

City of York Council

Examination of the City of York Local Plan 2017 – 2033

Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions for the Examination

Phase 5 Hearings

Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

[Draft Policies H5 (and H6) as proposed to be modified]

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When respondents answering the following questions identify a deficiency in the Local Plan, they should make clear how it should be changed.

In accordance with the Transitional Arrangements set out in paragraph 227 of Annex 1 to the National Planning Policy Framework 2023, where a plan is being examined that was submitted on or before 24 January 2019, the policies in the 2012 version of the Framework will continue to apply, as will any previous guidance which has been superseded. Accordingly, the Local Plan is being examined against the 2012 version of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Matter 1 – Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

- 1.1 How does the recent change to the planning definition of ‘Gypsies and Travellers’ affect the structure and precise wording of draft Policy H5?
- 1.2 Does draft Policy H5, and the Plan as a whole, make adequate provision for the future needs of Gypsies and Travellers?
- 1.3 Are the existing local authority sites, and specifically the site at Outgang Lane, Osbaldwick, suitable for the further expansion expected?
- 1.4 Is the approach of draft Policy H5 to the provision of pitches on strategic sites soundly based?
- 1.5 Specifically, is the sequential approach to provision of pitches on-site, off-site and the approach to financial contributions in lieu sufficiently robust to ensure that new pitches required to meet needs, come forward at appropriate times?
- 1.6 If provision of new pitches as part of the development of the Strategic Sites is to be provided off-site, directly, or through the vehicle of financial contributions, how are these pitches proposed to be provided, where will they be provided, and when?
- 1.7 Does the recent change to the planning definition referred to above affect draft Policy H6 and its supporting text too?

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