

MATTER 7, POLICY HS13: GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOWPERSON NEEDS

Update on permanent gypsy and traveller provision in Chorley

Permanent pitch need in Chorley

The GTAA (HO13) identifies the need for an additional 13 permanent gypsy and traveller pitches in Chorley over the plan period, as set out on page 82 of the CLLP and within the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Topic Paper (TP03). This need relates to the following sites:

- Hut Lane, Chorley (authorised site allocated in Policy HS13) – an additional 6 pitches for new households expected to form on the site.
- Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods (unauthorised site) – 7 pitches to meet the needs of the 4 households currently living on the site and 3 new households expected to form on the site.

How these needs were addressed through the Submission CLLP

As set out in paragraph 4.103 of the CLLP and paragraphs 5.3 to 5.5 of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Topic Paper, the Council considers that the future family needs arising from the Hut Lane site over the plan period (6 pitches) can be met within the allocation (HS13.1). There is therefore no unmet need arising from this site.

As set out in paragraph 4.103 of the CLLP, and paragraph 5.6 of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Topic Paper, at the point of submission of the CLLP, the needs arising from the unauthorised site at Town Lane site were not met by Policy HS13. At the time of submission a planning application was under consideration for 7 permanent pitches on the site. Paragraphs 5.16 to 5.19 of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Topic Paper set out the strategy for addressing this unmet need which was to await determination of the planning application and if refused, undertake further work to address the need generated by this unauthorised site.

Updated position

The planning application for 7 pitches at Town Lane (24/00210/FUL) was refused by the Planning Committee on 5th August 2025 on design grounds. This decision was appealed (Appeal Ref: APP/D2320/W/25/3372758) and the appeal decision was issued on 22nd December 2025, with the appeal being allowed. As the site is now authorised for 7 permanent pitches the pitch need identified for this site in the GTAA has been met in full.

There is no remaining unmet need for permanent gypsy and traveller pitches in Chorley.