Statement of Consultation

Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation DPD

April 2016
Expected Timeline

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Feedback to-date

During recent consultation on our Detailed Sites and Policies DPD, representations were received in relation to the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers. Comments received from the London Gypsy & Traveller Unit (LGTU) and Tracie Giles (representing the residents of Parkway Crescent) can be found in full within DSPDPD submission documents at [www.newham.gov/dpd](http://www.newham.gov/dpd) - issues are summarised as:

- Gypsy-traveller needs are significant and require cross-boundary collaboration to be dealt with effectively, including through specific consideration in the Local Plan.
- Contact must be made with the local Gypsy & Traveller community in order to adequately (and objectively) assess need.
- The Local Plan must be based on up-to-date evidence and comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty and National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites.

Engagement via evidence-production

Production of the Newham Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2016) (conducted independently by Opinion Research Services on behalf of the Council) involved extensive liaison with the LGTU who were commissioned to engage with members of the Gypsy and Traveller community.
The methodology of the research is set out at pages 14 to 16 of the document and summarised in the introduction at paragraph 1.2. Pertinent points include:

- A total of 15 interviews were completed with Gypsies and Travellers living on Newham’s authorised public site.
- Following work with the LGTU it was possible to complete an interview with 1 Traveller household living in bricks and mortar accommodation.
- A total of 13 telephone interviews were completed with Officers from the London Borough of Newham, Officers from neighbouring Boroughs, housing associations, and organisations representing members of the Travelling Community.
- Research was undertaken in October and November 2015.

Consultation Procedures

For each six week public consultation, documents - along with advice on how to comment - will be available online at:

www.newham.gov.uk/planningconsultations

The consultation will be publicised via email to all contacts on our Stakeholder Database (note that interested parties can be added to the database at any time by emailing ldf@newham.gov.uk) as per the adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Consultations will also be advertised in the Newham Recorder and The Newham Mag.

In accordance with regulation 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, consultation documents will be made available to view on request at East Ham Customer Service Centre, Newham Libraries, and at Newham Dockside during normal office hours (10am till 4pm, Monday to Friday) - those wishing to view copies at Dockside should contact 020 337 32439 in advance.