

Appendix 3 - Minor Amendments to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Flood Risk Wording

Following legal advice obtained on the proposed GRT site allocation NUA/GRT/14 – The Old Stable Yard, Land North of Winthorpe Road, Newark it is proposed to make some minor amendments to the current policy wording around flood risk and noise. These amendments do not alter the purpose of the original wording, or the outcomes which would be delivered – but would improve its clarity. The changes would result in removal of explicit references to the Sequential and Exceptions Test, which national policy doesn't require to be repeated where they have been carried out as part of the plan-making process. They would also make clear that the content around noise forms a separate requirement to those around landscaping.

Please note that Part A of the policy will remain unchanged.

Current Wording:

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The site is allocated for around 14 pitches. In addition to the content outlined in Part A of this policy, new proposals will also be required to positively address the following:

- Application of the Sequential Test at site-level so that layouts, where possible, accommodate pitches within those areas at least flood risk (all forms). Following this the Exceptions Test, as defined through national planning policy, should be applied to ensure that the site itself can be made safe and that flood risk is not increased elsewhere;
- The appropriate siting of the new pitches within the overall site, to ensure that the impact on the openness of the Open Break designation is minimised, and restricted to that of a localised nature. In order to support this requirement planning application(s) for the above pitches should be supported by submission of a detailed landscaping strategy. The approved contents of this strategy should then be delivered as part of implementing planning consent. The landscape strategy should provide for the following:
 - Retention of the existing landscape planting (including tree belts) along the sites north, east and western boundaries. Where necessary existing planting should be reinforced; and
 - Provision of additional tree and hedge planting along the south western boundary to help mitigate the visual impact of the site.
 - Integration of appropriate measures to reduce noise impact from the A1 and A46, informed through the undertaking of a robust acoustic survey. This should include (but not be limited to) the use of appropriate mitigation measures, consideration being given to the positioning of pitches within the overall site, and the location and design of any amenity facilities. The acoustic performance of any static or touring caravans providing permanent accommodation within the site should be

capable of meeting, or exceeding, the relevant sound levels referenced in BS8233 (or applicable successor standard).

Amended Wording (amendments are underlined):

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The site is allocated for around 14 pitches. In addition to the content outlined in Part A of this policy, new proposals will also be required to positively address the following:

- Provision of a site layout which is supported by a robust Flood Risk Assessment that has, where possible, sought to accommodate pitches within those areas at least flood risk (all forms). Demonstration is also required that the site itself will made safe from flood risk, and that this risk will not be increased elsewhere;
- The appropriate siting of the new pitches within the overall site, to ensure that the impact on the openness of the Open Break designation is minimised, and restricted to that of a localised nature. In order to support this requirement planning application(s) for the above pitches should be supported by submission of a detailed landscaping strategy. The approved contents of this strategy should then be delivered as part of implementing planning consent. The landscape strategy should provide for the following:
 - Retention of the existing landscape planting (including tree belts) along the sites north, east and western boundaries. Where necessary existing planting should be reinforced; and
 - Provision of additional tree and hedge planting along the south western boundary to help mitigate the visual impact of the site; and
- Integration of appropriate measures to reduce noise impact from the A1 and A46, informed through the undertaking of a robust acoustic survey. This should include (but not be limited to) the use of appropriate mitigation measures, consideration being given to the positioning of pitches within the overall site, and the location and design of any amenity facilities. The acoustic performance of any static or touring caravans providing permanent accommodation within the site should be capable of meeting, or exceeding, the relevant sound levels referenced in BS8233 (or applicable successor standard).

Consequential Amendments:

The following policies currently also include the same wording around application of the Sequential and Exception Tests.

- Policy GRT2
- Policy GRT3
- NUA/GRT/13 – Former Belvoir Ironworks

Therefore to ensure consistency the proposed amended wording for NUA/GRT/14 – The Old Stable Yard will also need to be used here.