

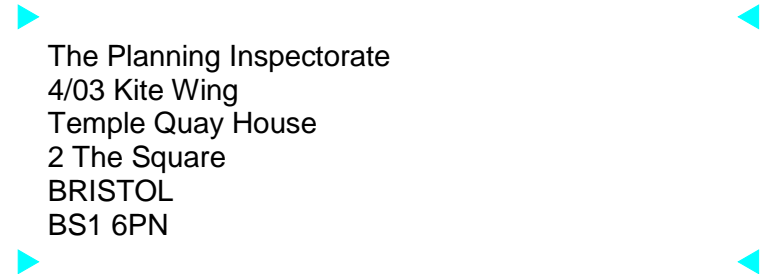
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FAO Susan Heywood  
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Dear Ms Heywood,

**Re: Additional information relating to Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments**

Many thanks for your additional correspondence in relation to Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments (GTAA). As you mentioned in your letter there have been additional developments in terms of timescales for producing an updated GTAA evidence base, as a result of ongoing joint working within Central Lancashire Authorities.

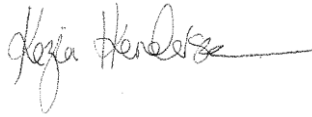
South Ribble is aware that the Inspector from the Chorley examination has stated that the initial timescales were unacceptable and that the results of the GTAA must be made available and a decision made on the disaggregation of the sub-regional need, before the conclusion of the Plan's examination. In light of this we are proposing new timescales for a joint GTAA with Chorley and Preston authorities, to tender as early as May/June 2013. South Ribble has received a number of initial quotes from consultants with regards to this work to give the Authorities an indication of the costs involved. It is now proposed to undertake a formal tender process as soon as possible.

Appendix 1 outlines the new timescales that the authority is committed to, alongside Chorley and Preston authorities, of which a decision has been made to undertake a joint GTAA. If the results indicate that there is a need for a site within South Ribble then the authority will undertake an assessment and consultation as appropriate. If there is a need for a sub-regional site(s) which may result in the need for a site to be allocated within South Ribble, then the authority will undertake an assessment and consultation as appropriate. The Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) provides a suitable forum to discuss joint working arrangements to disaggregate a sub-regional need for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation should the evidence suggest this is required. The authority will be guided by the results from the GTAA.

We would welcome your comments, as soon as possible, about how we may progress the Plan and associated timescales for its continued assessment, consultation on the

Modifications, further hearing sessions if required, timescales for the Inspector's Report and confirmation of an anticipated adoption date. We have been receiving substantial communication in relation to these issues and would welcome the opportunity to update the website and all interested parties.

Yours Sincerely

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Kezia Henderson

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## Appendix 1 – Updated GTAA Timescales

Action	Time Scales
Agreement with Preston and South Ribble to undertake a joint GTAA	W/c 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2013.
Chorley Exec Member Sign-off to commission a GTAA	W/c 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2013.
Prepare tender brief details for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Study. Tender process for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Study	May/June 2013
Commission Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Assessment (6 month turnaround)	June/July 2013
Interim results of Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Study	September 2013
Completion of Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Study	November 2013
Submission of GTAA to Inspector and 6 week consultation on final study and issues and options including the identification of a potential site or sites for allocation	November/December 2013
Submission of results of consultation to Inspector	January 2014
Reconvening of Local Plan Examination	January/February 2014
Advertising of Proposed Modifications to the Local Plan	February/March 2014
Inspectors Report	April 2014
Adoption of Local Plan	April 2014