees**

Alistair Burt MP  
Nadine Dorries MP  
Richard Fuller MP

Stuart Agnew MEP  
David Campbell-Bannerman MEP  
Andrew Duff MEP  
Vicky Ford MEP  
Richard Howitt MEP  
Robert Sturdy MEP  
Geoffrey Van Orden MEP

All Bedford Borough Councillors

All Parish and Town Councils

Adjoining Local Authorities:

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Central Bedfordshire District Council
- East Northamptonshire District Council
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Northamptonshire County Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council

Traveller Health Service, Healthcare for Homeless, Asylum Seekers and Travellers

Friends, Families and Travellers

Traveller Law Reform Project

East Anglia Gypsy Council

The Gypsy Council

Showmen's Guild of Great Britain

National Association of Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers

Homes and Communities Agency

Luminus Group

Bucks Floating Support

Philip Brown Associates

Green Planning Solutions

Architectural and Surveying Services Ltd

Bletsoe Residents Association

Members of the public via  
press advertisements  
council offices  
libraries  
website