



## **Consultation Statement**

### **Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

### **Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)**

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### BACKGROUND

- 1.0 This document sets out the responses received during the consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) and how they have been taken into account in formulating the next Sustainability Appraisal Report that accompanies the Issues and Options version of the DPD. The consultation on the Scoping Report ran between 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Table 1 below sets out the responses received and the actions that have been taken (or not) in light of these comments.

Table 1: Responses and actions from the consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

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G TSA1	Historic England					In respect of the historic environment, we consider that the Report has identified the majority of plans and programmes which are of relevance to the development of the Plan, that it has established an appropriate Baseline against which to assess the Plan's proposals and that it has put forward a suitable set of Objectives and Indicators. Overall, therefore, we believe that it provides the basis for the development of an appropriate framework for assessing the significant effects which this plan might have upon the historic environment.		Noted.
G TSA1	Historic England	5 to 9				The lists of PPP omits some key historic environment related items. HE welcomes the inclusion of Historic Landscape Character information and Conservation Area Management Appraisals	<i>Include reference to the following:</i> International / European: The Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe; The European Convention on the Protection of Archaeological Heritage <i>National: Ancient</i>	Agree.

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							<i>Monuments &amp; Archaeological Areas Act 1979; relevant Historic England GPA's and HEAN's</i>	
GTSA1	Historic England	21				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to cultural heritage. It is noted that the terminology used is not linked to NPPF wording in relation to the historic environment and it is recommended that this be amended. In addition, it would be worth considering whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators – HE's Heritage Counts information may be able to assist with this: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/">https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/</a>	<i>Objective – revise wording to read 'conserve and enhance' instead of protect and enhance; Criteria - revise wording to read 'conserve and enhance' instead of protect and enhance; Consider whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators.</i>	Agree.
GTSA1	Historic England	21				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to landscape and that Historic Landscape Characterisation information will be used to inform the SA and Plan review process.		Noted.

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GTSA1	Historic England	28				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to cultural heritage. It is noted that the terminology used is not linked to NPPF wording in relation to the historic environment and it is recommended that this be amended.	<i>Objective – revise wording to read ‘conserve and enhance’ instead of protect and enhance.</i>	Noted.
GTSA1	Historic England			10	B	It is recommended that the Council considers whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators – HE’s Heritage Counts information may be able to assist with this: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/">https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/</a> and also whether there are opportunities to identify for the Conservation Areas and buildings at risk, including HAR, that are already identified in the table. It is apparent that there is a lack of comment in the ‘comments/gaps’ column which may indicate that there is a gap in this assessment information. We would be happy to discuss further with you in due course if you consider that may be of use.	Seek opportunities for conserving and enhancing the historic environment/cultural heritage through further consideration of existing data sets and whether other indicators could be included in the SA considerations to inform the Plan as it progresses.	Between the SA and the Borough Plan there is a surfeit of indicators that are proving onerous to collect. Opportunities will be sought to rationalise these.