

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATIONS CAMBRIDGE CITY and SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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Dear Mrs Gilbert-Wooldridge

Cambridge City Local Plan Examination Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

The following has been provided by the Inspector for the City Council:

I refer to your letter of 10 April, the contents of which are noted.

I am aware that the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (2016) identified a very limited number of households living in caravans in the City and a nil requirement for additional pitches for caravan dwellers, whether or not they meet the definition of gypsies and travellers in Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. However, the GTAA does not attempt to address the needs of those wishing to live on houseboats, who are also referred to in the Housing Act 1985 (as amended) (the Act). Nonetheless, there is no evidence before me to indicate that there are substantial unmet needs in the City which have not been addressed.

I am writing to South Cambridgeshire District Council with a request that they should undertake focussed consultation on the GTAA (2016) and the City Council should consider whether there are any individuals or organisations active in its area which should also be consulted.

Subject to the outcome of consultation, it may only be necessary to draft a modification which briefly explains the position in relation to the requirements of the Act, so that it is clear that this is not a matter which has been overlooked or ignored.

I have asked South Cambridgeshire District Council to provide an indication of the likely time scale for carrying out this work, which will help to inform the Examination Hearings Programme.

Laura Graham
Inspector

I look forward to your response in due course.

Kind regards

Gloria Alexander

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