

Notice of Publication of the Draft Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Supplementary Planning Document**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, REGULATION 13**

Notice is given that Stratford-on-Avon District Council is undertaking public consultation on the draft Stratford-on-Avon District Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD is subject to a six week period of public consultation running from Thursday 7 January to Friday 19 February 2021. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is inviting representations on the SPD and its supporting evidence.

This is one of a number of SPDs that accompanies the Core Strategy, and it provides detailed advice and guidance to applicants when submitting planning applications relating to Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation. When finished (adopted), it will be used by Stratford-on-Avon District Council to help reach decisions on whether to approve or refuse planning applications.

The consultation draft sets out the need for additional accommodation within the District and identifies areas where new Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites may be suitable, subject to planning permission, as well as guidance on what any new sites should look like in respect of their design and layout.

The SPD does not allocate specific land for new permanent sites as this can only be done through a higher level policy document. Prepared as an interim measure, the contents of the SPD will be subsumed into a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan in due course. The Council has started work on a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan and is currently exploring options to identify new permanent sites.

The best way to view the consultation documents is on the website at **www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt-spd**. Whilst it is not possible to have a copy of the document available for inspection at the District Council offices at Elizabeth House, as they are currently closed due to Coronavirus restrictions, if you would like to view a hard copy of the draft SPD please contact us via email at **planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk** or via phone on 01789 260334 and we will arrange for a copy to be made available

Comments on any aspect of the SPD are invited. Further information is available on the website at **www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt-spd**.

By responding to this consultation you will have the opportunity to have your say on the content of the SPD before it is finalised. Responses can be made:

- Via the on-line comment form at **www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt-spd**
- By sending us your comments, preferably using a comments form by:
 - emailing it to **policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk**
 - posting it to Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX

Comments must be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday 19 February 2021. For details on how we will use your information and personal data please see Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Policy Consultation Privacy Notice at **www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/privacy-notice.cfm**.

For further information please contact Planning Policy on 01789 260334 or email **planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk**.

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