

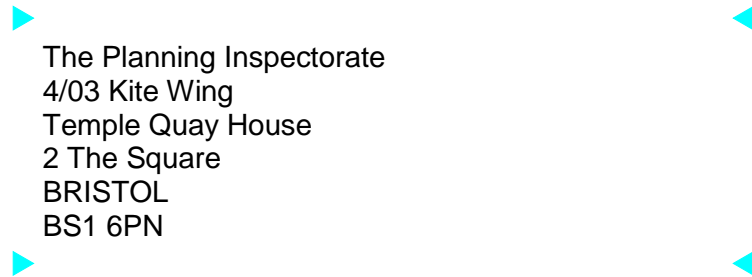
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Dear Ms Heywood,

Re: Indicative Timescales for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Work

Thank you for your letter dated 17th January 2014. The authority awaits your comments in relation to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment.

The authority is committed, alongside the other Central Lancashire authorities of Chorley and Preston Councils, to provide Gypsy and Travellers accommodation within Central Lancashire in line with the GTAA recommendations.

You will note from the study that no permanent need is required for South Ribble, however in terms of transit pitches, 15 are required for Central Lancashire of which the study identified 3 for South Ribble.

The authority has prepared an indicative timescale as requested, for the delivery of a transit site within South Ribble; this site would deliver 3 transit pitches as suggested within the GTAA report. The indicative timescales are detailed below; we would welcome your comments.

Indicative timescales for delivery of transit site in South Ribble -

Task	Timeframe
Site options review / assessment work to be completed	End Jan – Middle Feb 2014
Take site options to Cabinet	11 th March 2014
Consult on GTAA, site options (Including SA/HRA) and call for sites process	24 th March – 2 nd May 2014
Review sites / consultation responses – (including any news ones submitted.)	6 th May – 16 th May 2014

If no new sites submitted, chose preferred site – take to Cabinet meeting	19 th May – 30 th May 2014 Cabinet Meeting 11 th June 2014
Preferred site/Publication stage	16 th June 2014 – 25 th July 2014
Consider responses received and prepare documentation – policy and justification text etc.	28 th July – end of August 2014
Cabinet and Council Approval for Submission	Cabinet – 19 th September and Council – 1 st October 2014
Submit all documentation to Secretary of State for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate.	2nd October 2014
Examination	October / November 2014
Inspectors report / modifications and consultation	November / December 2014
Inspectors Final Report	December / January 2014
Prepare final Site Allocations DPD – Take to Cabinet and Council for endorsement and adoption	Cabinet 14 th and Council 21 st Jan 2015

(If the authority receives further site options through the call for sites consultation this may add another stage to the process and extend the timescales above.)

However further to the above, initial discussions with Preston and Chorley Councils have also taken place, to understand the potential delivery of a Central Lancashire transit site (15 pitches) within the Preston area.

Bearing in mind Preston City Councils indicative timescales for progressing their LDF and their current indication that they may take forward one proposed site, a possible timeframe for our document could be as follows –

- Site search / assessment - End of January – February 2014
- Consult on GTAA and site option consultation – March - April 2014
- Prepare and submit documentation to the Secretary of State – May 2014
- Examination – July 2014
- Inspectors report and modifications – August/September 2014
- Consult on modifications – October 2014
- Inspectors Report – November 2014
- Adopt December/January 2014.

As this indicative timeframe is based on Preston City Council submitting all policies contained within their Local Plan for examination at the same time including the examination of the North West Preston Masterplan DPD, we are slightly concerned that this could slow the process down. The timeframe does not allow for other sites to come forward and be consulted on during the process.

The Council are committed to resolving this matter and wish to progress with the adoption of the Site Allocations DPD as soon as possible. We are also keen to work with the other Central Lancashire authorities; however we also believe we should be considering the more timely method to resolve this matter. The authority would welcome your comments.

If you have any further questions or require additional information please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Hockenull
Planning Manager