Dear Sean

Review Policy C6 following meeting with Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Following the hearing session on 31 October 2013 and a meeting between the City of Stoke-on-Trent Council and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, the Council propose that the wording of Policy C6 be amended to read as follows, noting that M74 within the Schedule of Additional (minor) Modifications (A26) and FAM30 within the Schedule of Further Additional Modifications (A27) will be continued:

“Provision will be made for the delivery of sufficient good quality, appropriately located residential pitches to satisfy local need as set out in the Stafford Borough Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).

Furthermore the Council propose to amend the wording of paragraph 11.20 in addition to M75 within the Schedule of Additional (minor) Modifications (A26) and FAM31 to read as follows:

“A principal objective of the new Plan is the provision of adequate housing to meet the needs of Gypsies and Travellers, which are protected under Section 19A of the 1976 Race Relations Act. To inform our approach, a comprehensive Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) was published in February 2013, undertaken. The study was undertaken in conjunction with key stakeholders and service providers. The main aim of the study was to ascertain the levels of additional pitch provision over the period 2007 and 2026. The main findings of the study show a need for were to provide a total of 44 new 70 pitches. This study is an update on the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment published in 2008. However, given that the assessment period in the study is slightly shorter than the proposed plan period, an updated assessment of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs has been undertaken to inform provision to 2031 with New provision will to be identified through a specific sites as part of the Gypsy & Travellers Site Allocations document. The Council is committed to work with its neighbouring authorities to produce an update to the current Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.”

Kind regards

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