

**Westbourne Neighbourhood Plan  
Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople  
CDC Response to Westbourne Parish Council Email (30.01.17)  
Date: 15 February 2017**

**Question 1**

**Query 1:**

There are a total of 36 Gypsy and traveller pitches and 5 travelling showperson plots in the parish of Westbourne that have been granted planning permission. Most of the applications have been implemented with exception of 14/01217/FUL and 16/01529/FUL. Table 1 below sets out the permission reference numbers, dates of decision and where the sites are located within the parish.

**Table 1: Gypsy and traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots granted permission**

<b>Gypsy and travellers</b>				
<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Pitches/Plots</b>	<b>Comment</b>
WE/78/00008	The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane	County Council granted deemed planning permission (06.03.78)	15	Homespace Sustainable Accommodation
WE/07/02873/CPO (WSCC WE/287/07)		Permit (27.07.07)	2	
WE/14/03834/FUL	Land West of Hopedene, Common Road	Permit (08.04.15)	12	Variation to permission 11/05445/FUL (14.03.12) and 13/03787/FUL (26.03.14)
WE/14/01217/FUL	Land West of Harwood, Cemetery Lane	Refuse	5	Allowed at appeal (12.04.16)
WE/14/04206/FUL	Land North of Recreation Ground, Monks Hill	Refuse	1	Allowed at appeal (07.01.16)
WE/16/01529/FUL	The Meadow, Cemetery Lane	Refuse	1	Allowed at appeal (06.02.17)
<b>Travelling Showpeople</b>				
WE/05/00756/FUL	Ten Acres, Cemetery Lane	Permit (19.10.05)	1	

WE/15/04086/FUL	The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane	Permit (20.07.16)	4	
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**Queries 2 and 3:**

The information below is in response queries 2 and 3. There are three sites in the parish of Westbourne where enforcement measures are currently in hand relating to the stationing of mobile homes or caravans.

- a) 15/00363/CONBC: The Woodlands, Marlpit Lane, Hambrook, Westbourne  
Nature - Stationing of a mobile home in breach of condition 2 to 12/00559/FUL.

Enforcement Notice WE/36 issued. Appeal lodged and start date letter received. S78 appeal and s174 appeal - conjoined - Hearing.

- b) 16/00070/CONTRV: The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane, Westbourne  
Nature - Stationing of caravan on the land.

Planning application 16/01078/COU – refused. Appeal lodged.

The creation of a further pitch is noted and is the subject of a revised application 16/03454/COU, which is pending consideration.

- c) 16/00364/CONBC: The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane, Westbourne  
Nature - Stationing of 6 mobile homes on one pitch and occupation of the land.

22.12.16 – application 16/03656/FUL pending consideration - change of use of land to 4 no. showperson plots, 2 no. gypsy pitches including 2 no. amenity buildings with associated access and landscaping works.

**Query 4:**

Table 2 sets out the planning appeals currently in progress for Gypsy and travellers, and travelling showpeople in the parish of Westbourne.

**Table 2: Planning appeals for Gypsy and traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots in Westbourne Parish**

Planning appeals				
Application No.	Site	Decision	Pitches/Plots	Comment
WE/15/03965/COU	The Woodlands, Marlpit Lane	Refuse	1 pitch/plot	Appeal lodged.

### **Query 5:**

The planning enforcement team is making enquiries about the Gypsy status of occupiers at Land west of Hopedene, Common Road.

14/00291/CONBC: Land West Of Hopedene, Common Road, Westbourne  
Nature - Non-compliance with pre-commencement conditions.

- The Paddocks caravan site.
- 28.10.16 – a site visit showed that the land is occupied by caravans and that brick utility buildings are being erected on some sites.
- It was previously stated by enforcement that the site had not been laid out as approved but when checked against the approved plan it has been found that in general terms the plots accord with that approved.
- The site will be visited on 17 January and forms delivered to the plots to enquire about the occupiers Gypsy status.
- Utility buildings have planning permission to be built on the land and the inclusion of a letter box is not a breach of planning control.

### **Query 6 and 7:**

The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) covers the period 2012 to 2027 and has a base date of September 2012. The GTAA identifies a total need of 59 pitches and 18 plots. Tables 3 and 4 below set out the pitch and plot provision identified for the Plan area (Chichester District excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

**Table 3: GTAA (April 2013) identified need for pitches**

GTAA identified need for Gypsy and traveller pitches		
2012-2017	2018-2022	2023-2027
37	11	11

**Table 4: GTAA (April 2013) identified need for plots**

GTAA identified need for travelling showperson plots		
2012-2017	2018-2022	2023-2027
11	3	4

The Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 (Chichester Local Plan) under Policy 36 (Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) sets out the identified need for permanent pitches and plots for the period 2012-2027. It sets out that the Chichester Local Plan area needs to provide a total of 59 pitches for Gypsies and travellers, and 18 plots for

travelling showpeople. Policy 36 also specifies that 37 pitches and 11 plots be provided by 2017, which has been achieved.

In the Chichester Local Plan area the number of pitches for Gypsies and travellers granted planning permission since September 2012, which is the base date of the GTAA, is 54 (including 4 personal permissions) whilst the number of plots for travelling showpeople granted planning permission is 17. There remains therefore a current requirement to provide a further 5 Gypsy and traveller pitches and 1 travelling showperson plot for the period up to 2027.

In light of the above the Council at the time of writing this note (15 February 2017) is able to demonstrate a five year supply for Gypsy and traveller pitches and for travelling showpeople plots for the period 2017-2022.

**Query 8:**

Table 5 sets out the planning appeals currently in progress for Gypsy and travellers, and travelling showpeople in the Chichester Local Plan area.

**Table 5: Planning appeals for Gypsy and traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots in the Chichester Local Plan area**

<b>Planning appeals</b>				
<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Pitches/Plots</b>	<b>Comment</b>
BI/15/01288/FUL	Land north west of Birdham Farm	Refuse	14 pitches	Public Inquiry February 2017.
WE/15/03965/COU	The Woodlands, Marlpit Lane	Refuse	1 pitch/plot	Appeal lodged.

## **Question 2**

In May 2008 the Department for Communities and Local Government published the good practice guide Designing Gypsy and Traveller sites. This guidance under paragraphs 4.7 and 4.8 indicated that there was no one ideal size of site or number of pitches; however, the guidance did indicate that sites should ideally consist of up to 15 pitches unless there is clear evidence to suggest that a larger site is preferred by the local Gypsy and traveller community. Notwithstanding this, it must be noted that Designing Gypsy and Traveller sites: good practice guide was withdrawn on 1 September 2015 by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The table below sets out the Gypsy and traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots that have been granted planning permission since 1 April 2014 in the parish of Westbourne.

**Table 6: Gypsy and traveller pitches and travelling showpeople plots granted permission since 1 April 2014**

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<b>Travelling Showpeople</b>				
WE/15/04086/FUL	The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane	Permit	4	Decision issued 05.08.16