

Examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan**Agenda for 14.00 hours Tuesday 3 February 2015**

Note: this session may start later than 14.00 hours if the morning affordable housing session overruns

DAY 7 (PM) - Matter 9: Travellers**Three Rivers Golf & Country Club, Stow Road, Cold Norton, Purleigh, Essex CM3 6RR**

Discussions will focus on whether the District Local Plan is legally compliant and sound (positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy) and, if not, how it should be modified to make it so

Opening Announcements

- Health and safety, people present, and attendance list
- Purpose of the hearing sessions
- Conduct of the hearing session
- Inspector's report

Consideration of any site visits

- Suggestions from representors & from the Council
- Can an agreed site visit programme be given to me later?

Provision for Travellers

1. Does EB0076b establish the current need for pitches in Table 56 on page 106 at the study's base date of 2013: i.e. 9 pitches? And the future need over the next few years is in Table 83 on page 136: i.e. 17 pitches between 2013 to 2018? Does this latter Table 83 figure of 17 pitches incorporate Table 56's current need for 9 pitches?
2. Does the above mean that in the interim before a specific Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan can be adopted that there will be a need for around 17 pitches in the District? Is this a minor or major need (compare the Essex District's needs in Table 83)? How will the Council deal with this need in the interim?
3. Is the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan in the Council's Local Development Scheme? If not, what commitment has the Council made to undertake the work, e.g. is there a full Council resolution? What are the 'milestones' or work stage dates for this new Local Plan? Is the Council saying that this new Local Plan will be adopted by 2016, or only that work on it would start in 2016 (the latter is implied in 060)?
4. Do participants agree with the Council's approach to the provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites in this Plan – i.e. to defer it until a later Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan? If not, why not?

5. Do participants consider that I can ultimately recommend the adoption of this current Plan when one part of the District's housing need cannot be met, contrary to Government policy? Should I instead require the Council to find a site or sites to meet current and future need now, up to the time of the adoption of the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan, and only issue interim conclusions until this is done? (Note: this would mean the Council would not be able to adopt the Plan). Is there any other course of action urged upon me? Please give reasons.
6. What do participants think about the Council's suggested modifications in its Statement at paragraph 9.7?
7. Are there any other respects in which this issue in the Plan would not be sound that have not already been discussed here or previously?

Any Other Matters

- Any other points representors wish to make