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1 INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The Local Authorities in North and West Kent including Medway, Swale, Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, and Maidstone formally commissioned DCA in September 2007 to carry out a Sub-Regional study of the accommodation needs and aspirations of travelling showpeople living within the Local Authority areas covered by the study.
- 1.1.2 This work was co-ordinated by Kent County Council on behalf of all of the authorities in the study area.
- 1.1.3 The assessment of Gypsy and Traveller (including travelling showpeople) accommodation needs is a statutory requirement under section 255 of the Housing Act 2004, either as part of the Housing Market Assessment or, as in this case, as a separate study. It is accepted that a general Housing Needs Assessment does not allow an adequate assessment of the needs of transient communities.
- 1.1.4 DCA have carried out a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) excluding travelling showpeople in North Kent in 2006 and in West Kent in 2005 / 06. This report on travelling showpeople will form a separate report to be considered alongside the main GTAAs in North and West Kent.
- 1.1.5 The assessment of the accommodation needs of travelling showpeople is an important part of the general assessment of accommodation needs. Data collected through the assessment will be used to inform the Regional Spatial Strategy and Development Plan Documents (DPD) through the Local Development Framework (LDF) process.
- 1.1.6 Fieldwork for the North and West Kent travelling showpeople study was carried out through phone interviews by DCA. The fieldwork methodology is discussed further at section 1.5. A copy of the questionnaire is included as Appendix 1.

1.2 Definition of Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Households

- 1.2.1 The definition of the term “gypsy and traveller” for the purposes of section 225 of the Housing Act 2004 relating to GTAA’s is set out in Statutory Instruments 2006 No. 3190 and came into force on 2nd January 2007. The definition of “gypsies and travellers” means:
- persons with a cultural tradition of nomadism or of living in a caravan; and
 - all other persons of a nomadic habit of life, whatever their race or origin, including:-
 - ◆ such persons who, on grounds only of their own or their family’s or dependant’s educational or health needs or old age, have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently; and
 - ◆ **members of organised groups of travelling showpeople or circus people (whether or not travelling together as such).**

- 1.2.2 The definition of travelling showpeople, for the purposes of Circular 04/07 “Planning for travelling showpeople” (August 2007) is as follows:-

“Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family’s or dependants’ more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined in ODPM Circular 1/2006”.

1.3 The National Context

- 1.3.1 National policy towards travelling showpeople is developing and Circular 04/07 “Planning for travelling showpeople” was issued in August 2007, in recognition of the fact that the previous Circular 22/91 had failed to deliver adequate sites for this community.

- 1.3.2 This guidance recognises that while the accommodation needs of travelling Showpeople should be assessed as part of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments there are also specific planning needs that should be addressed through a separate circular. In particular:-

- Travelling showpeople do not in general share the same culture or traditions as Gypsies and Travellers.
- Sites for travelling showpeople are normally for mixed residential and business use, to enable the effective storage and repair of significant amounts of equipment.
- The nature of travelling showpeople’s business often means that equipment repairs and maintenance are necessary which can have a visual impact and can create noise in the immediate surrounding areas.
- To ensure that all relevant guidance on planning for travelling showpeople is contained within one document.

1.4 Background

- 1.4.1 Travelling showpeople are members of a close knit and distinctive, self-employed business community defined by their occupation: travelling around the country to provide short term rides, fairs, amusements and associated catering and other stalls.

- 1.4.2 Although travelling showpeople travel for extended periods they also require a permanent base for storage and maintenance of their equipment and for residential use during the winter. Some travelling showpeople families (older people and families with children for example) may occupy the site for most of the year. The nature of Showman’s sites in planning terms is complex as it combines a need for both residential and business use. Accommodation is typically set aside in one area while space for maintenance and storage is in a separate area. One family would have a living area and a storage / maintenance area, collectively known as their “plot”. It is generally unacceptable to split the site more formally into residential and business space.

- 1.4.3 The majority of travelling showpeople are members of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain (the Guild) and as such are required to follow a strict code of practice relating to the use of their sites. Membership of the Guild also provides exemption from the site licence requirements of the Caravan Sites Control of Development Act 1960 when they are travelling for business, or where they occupy quarters for some period between October and March the following year. Travelling showpeople have also benefited from permitted development rights under Part 5 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for certain development (when holding shows).
- 1.4.4 Circus people are unlikely to be members of the Guild. This group has needs that differ again from those of travelling showpeople, in particular they will need space for exercising animals and space to rehearse, they will be unlikely to need space for maintenance of vehicles and can therefore be more easily accommodated in rural locations.
- 1.4.5 There are a number of options when considering sites for travelling showpeople, but typically they will fall into one of 3 models:-
- Larger "sites" comprising a number of individual yards. Plots provide basic facilities and services for living accommodation with work space provided at the discretion of the owner but typically providing a work space of say 100 / 150 feet.
 - Rented pitches on sites owned by the Guild or a Local Authority, with a combination of residential and business layouts;
 - Some sites include a single yard for a single extended family.

1.5 Methodology

- 1.5.1 The study of travelling showpeople in North and West Kent included a review of existing secondary data, discussion with the Guild and a telephone survey of Showperson households within the study area.
- 1.5.2 The questionnaire used in the study was based on that used in the main GTAA for both North and West Kent. The questionnaire was circulated to the Guild and local staff for comments; amendments were made to reflect the specific needs of Showperson households in North and West Kent.
- 1.5.3 Travelling showpeople are not included in the Government's Gypsy Caravan Count. As a result estimating the actual number of travelling showpeople households in the study area presented a particular challenge for the project. Contact was made with the Guild who provided phone numbers for Guild members in the study area; in addition there was a "snowballing" of contacts gained from interviewees who had contacts with non Guild members locally.

1.5.4 The following sites were identified by the Guild:-

Table 1-1 Sites Identified by Local Authority Area

District	Site
Medway	Marsh Street, Strood
	Windmill Street, Rochester
Swale	Amusement Park, Sheerness
	Ellen's Field, Newington
Dartford	Darenth Wood Road, Dartford
Gravesham	<i>No sites</i>
Sevenoaks	1 Caravan
Tonbridge and Malling	Fairground, Constitution Hill, Snodland
Tunbridge Wells	<i>No sites</i>
Ashford	Circus Building Wittersham
	Faversham Road, Charing
Maidstone	Wickham Orchard, Marden
	Fairview, Osbourne Drive, Detling
	Franksbridge, Headcorn

1.5.5 The majority of the sites were authorised family sites and most were quite small. The exceptions being Marsh Street at Strood which is a substantial Guild Yard currently accommodating about 14 families, Darenth Wood Road in Dartford and Fairview in Maidstone, which accommodate a number of families.

1.5.6 A total of 59 names, addresses and telephone contact numbers were generated by the Showmen's Guild. The sample was then checked, of the total 6 were members of the same household, 6 were subsequently found during the fieldwork not to be resident in North and West Kent and 4 numbers were not recognised, leaving a net sample total of 43 households.

1.5.7 On the basis of the information received from the Guild, verified by the survey, DCA estimated around 47 travelling Showpeople households within the study area (59 contacts less 6 members of the same household and 6 who are no longer in Kent). Although there may be a number of other households who are not Guild members this is likely to be small.

1.5.8 Having identified the total number of households we then considered how many of these were on a site / yard and how many in bricks and mortar accommodation. This was also difficult from the data provided. Having worked closely with the Guild and KCC Gypsy and Traveller Unit (who in turn liaised with Medway and District Council colleagues) we estimated that around 38 of the households were on sites and 10 in bricks and mortar accommodation across the study area.

- 1.5.9 As contact numbers were received from the Guild, contact between DCA and the Guild was crucial to achieving the sample. The Guild acted as a link between the study team and local families, informing them of the study and chasing up those who had been reluctant to take part.
- 1.5.10 In addition, all households were sent a letter (Appendix II) during the week before the fieldwork to let them know about the study and ask for their help. Following issue of the letters, each of the contacts (with phone details available) were contacted a minimum of three times (calls are made at each address at different times on different days before it is assumed that the correct person in the household (or partner) is unavailable for interview).
- 1.5.11 Table 1-2 shows the breakdown of refusals and those deemed as non contacts and the overall response by District.
- 1.5.12 The telephone interviews were carried out in house by DCA Research staff between 14th October and 1st November 2007. Each interview lasted a minimum of 20 minutes increasing to an hour in some cases.
- 1.5.13 14 interviews were completed, a response rate of 35.9% based on a sample of 39 households (59 contacts, minus 8 outside Kent, minus 6 contacts in same household, minus 6 with no contact number). 2 of the interviews were with households living in bricks and mortar accommodation.
- 1.5.14 The response rate is very low compared to an alternative Travelling Showpersons Assessment in Bedfordshire & Luton which achieved 55% and from the GTAA in North Kent which achieved 75% on authorised sites and 59% on un-authorised sites.
- 1.5.15 Of the net sample (39 households) 9 numbers were tried 4 times (including evening and weekend) but got no response (23.1%) and 3 numbers were 'not recognised' and would not connect (7.7%). 13 households declined to be interviewed (33.3%). These people were contacted again by the Guild and afterwards again by DCA and still refused to take part in the survey.

Table 1-2 Interviews by Local Authority Area

	No of households	No phone contact details	Same Household	Number not Recognised	Refused	Non Contacts	Response Rate %	Interview Achieved
Medway	21	6	3	-	3	2	33.3%	7
Swale	5	-	1	-	1	1	40.0%	2*
Dartford	4	-	-	-	-	1	75.0%	3
Gravesham	No sites							
Sevenoaks	1	-	-	1	-	-	0.0%	-
Tonbridge & Malling	5	-	1	-	3	1	0.0%	-
Tunbridge Wells	No sites							
Ashford	5	-	-	-	3	2	0.0%	-
Maidstone	10	-	1	2	3	2	20.0%	2
Total	51	6	6	3	13	9	27.5%	14

(Note: * - Both in bricks and mortar)

- 1.5.16 The analysis in this report relates only to the findings from those households who took part in the study. The data has not been weighted to reflect the total travelling showpeople household population as we feel the baseline data on the number of travelling showpeople households locally and the sample is not sufficiently large to represent the whole population.
- 1.5.17 We recommend that local Housing Authorities put systems in place to monitor the number of travelling showpeople households locally so that future studies can be weighted to fully reflect the needs of all households in the community.

2 SURVEY FINDINGS

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Of the 14 interviews completed 12 were living at travelling showpeople yards, 2 were in bricks and mortar accommodation. The tables below reflect the findings in relation to travelling showpeople living in yards. A summary of the findings from the two households in bricks and mortar accommodation is provided at section 2.16 below.

2.2 Current Accommodation Circumstances

2.2.1 Of the 12 Travelling Showpeople households living in a Yard, all were living on authorised yards. All the households interviewed were living in private rather than local authority yards, as there is none of the latter in the study area. Seven households were interviewed on the Guild Winter Quarters in Strood, Medway.

2.2.2 Seven of the interviews were in Medway (58.3%), 3 were in Dartford (25.0%), and 2 in Maidstone (16.7%). The first question asked all respondents why they were settled at that location.

Table 2-1 Why Are You Settled There?

	%	N ^{os.}
Always lived there	16.7	2
Family connection	25.0	3
Work in the area	8.3	1
School / education	0.0	0
Availability of pitches locally	25.0	3
Closer to facilities / services	8.3	1
Quality of the area	25.0	3
Other	25.0	3
Total		16

2.2.3 Based on responses from 12 households, making an average of 1.3 choices each, family connection, availability of pitches and quality of the area were the most significant reasons given. One respondent commented there was “no permission elsewhere for Victorian fairs”.

Table 2-2 Type by Number of Living Units (%)

	One Living Unit (%)	N ^{os.}	Two Living Units (%)	N ^{os.}	Three or more Living Units (%)	N ^{os.}
Mobile Home	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3	1
Touring Caravan / Trailer	54.5	6	9.1	1	36.4	5

- 2.2.4 Respondents were asked what type of accommodation they had on their current site. In contrast to the Gypsy and Traveller community the majority of Travelling Showperson households were living in touring caravans rather than mobile homes. Three households had a mobile home and 12 had a touring caravan / trailer.
- 2.2.5 The average number of living units per household was 2.2 although this is biased by 1 household in Medway with 10 living units. Excluding this household the average is 1.4 living units per household.
- 2.2.6 As would be expected a high number of work and other vehicles were also identified. Based on responses from 10 households with additional vehicles, including private cars, vans and lorries the average per household was 2.4 additional vehicles. The breakdown of type of vehicle is shown below (based on 11 household respondents).

Table 2-3 Type of Additional Vehicle at Current Site

	%	N ^{os.}
Private cars	45.5	5
Four wheel drive vehicles	0.0	0
Vans	27.3	3
Lorries	81.8	9
Riding devices	9.1	1
Trailers	9.1	1
Stalls	9.1	1

2.3 Space and Adequacy

- 2.3.1 Respondents were asked a series of questions regarding the space available and adequacy of their accommodation.
- 2.3.2 The number of beds available to each household was well spread; of 12 respondents, 33.3% (4) have one bedded accommodation, 58.3% (7) have two bedded accommodation and 8.3% (1) have three bedded accommodation.
- 2.3.3 Based on a self assessment of their needs, with all 12 households responding, just 2 (16.7%) felt that their current living accommodation was overcrowded for their needs.

- 2.3.4 Based on a more objective assessment, using a cross tabulation comparing the number of beds to the number of people in the household and allowing for the first 2 family members to share a bed, DCA also found 2 households were overcrowded, both of these were in Dartford. This is reflected in the needs model in section 3 of this report.

Table 2-4 Is This Current Accommodation And Site Adequate For Your Needs?
Question 4

	%	N ^{os.}
Adequate	66.7	8
Not adequate - not enough space, site / yard too small	16.7	2
Not adequate - not enough space, living accommodation too small	8.3	1
Not adequate - not enough space, pitch too small	16.7	2
Not adequate - no facilities on yard / site	0.0	0
Not adequate - Pitch too big	0.0	0
Not adequate - lack of / poor facilities	0.0	0
Not adequate – problems with neighbours	0.0	0
Not adequate – harassment	0.0	0
Not adequate – security	0.0	0
Not adequate – needs repair work	8.3	1
Not adequate: want to travel again	0.0	0
Not adequate – temporary accommodation	0.0	0
Not adequate – other	8.3	1
Total		15

- 2.3.5 Twelve households responded to a question on the adequacy of their accommodation, with 8 (66.6%) saying their yard was adequate for their needs. 4 households (33.3%) said their accommodation was inadequate, making a total of 7 choices when considering the reasons for inadequacy.
- 2.3.6 Space was the main issue with 5 choices relating to the accommodation, yard or pitch having insufficient space.
- 2.3.7 A further question probed for more information on the nature of space needed. Just 2 households responded expressing a range of needs. One household from Dartford simply needed more space to accommodate their growing family. They needed additional living units, more personal amenity space, and more communal amenity space. One household from Medway needed more space to maintain and test equipment, equipment storage, and parking space for additional vehicles.
- 2.3.8 Both households felt they needed to move to resolve their difficulties. The household from Dartford felt they could obtain larger or more suitable accommodation to meet their own needs, although they needed some support: “We need advice and help to identify land, and in getting through the planning system”.
- 2.3.9 The Medway family were not able to meet their needs on the current site and would need to find space on a larger private or public yard. This family was not technically overcrowded according to the bedroom standard, but although they have expressed a need, it is not included in the model in Section 3 below.

2.4 How Well Do Existing Yards Meet the Needs of Households

2.4.1 All households were asked a set of questions relating to their site circumstances. All those interviewed were living on an authorised site. Seven were living on the Guild yard in Medway, and 4 on another private authorised site. One household was living on an authorised local authority site in Maidstone.

2.4.2 All households were asked about the amenities they currently have access to at their yard. Based on responses from all 12 households we found a high level of access to facilities and amenities.

Table 2-5 What Amenities Do You Currently Have Access To?

Question 5c

	%	N ^{os.}
Water Supply (external)	100.0	12
Electricity supply (mains)	100.0	12
Electricity supply (generator)	8.3	1
Gas (mains)	16.7	2
Gas (bottled)	66.7	8
Gas (LPG)	25.0	3
Rubbish storage (council supplied)	66.7	8
Rubbish storage (privately supplied)	25.0	3
Rubbish collection (council supplied)	75.0	9
Rubbish collection (privately supplied)	16.7	2
Shed / amenity building	41.7	5
WC	83.3	10
Bath	75.0	9
Shower	91.7	11
Kitchen facilities	100.0	12
Laundry facilities	100.0	12
Fire prevention	97.1	11
Space for eating or sitting	66.7	8
Play space	41.7	5
Space for animals	50.0	6
Space for visitors to stay	58.3	7
Work space	75.0	9
Equipment storage	75.0	9
Parking	75.0	9
Day room	16.7	2
Postal service	83.3	10
Mains sewerage	58.3	7
Cess pit	33.3	4
Other	0	0

2.4.3 100% households have access to a water supply, mains electricity, and kitchen and laundry facilities. There is also a high level of access to all other basic facilities.

2.4.4 All households were asked about their health and safety concerns at the yard.

Table 2-6 Do You Have Any Worries about Health and Safety at This Site?

Question 7

	%	N ^{os.}
Yes	0.0	0
No	100.0	11
Total	100.0	11

2.4.5 Based on responses from 11 households, none had any concerns about health and safety at their yard.

2.4.6 The respondents were asked to rate their current yard, in terms of their satisfaction. Levels of satisfaction were fairly high with 9 of the 12 respondents saying they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the yard. Two were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and just one household in Medway was very dissatisfied.

2.4.7 All households were asked how much they pay for their current accommodation / yard per week. Based on responses from 11 households 4 said they pay nothing.

Table 2-7 How Much Do You Pay For Your Current Yard Per Week?

	%	N ^{os.}
Below £30	18.2	2
£31 - £40	9.1	1
£41 - £50	0.0	0
£51 - £60	9.1	1
Above £60	27.3	3
Nothing	36.3	4
Total	100.0	11

2.4.8 Three indicated that they would be prepared to pay more if the yard was improved, 2 of these households were in Medway, one in Dartford.

2.5 Other Recent Accommodation

2.5.1 This section looks at where households currently living in North and West Kent lived and what sort of accommodation they had before moving to their current accommodation.

2.5.2 Of 10 respondents to the question, 9 had lived at their current yard for more than a year (6 for 5 years or more). Just one household had been at their current yard for less than a month suggesting that the community is well settled in the study area.

- 2.5.3 All 12 households responded to a question asking what sort of accommodation they had previously occupied.

Table 2-8 What Sort Of Accommodation Did You Have Before?

	%	N ^{OS.}
This is my first / only accommodation	8.3	1
House / Bungalow / Flat / Maisonette	16.7	2
Supported housing (Inc sheltered)	0.0	0
Mobile home (permanent site)	8.3	1
Touring caravan / trailer (permanent site)	50.0	6
Touring caravan (unauthorised site)	16.7	2
Touring caravan / trailer (transit site)	0.0	0
Van (i.e. camper van as living accommodation)	0.0	0
Other vehicle	0.0	0
Total	100.0	12

- 2.5.4 One (8.3%) household was living in their first accommodation. 50% (6) had previously lived in a touring caravan on a permanent site.
- 2.5.5 Two households (16.7%) had previously lived in bricks and mortar accommodation. These 2 households plus one other were the only households in the whole sample that had ever lived in bricks and mortar accommodation. All were in Medway.
- 2.5.6 When asked about the tenure of their bricks and mortar accommodation, one had been an owner occupier, one had rented from an RSL, and one had rented from friends / family.
- 2.5.7 This group were also asked why they had left bricks and mortar accommodation. Reasons given included the desire to live as a family group on a site, health reasons and one had left because of rent arrears when both her father and son died.
- 2.5.8 All households responded to a question asking where they had previously lived (although in paragraph 2.5.5 above one had indicated that they had never lived elsewhere). All 3 Dartford households had previously lived within Dartford. Those in Medway however had come from a range of locations both within and outside Kent. Two households in Maidstone had moved from Medway and one from outside the South East.

2.5.9 The table below shows the current and previous location of households in the sample.

Table 2-9 Current Location / Previous Location

Previous Location	Current Location		
	Medway	Dartford	Maidstone
Medway	1	0	1
Swale	0	0	0
Dartford	1	3	0
Gravesham	2	0	0
Sevenoaks	0	0	0
Tonbridge and Malling	0	0	0
Tunbridge Wells	0	0	0
Ashford	0	0	0
Maidstone	0	0	0
Elsewhere in Kent	1	0	0
Elsewhere in South East	2	0	0
Within the UK but outside South East	0	0	1
Ireland	0	0	0
Outside UK	0	0	0
Total	7	3	2

2.5.10 11 households responded to a further question asking if their previous location had been in an urban or rural area. 5 (45.5%) had lived in an urban area, 5 on the edge of a town or village and one in a rural area. The data again shows some variation to the experience of Gypsy and Traveller families who are very much more likely to live in a rural location; travelling showpeoples' yards in contrast have often traditionally been in more urban locations.

2.5.11 The following question asked how long they had lived at their previous location. Based on responses from 12 households the data showed that 11 (91.7%) had lived at their previous location for more than a year, 50% for more than 10 years.

Table 2-10 How Long Did You Live There?

Question 13

	%	N ^{os.}
Less than 1 week	0.0	0
Less than 1 month	0.0	0
Less than 3 months	0.0	0
Less than 6 months	8.3	1
6 months but less than 1 year	0.0	0
1 year but less than 5 years	25.0	3
5 – 10 years	16.7	2
Over 10 years	50.0	6
Total	100.0	12

2.6 Eviction

- 2.6.1 Respondents were asked a series of questions on eviction. All 12 households responded. One household from Dartford had left a site in the last 12 months due to enforcement action or eviction. This family had left an authorised private site.
- 2.6.2 There was little local secondary data on enforcement action. Staff in each District and at Medway Council checked their records but found no examples of eviction relating to travelling showpeople households. Two cases were reported of failed planning applications, one in Ashford at Ladylodge Farm Smarden, and one in Tonbridge and Malling at Crouch Lane Platt. No enforcement action was taken.

2.7 Planning

- 2.7.1 Of the 12 households who responded to a question on planning applications, 3 had made an application to develop a new site and one had made an application to extend or adapt a current site.
- 2.7.2 Of those applications one had been granted full planning permission, one had been refused. There was also one application currently under consideration in Medway. This application had been pending for more than 6 months.
- 2.7.3 Interestingly the planning applications had not all been made in the current district of residence. Only the applicants currently living in Maidstone had made their application there. This was an application to extend an existing site and had been granted full permission. The applicant in Dartford had applied for a new site in Tonbridge and Malling and this had been refused.
- 2.7.4 Staff in each District and at Medway Council checked their records but found little evidence from local secondary data on historic planning applications for travelling showpeople yards in North and West Kent over the last 5 years.
- 2.7.5 Thirteen applications have been submitted over the 5 year period. In 2006 planning permission was granted to replace a mobile home with a residential van in West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks. Planning permission was refused and dismissed at appeal for stationing 4 caravans and the creation of a parking area for an additional 5 vans and other materials at Ladylodge Farm, Smarden, Ashford. Planning permission was refused and dismissed at appeal in 2001 for a large Travelling Showperson's site in Crouch Lane, Platt. This was followed by the submission of 10 separate applications for each plot which were also refused.

2.8 You and Your Family

- 2.8.1 Data was collected on the age and sex of individual household members. From the data collected we were able to build up a picture of the households in the sample.
- 2.8.2 In terms of the age of head of household and other household members, based on responses from all 12 heads of household in the sample, we found 50% (6) of heads of household to be aged between 45 and 59, 4 (33.3%) were aged 60 to 74 and 2 (16.7%) were aged 25 to 44 years.

- 2.8.3 The proportion of under 16 year olds was low at 10.7%; only 3 children were identified compared to 35.4% found in the main Gypsy and Traveller study in North Kent and 55.2% in West Kent. None of the households responding had any member of their household over the age of 75 years.

Table 2-11 Age of Household Members

Question 20b

Age of household members	Head of household		All household members	
	%	N ^{OS.}	%	N ^{OS.}
0 – 10	0.0	0	3.6	1
11 – 15	0.0	0	7.1	2
16 – 24	0.0	0	7.1	2
25 – 44	16.7	2	21.4	6
45 – 59	50.0	6	39.4	11
60 – 74	33.3	4	21.4	6
75+	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total	100.0	12	100.0	28

- 2.8.4 The survey showed that the average number of people per household was 2.3. Family size recorded in the travelling showpeople study was lower than that found in the main GTAA study in North Kent (3.1), but higher than in West Kent (2.1). The average was close to the average UK household size of 2.4 for settled households as endorsed by the 2001 Census. It is clear from the data that travelling showpeople families live in traditional nuclear family units although a yard may accommodate other members of the extended family.
- 2.8.5 Six households (50% of the sample) had members (with no children) who were resident at the yard all year round.

2.9 Access to Services and Facilities

- 2.9.1 The following section presents data on access to schooling and medical facilities. Data is also presented on the incidence of disability within the household and access to adaptations.
- 2.9.2 The first set of questions focused on access to education. Of the 3 children identified 2 attend local schools.

Table 2-12 Do Your School Age Children Attend Local Schools?

	%	N ^{OS.}
Yes (under age of 12)	33.3	1
Yes (over age of 12)	33.3	1
No	33.4	1
Total	100.0	3

- 2.9.3 One family indicated that their current accommodation affects their child's schooling, indicating that they had experienced difficulty getting a school place in Dartford.

- 2.9.4 The following questions looked at access to medical services.
- 2.9.5 Based on responses from 12 households, 11 (91.7%) were registered with a local doctor. The one not registered with a local doctor lived in Medway but was registered with a doctor elsewhere.
- 2.9.6 The following questions asked about the experience of illness and disability within the family.

Table 2-13 Do You Consider Anyone in Your Household to Have A Disability or a Serious Long Term Illness?

	%	N ^{os.}
Yes	16.7	2
No	83.3	10
Total	100.0	12

- 2.9.7 Based on 12 responses, 2 households in the sample had a member with a disability or long-term illness (16.7%). This compares with 28.9% in the main GTAA study in North Kent and 18% in West Kent. Of these households both had one member of the household affected, of whom one was aged 45 – 59 and one 60 – 74.
- 2.9.8 Households with a disabled member were asked further questions about the nature of the illness / disability and the adaptations available to support them.

Table 2-14 What Is the Nature of the Disability?

Question 20ks

	%	N ^{os.}
Wheelchair user	0.0	0
Walking difficulty	50.0	1
Learning difficulty	0.0	0
Mental health problem	0.0	0
Visual impairment	0.0	0
Hearing impairment	0.0	0
Asthmatic / respiratory problems	50.0	1
Other physical disabilities	50.0	1
Limiting long term illness	50.0	1
Total		4

- 2.9.9 Respondents made an average of 2 choices each. Those with a disability suffered walking difficulty, asthmatic / respiratory problems, other physical disabilities and limiting long term illness.
- 2.9.10 In both cases the disability / illness limited activity. The following question found that both households with a disability or long term illness required regular medical treatment from a doctor or at a hospital and care and support from family and friends. One also needed a regular prescription and care from social services / voluntary body.

- 2.9.11 None had a need for adaptations, but one household from Medway felt they would need to move to bricks and mortar accommodation within a year to meet the needs of the family member with an illness or disability.

2.10 Harassment

- 2.10.1 A number of questions addressed the experience of harassment. 16.7% (2) of the households responding had experienced harassment at their current yard; both of these were in Dartford. Only one responded indicating the cause of harassment and saying this had been from other travelling showpeople at the Yard.
- 2.10.2 One household had experienced harassment from local residents while travelling for work and one family had left a site because of harassment.

2.11 Work and Travel Patterns

- 2.11.1 Travelling is an integral part of the cultural identity of travelling showpeople households, specifically travelling is linked to work and business activity across the country. The ability to travel, as a way of life, is one of a number of factors that defines the travelling showpeople community. This is not simply a lifestyle choice.
- 2.11.2 The typical pattern for travelling showpeople is to have a settled base from which to travel for work. Some family members may remain on the base all year. Others come and go during the travelling season, perhaps being away for a number of weeks. All families living on the yard will not travel at the same time. Critically the yard is not just a residential base but also a base for maintaining and storing equipment.
- 2.11.3 All households were asked if they were willing to answer questions about their work and travelling patterns. This section gives details of the travelling behaviour of travelling showpeople currently living in yards in the study area.
- 2.11.4 Only 3 households (25%) indicated that they lived at their current yard to be close to work. As we would expect access to work locally is not a critical factor in determining location.
- 2.11.5 All households responded to the question on economic activity, 75% (9) were self employed. Another 2 (16.7%) of whom were retired and 1 (8.3%) was unable to work due to disability. This pattern is again as expected for travelling showpeople are traditionally self employed business people.
- 2.11.6 The survey found that of the 10 employed households responding 60% (6) were travelling throughout the summer season (Easter to November). As described in paragraph 2.11.2 above there is a pattern of "coming and going" through the season, and based on responses from 5 households, 4 were travelling back and forward to their main base five or more times during the season.
- 2.11.7 Six people responded to the following question asking how long they would typically be away from their main base, with two being away for up to a month, one for between 3 to 6 months and three for more than 6 months. Others found it difficult to say exactly how long they would be away or how often they travel for work but described their travel pattern as frequent.
- 2.11.8 Six households indicated they were travelling within the April to September window; families typically were resident on and off at their permanent yards for the rest of the year. All are resident in December and January.

2.11.9 Looking at the location of travel for work, again based on responses from 6 households, we found 2 travelling within Kent, both currently living in Dartford; 2 across the South East (one from Medway and one from Dartford) and 2 travelling nationally (one from Medway and one from Maidstone).

2.12 Income and Financial Support

2.12.1 All households were asked to declare their annual income. This is a very sensitive question and typically draws a low response. Only 4 households indicated their income, a further 2 did not know and 6 did not want to respond.

2.12.2 Of those who did respond, one had an income below £10,000, two between £10,000 and £20,000 and one between £20,000 and £30,000.

2.12.3 A further question asked what type of financial support was received. Four households responded indicating a wide range of support and making an average of 2.3 choices each.

Table 2-15 *Does Your Household Receive Any Financial Support?*
Question 25d

	%	N ^{os.}
Housing Benefit	50.0	2
Income Support	25.0	1
Pension Credit	25.0	1
Job Seekers Allowance	0.0	0
Working Family Tax Credit	0.0	0
Disability Living Allowance	50.0	2
Attendance Allowance	25.0	1
State Pension	25.0	1
Child Benefit	0.0	0
Council Tax Benefit	25.0	1
Other	0.0	0
Total		9

2.13 Future Accommodation Needs

2.13.1 The moving intentions and future accommodation requirements of travelling showpeople households were considered through a set of questions to help identify the need for future planning provision.

2.13.2 Based on responses from all 12 households, 66.7% of the sample (8 households) had no plans to move from their current site, 8.3% of households (1) said it would depend on the outcome of housing or other accommodation offer; and 8.3% of households (1) wished to move but were unable to do so.

2.13.3 Just 2 households had firm plans to move, one wished to move within a year from Dartford, and one within 3 to 5 years from Medway.

2.13.4 Those who were planning to move were then asked a series of questions about their moving plans. A wide range of reasons were given for moving.

- 2.13.5 The Dartford household was moving because of a lack of maintenance / work space. The family wished to remain in Dartford and have a preference for a location on the edge of a town or village.
- 2.13.6 The Medway household also indicated a lack of maintenance space and lack of equipment storage space. Other reasons for moving included threat of eviction, a preference to be close to friends and family and a desire to live in bricks and mortar accommodation. Another family in Medway was not moving but had gained permission to develop a chalet on the site to enable them to remain there and meet the needs of a member with a long term illness / disability.
- 2.13.7 The Medway family would like to remain in Medway but would consider other locations elsewhere in the South East. They would prefer to live in a rural location.
- 2.13.8 Both families would prefer to live on an authorised private site. Space requirements are critical for travelling showpeople households with the Medway family needing to accommodate 6 living units and 10 work vehicles on their yard; the Dartford family need to accommodate 3 living units and 2 work vehicles.
- 2.13.9 Although no households were currently on housing waiting list and none expressed a definite intention to move to bricks and mortar accommodation in the next 5 years, 3 households said they would consider bricks and mortar as an option at some point in the future. If they did move to bricks and mortar accommodation, one would prefer owner occupation and two social rented housing.

2.14 Needs of Concealed Households

- 2.14.1 None of the households interviewed indicated that they had a family member who would be looking for independent accommodation in the next 3 years to 2011. The data showed only three children under 16 within the sample, and a further two aged 16 to 24.
- 2.14.2 Discussions with the community suggest that as their children grow up and form their own independent households, families have an overriding preference to accommodate them on family yards.
- 2.14.3 A further question asked all households in the sample if they had family members who had left the district in the last 3 years because of a lack of pitches / space in local yards.
- 2.14.4 The data identified 3 households with members who had moved away, one would return if a suitable yard was available locally. In addition the survey identified 5 households who were registered with the Guild at addresses in North or West Kent but who had moved out of the study area. 3 had moved to Essex, one to Buckinghamshire and one to Sussex. 2 were on unauthorised sites, 3 were on private authorised sites.
- 2.14.5 The interviews showed that these families had moved out of Kent because of a lack of pitches locally. The two households on unauthorised sites are not adequately accommodated in their new location; one expressed an intention to move back to Dartford and had only moved to Essex because of the non-availability of sites locally. The other household was on an unauthorised site in Buckinghamshire and did not intend to move; their ideal site would be an authorised private site in Buckinghamshire.

- 2.14.6 The needs of these households have not been taken into account in this assessment as they will be reflected in showpeople assessments or GTAAs in the areas where they are currently living.
- 2.14.7 Of the other 3 households interviewed who had moved out of Kent, one would move on when forced to leave, as there was insufficient space on the yard. Ideally they would prefer a Guild yard in Kent or Essex. Another may move depending on the outcome of a housing offer, but would ideally like an authorised private site elsewhere in the South East. The final household did not intend to move from Sussex, where they were currently located, but would ideally like a private authorised site in the centre of England.
- 2.14.8 A further conversation with another Travelling Showperson in Essex revealed that he had moved to Essex from Kent because of a lack of space at the Strood Yard in Medway. He was now applying for planning permission for a yard in Tonbridge and Malling and had only moved because of the availability of pitches on a large site in Essex.

2.15 Ideal Sites

- 2.15.1 Research into site specification standards has been carried out by Tribal Group and the Housing Corporation. Draft guidance on the design of sites for Gypsies and Travellers was issued in the form of a consultation paper in May 2007. Final guidance is expected in 2008.
- 2.15.2 The following tables reflect travelling showpeople's views on what would make an ideal Snowperson's yard. The views recorded here may help in developing yards to meet the needs of travelling showpeople in North and West Kent.
- 2.15.3 The first question asked about the size of yards. We asked about the ideal number of "pitches". However this was not always the way travelling showpeople thought about the size of yards. Some of those who did not respond to this question would have preferred to have considered the size in acres rather than in terms of pitch numbers.

Table 2-16 **What Is The Maximum Number Of Pitches A Yard Should Have?**

	%	N ^{os.}
1 -5	22.2	2
6 - 10	22.2	2
11 – 15	11.1	1
16 – 20	33.3	3
21 - 25	11.2	1
26 – 30	0.0	0
Over 30	0.0	0
Total	100.0	9

- 2.15.4 Generally the preference was for small yards. Based on responses from 9 households 4 would prefer yards with 10 pitches or less, and 5 with more than 10 pitches. One person commented: "*less people = less arguments*".

- 2.15.5 When asked about the size in acres, 11 households responded with 5 indicating that a half acre would be ideal, 4 indicating half to one acre and 2 saying 3 to 5 acres was ideal. A cross tabulation compared the ideal number of pitches with the ideal size of yard, to get a view on how many households could be accommodated on yards of different sizes. This showed considerable variation in requirements with one household indicating that a half acre would be sufficient for 1 – 5 pitches (accommodating 1- 5 households) and another indicating 16 – 20 pitches (or 16 – 20 households).
- 2.15.6 Government research (Select Committee of ODPM report on Gypsy and Traveller Sites 2004) suggests that smaller sites have fewer health and safety risks, especially in winter when there is more pressure on sites as families are travelling less. In addition smaller sites are easier to integrate into existing communities and are easier to manage. The need to allow sufficient space for equipment storage however should not be lost. This adds additional planning pressures.
- 2.15.7 Thinking about their ideal living accommodation, based on responses from all 12 households (with one household from Medway making 2 choices), 5 (41.7%) said they would prefer a touring caravan / trailer, 4 (33.3%) would prefer a mobile home, 1 (8.3%) would prefer a van, and 3 (25%) had other options including 2 mentioning a chalet and one bricks and mortar.

Table 2-17 **What Would Be Your IDEAL Type Of Accommodation?**

Question 31

	%	N ^{os.}
Mobile home	33.3	4
Touring caravan / trailer	41.7	5
Vans as living accommodation	8.3	1
Other	25.0	3
Total		13

- 2.15.8 The preference was also for private family yards. Based on responses from all 12 households 9 (75.0%) would ideally wish to live on a permanent authorised yard owned by family. Two (16.7%) would prefer a Guild yard, and one did not know what type of yard would be preferable.

2.15.9 When considering their ideal location 11 households responded. Several would prefer to remain in the local authority area they currently live in, although this preference was not as strong as in other recent studies. The table below shows the current location against ideal location for respondents from Medway, Dartford and Maidstone.

Table 2-18 Current Location / Ideal Location

Ideal Location	Current Location		
	Medway	Dartford	Maidstone
Medway	4	0	0
Swale	0	0	0
Dartford	0	1	0
Gravesham	1	0	0
Sevenoaks	0	0	0
Tonbridge and Malling	0	0	0
Tunbridge Wells	0	0	0
Ashford	0	0	0
Maidstone	0	0	2
Elsewhere in Kent	0	2	0
Elsewhere in South East	1	0	0
Within the UK but outside South East	0	0	0
Ireland	0	0	0
Outside UK	0	0	0
Total	6	3	2

2.15.10 All households were asked if they could recommend any possible locations for new site development. Suggestions included: redevelopment of sites in Strood, and Wainscott.

2.15.11 Based on responses from 11 households, 72.7% (8) said their ideal location would be at the edge of a town or village, 2 (18.2%) said a rural location would be ideal and 1 (9.1%) would prefer an urban location. Traditionally Travelling Showperson sites have often been located in urban areas, although with land at a premium in many areas travelling showpeople have reported pressure to relocate to the outskirts of towns.

2.15.12 The location of sites is always likely to be contentious given the land use and space requirements, and the pressure to allocate land for other more intensive development. The needs of travelling showpeople families must be set within the context of overall accommodation needs and suitable land allocated through the LDF to meet their needs.

2.15.13 The final question in this section asked the group what issues would be important when planning a new yard. All 12 households responded making an average of 7.3 choices each.

Table 2-19 Issues to Consider When Planning New Yards

	%	N ^{os}
Quality of the local environment	75.0	9
Quality / attractiveness of the site	41.7	6
Access to education / training facilities	83.3	10
Access to local leisure activities / facilities	50.0	6
Access to shopping facilities	91.7	11
Access to local health facilities / services	91.7	11
Access to community activities / facilities	58.3	7
Storage facilities	83.3	10
Work / maintenance space	91.7	11
Other	50.0	6
Total		87

2.15.14 The most important issues to emerge were access to shopping and health facilities locally. In terms of site design, work and maintenance space is crucial. "Other" issues to consider included good neighbours, including the mix of families on yards, rubbish and sewerage services, access to amenities, site maintenance, and privacy of the site.

2.15.15 One person also commented that it should be a site exclusively for travelling showpeople: "we don't mix with others, it is just our community and not Gypsies and Travellers; we all help each other, we don't mix". It is important when planning sites to see this community as separate and distinct from the Gypsy and Traveller community. They clearly have different needs in terms of the use of the site and a different and distinct cultural identity.

2.16 The Needs of those in Bricks and Mortar Accommodation

2.16.1 The data provided suggested just 10 travelling showpeople households living in bricks and mortar accommodation within the study area. 3 in Medway, 1 in Dartford, 3 in Swale, 2 in Sevenoaks, and 1 in Tonbridge and Malling.

2.16.2 Just 2 travelling showpeople were interviewed in bricks and mortar accommodation. These were both in Swale. Both had lived at their current accommodation for more than 5 years and in bricks and mortar accommodation for more than 10 years.

2.16.3 When asked about the type of property occupied, one lived in a house and one a bungalow. Both had 3 bedrooms and both were owner occupiers. One also had a touring caravan at the property.

2.16.4 When asked about the adequacy of their accommodation, both households said their current accommodation was adequate for their needs.

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- 2.16.5 When asked about their previous accommodation, both had previously lived on a permanent site, one in a mobile home and one in a touring caravan / trailer elsewhere in Kent. One had moved to bricks and mortar accommodation for health reasons; the other because they wanted to stop travelling and because they could afford bricks and mortar accommodation.
- 2.16.6 Data was collected about the household composition of those in bricks and mortar accommodation. One had 2 members, one had 3. In both cases the head of household was aged 60 – 74 years.
- 2.16.7 One household included a member with a disability (other physical disability). However there was no need for adaptations and no need to move house to meet the needs of the person with a disability.
- 2.16.8 Questions were also asked about employment status and income. When considering the employment status of the head of household one was retired and one was self employed but no longer travelling for work.
- 2.16.9 In terms of income, one had an income below £10,000 the other earned between £10,000 and £20,000.
- 2.16.10 Neither household had any experience of eviction.
- 2.16.11 One of the two households had applied for planning permission for a new site / yard. This had been granted full planning permission in Swale.
- 2.16.12 One household had experience of harassment at their current home from local residents.
- 2.16.13 Neither household had any plans to move from their current home. However one had 3 family members seeking their own accommodation within the next 3 years, suggesting one per year. All were aged 20 to 24 years and none were setting up home with other travelling showpeople in the area. No details were given about the type of accommodation they would prefer, although they would prefer to remain in Swale in a semi rural location on the edge of a town or village.
- 2.16.14 When asked if they would move back to a yard if one was available locally one said no and the other was not sure.
- 2.16.15 The final questions asked about ideal yards for travelling showpeople. One respondent said the ideal number of pitches was between 6 – 10, the other said 16 – 20. Both felt a half to one acre was the ideal size. When considering their ideal location one chose Medway and one chose Maidstone.

2.16.16 The table below shows the items felt to be important when planning a new Travelling Showperson's yard.

Table 2-20 Issues to Consider When Planning New Yards

	%	N ^{os}
Quality of the local environment	50.0	1
Quality / attractiveness of the site	50.0	1
Access to education / training facilities	0.0	0
Access to local leisure activities / facilities	50.0	1
Access to shopping facilities	100.0	2
Access to local health facilities / services	100.0	2
Access to community activities / facilities	50.0	1
Storage facilities	50.0	1
Work / maintenance space	0.0	0
Other	0.0	0
Total		9

2.16.17 The most important issues to emerge were again access to shopping and health facilities locally.

3 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER NEEDS ACCOMMODATION MODEL

- 3.1.1 The Gypsy and Traveller needs model used in this report is based on latest Government Guidance (October 2007). Data used in the model is drawn both from the DCA survey of travelling showpeople accommodation needs (2007) and from secondary data provided by individual local authorities and the Guild.
- 3.1.2 Guidance recommends projections of future need for the next 5 to 10 years. Our view is that this initial study provides a starting point for development of plans and strategies in particular to meet both the backlog of need and the need arising from family formation over the next 5 years. This assessment provides a starting point for meeting the needs of the travelling showpeople community over the next 5 years.
- 3.1.3 Future needs assessments should be based on an accurate local count of travelling showpeople households, enabling the consultant to weight the data and project need across the whole community.
- 3.1.4 Section 1.5 of this report outlines the challenges faced in estimating household numbers for this community. The model presented here reflects the needs of 12 site based households interviewed, and representing around 29% of the estimated travelling showpeople households in North and West Kent. No need was identified from households living in bricks and mortar accommodation.
- 3.1.5 This study will need to be updated after 5 years, to monitor progress in meeting the backlog of need and to look again at the longer term trends in household formation. The next travelling showpeople assessment however should be carried out alongside the GTAA for the whole Gypsy and Traveller community in 2011 rather than in 2012.

3.2 Supply:

Table 3-1 Current Residential Supply

1	Current supply of occupied pitches on Local Authority residential travelling showpeople yards in the study area	0
2	Current supply of occupied pitches on Travelling Showperson's Guild and other private residential travelling showpeople yards in the study area	38
3	Unauthorised pitches tolerated for more than 10 years	0
4	Total permanent supply	38
5	Number of unused local authority pitches and vacancies on private or Guild sites within the study area	0

- 3.2.1 There are no authorised Local Authority yards within the study area. Local data identified 12 private yards, including the Guild Yard at Strood, with a total of 37 occupied private residential pitches. The successful planning application at West Kingsdown for one private caravan increases this to 38 pitches. This is the total permanent supply of residential travelling showpeople pitches in the study area and corresponds to the total number of travelling showpeople households locally, as we were not made aware of any vacant pitches.

3.2.2 There is conflicting data for the Darenth Wood site in Dartford. The site has planning consent for 20 caravans. Caravans however do not relate to pitches and information from the Showmen's Guild is that households would normally have one large caravan and one or more other living unit caravans used for travel in addition to other vehicles. Additionally this is a private site occupied by one extended family. Although the planning consent would allow 3 more caravans and the site might be better organised it does not mean that there is a vacancy on this site other than to other members of the family. This is the fundamental nature of private yards in this community.

Table 3-2 Current Projected Supply

6	Number of vacancies on authorised yards in the next 12 months	0
7	Pitches on new Local Authority travelling showpeople yards already planned in year 1	0
8	Existing applications for private yard development / extension likely to gain planning permission during year 1 (number of pitches)	0
9	Annual total pitches available	0
10	Available over 5 years	0

3.2.3 The supply of pitches arising from both vacancies on existing sites and new planning approvals will help off-set the need identified for new pitches locally. The number of vacancies expected to arise on travelling showpeople yards in the next 5 years is examined below.

3.2.4 The study found 2 households planning to leave a travelling showpeople yard, one from Dartford and one from Medway. In both cases they wished to relocate to another more suitable private yard in the same district. As these families are planning to move from one authorised site to another they create no net vacancies and are not therefore included in the supply table above.

3.2.5 Information from the Guild showed there had been no vacancies at their yard in Strood over the last 12 months and none were expected. This is typical of the trend over the past 5 years.

3.2.6 There was no local data relating to vacancies on private sites; any vacancies that do arise are likely only to be made available to family members. There is conflicting data for the Darenth Wood site in Dartford. The site has planning consent for 20 caravans. Caravans however do not relate to pitches and information from the Showmen's Guild is that households would normally have one large caravan and one or more other living unit caravans used for travel in addition to other vehicles.

3.2.7 Current use of the site suggests that the site could be better organised and may have the capacity to meet some of the current need and potential future growth in Dartford.

3.2.8 An examination of local planning data showed that there are no new local authority yards planned, and no applications for private development likely to gain approval in the next 12 months. Historical data shown in paragraph 2.7.5, showed a low level of planning activity relating to travelling showpeople sites locally, with 13 having been submitted over the past 5 years.

3.2.9 There had been one successful application in Sevenoaks in 2006 to replace a mobile home with a residential van at West Kingsdown. There have been no other successful applications in the last 5 years and just 2 applications refused. The details of these applications are shown at paragraph 2.7.5 above.

- 3.2.10 It is recommended that systems be put in place to monitor vacancies on private yards within the study area, and that this data be used to inform future assessments. It is further recommended that vacancies and new planning approvals are monitored against the recommendations of this report.

3.3 Need

Table 3-3 Current Need and Need Arising from Concealed Households

11	Travelling showpeople households seeking permanent site accommodation in the area	0
12	Travelling showpeople households on unauthorised developments where planning permission is not expected	0
13	Travelling showpeople households on unauthorised encampments	0
14	Travelling showpeople households currently overcrowded	2
15	Travelling showpeople households expected to arrive from elsewhere	0
16	Existing concealed households	0
17	Travelling showpeople households in bricks and mortar accommodation but in need of site / yard accommodation	0
18	Total current shortfall	2
	Newly Arising Need	
19	Estimated future family formation 2007 – 2011	2
	Total Projected Need to 2011	4

- 3.3.1 Guidance recommends that local waiting list data is used as a starting point in estimating the need for pitches within the study area. However, none of the Districts or Medway Council had waiting list data for travelling showpeople households. In addition the Guild has no waiting list for pitches at Strood winter quarters.
- 3.3.2 For the purposes of this report we have used survey data to estimate need and used cross tabulation to filter out possible double counting, for example where a household may be overcrowded because they include a new forming household.
- 3.3.3 No travelling showpeople households were identified currently living on an unauthorised development or encampments within the study area. Local staff reported a very low level of unauthorised activity relating to travelling showpeople households. Over the last 5 years there has been one travelling showperson encampment in Ashford and one in Tonbridge and Malling both of which moved on when planning permission was refused.
- 3.3.4 Paragraphs 2.3.4 and 2.3.7 above identify 2 households on authorised sites as being overcrowded according to the bedroom standard. A cross tabulation showed that none of these families include concealed households. The overcrowded households were currently living in Dartford. When considering their ideal location one would ideally like to remain in Dartford and one would prefer to move elsewhere in Kent.
- 3.3.5 However as the need has been identified locally, this should also be counted as a need to be met in Dartford. The household who wishes to move Elsewhere in Kent i.e. not in the study area is a potential need which should be addressed by SEERA when assessing potential migration and site allocations.

- 3.3.6 An analysis of new family formation is shown in section 2.14 of this report. The interviews identified that no backlog of new family formation within existing households and no concealed households currently living on an authorised site were expected to be looking for their own site accommodation within the next 3 years.
- 3.3.7 Guidance recommends that future household formation should be based on local information from the current demographic profile. The data showed a very low level of children within the sample, just three aged under 16 and a further 2 aged 16 to 24. As outlined in paragraph 2.14.2, it is conceivable that those aged 16 – 24 may need independent accommodation in the next 5 years. Both are currently living in Dartford. As Guidance recommends this has been included as an estimate of need in line 19 of the model: future arising need **but does not form part of the current shortfall**. It will be important to monitor actual formation on an annual basis.
- 3.3.8 The identification of 2 potential new households equates to a new family formation rate of 4.7% / year ($2 / 43 \times 100$) on all sites. A new family formation rate of between 2.7% and 4.9% has been typical for authorised sites in previous GTAAs, and is consistent with the advice from CLG suggesting a range between 3% and 4%.
- 3.3.9 The survey identified no need arising from existing travelling showperson households currently living in bricks and mortar accommodation although the sample was small. Three new forming households were identified in bricks and mortar accommodation and needing independent accommodation in Swale in next 3 years, but as no preference was given for either a site or bricks and mortar accommodation, this has not been counted as a need in the model.
- 3.3.10 There was little evidence of in migration; none of those interviewed who had moved in the last 12 months had come from out of the study area. The study did however identify a number of people who had left the study area in the past, in particular because of a lack of pitches locally and problems with overcrowding on Strood. Of those we spoke to one intend to return to the area.
- 3.3.11 Turnover of existing pitches in Strood and other private sites is likely to make some contribution to meeting needs. Based on the interviews completed there are 5 pitches needed over the next 5 years. This is a growth of 13.5% in the number of pitches for travelling showpeople households locally.
- 3.3.12 The overall need could be as high as 18 if applied to the estimated total of 38 travelling showpeople households across the study area, a growth of 47% in the number of travelling showperson pitches locally.

3.4 The Distribution of New Permanent Pitches at a Local Level

- 3.4.1 There is a projected need to 2011 of four pitches. These households had an identified need in Dartford (two are overcrowded and two potential future formation by 2011) and over the next 3 years.
- 3.4.2 However, as discussed in 3.2.6 and 3.2.7, the need in Dartford may be able to be met by current site capacity and better organisation of the existing site at Darenth Wood. This may address both current and future potential need from the extended family who occupy this private site. This will however need to be monitored.
- 3.4.3 Provided that future monitoring reveals that this potential need to 2011 can be addressed on the existing site there is not considered to be a current need for additional pitches in the study area.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1.1 Based on the household interviews, there is not considered to be a current need for additional new authorised site pitches to be made available between 2007 and 2011 within the study area. There is a potential emerging demand from new family formation within the community but if it occurs it may be able to be addressed within the capacity of the private site currently occupied by the extended family in Dartford.
- 4.1.2 Where sites are put forward for new development, support should be made available to help travelling showpeople families through the planning system, from identification of suitable sites for development to enabling partnership working with local RSLs (where appropriate) and accessing finance for development.
- 4.1.3 Plans and Strategies to meet the needs of the travelling showpeople community should be made in consultation with the community and in line with other plans and strategies for the travelling community throughout Kent.
- 4.1.4 Any new yards should be located in areas considered appropriate for general residential use, and with access to local services and facilities within existing communities. Planning applications should be considered on their merits in the context of site size and location, and the population density of the surrounding area.
- 4.1.5 Particular attention should be paid to the need for adequate equipment and vehicle storage and turning space in new yard approvals. The space available on existing sites should be reviewed.
- 4.1.6 The travelling showpeople community is well settled in Kent. However, more accurate information is needed on the number of travelling showpeople households living locally on private sites, to ensure that future studies can be weighted to fully reflect the needs within this community.
- 4.1.7 Accommodation needs assessments should be carried out every 5 years to provide an update on the level of need. The next Travelling Showperson study however should be carried out alongside the GTAA for all Gypsy and Traveller households within North and West Kent in 2011. The 2011 assessment should pay particular attention to future household projections of new family formation.

APPENDIX I

RESIDENT LETTER

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Our Ref: DJC/

10th October 2007

Name
Address

Dear xxx,

Accommodation Needs Survey: looking at the Needs of Showpeople

The local authorities in North and West Kent (Medway, Swale, Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, and Maidstone) have employed David Couttie Associates to carry out an independent study to find out more about the current and future accommodation needs of Showpeople living in their areas.

You may have already heard about these studies through World Fair. **The study in North and West Kent will enable the local authorities to take the needs of your community into account when preparing their future plans.**

Your name and number has been sent to us by the Showmen's Guild. The Guild is also working with the consultants and the Councils on this project and is very supportive of the project.

We really hope you will be able to help us! This letter is just to let you know that a Researcher from David Couttie Associates will be phoning you in the next few days to have a chat about your accommodation needs.

If they call at an inconvenient time they will be happy to give you a call back. The interview will last about 20 minutes, and all the information you give will be confidential (no one else will know what you say and all the data will be analysed and presented together and anonymously so no one person can be identified).

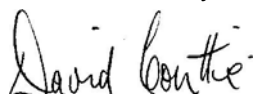
The survey is very important because it will help the local Councils in Kent to develop their housing and planning policies, and take your needs into consideration when they do this. It also gives you the opportunity to tell us about the types of accommodation and support services you think are important for your community.

If you would like to contact David Couttie Associates to arrange an interview for yourself or for another Showperson family living in North or West Kent you can call the Research Team free on **0800 1697865**.

If you would like to know more about the project please contact the Research Team on the number above or Ray Smith from the Showmen's Guild on 07913 549635 or Alan Casson from Kent County Council (who will be coordinating this work on behalf of the nine local councils mentioned at the start of this letter) on 01622 221896.

Thank you very much for your help with this important piece of work.

Yours Sincerely,



David Couttie.

APPENDIX II

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE (SITE)

TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE STUDY**GRID /SITE NUMBER:****IF WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS NEED SITE ADDRESS ONLY****RESPONDENT DETAILS:**

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

NAME: MR/MRS/MISS/MS _____

ADDRESS / DESCRIPTION OF PLACE YOU ARE STOPPED ON:

POSTCODE: _____

TELEPHONE NO / MOBILE NO: STD CODE: (_____)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

IS THIS SITE / BASE:**DISTRICT / BOROUGH**

Authorised.....1	Medway1	Tunbridge Wells	7
Unauthorised2	Swale.....2	Ashford	8
	Dartford.....3	Maidstone	9
	Gravesham.....4		
	Sevenoaks5		
	Tonbridge & Malling6		

INTERVIEWER'S DECLARATION

I certify that this interview was carried out according to DCA's instructions and in line with the Data Protection Act.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

NO: _____ DATE: _____

INTRODUCTION:

Good morning / afternoon / evening. My name is _____ and I am from an independent research company called DCA. We have been asked by the Showmen's Guild and local councils in North and West Kent to see what sort and how much accommodation Travelling Showpeoples need locally, now and in the future. The Government are requiring Local Authorities to do this. We want to be sure that we understand what Travelling Showpeople's needs and wants, so we would like to talk to a number of people – in houses, on sites and on land on the roadside – to get a range of views.

Would you be willing to talk to me? It will probably take 25 minutes. If you agree, I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be completely confidential. We are completely independent of any local council. No-one will be identified in any report, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you.

So, would you be willing to talk to me now? If it's not convenient, I could call back later on today.

If, during the interview, a particular question comes up that you'd really rather not answer, then please just say so.

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE STUDY

**SECTION A:
ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SURROUNDING CURRENT MAIN ACCOMMODATION?
YES / NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION B)**

Now I'd like to ask some questions about your current main accommodation. (If asked explain that Councils need to have a picture of current need in order to plan site provision.)

- Q1 DO YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS?**
- Fairground Traveller** 1
 - Showman** 2
 - Circus Traveller** 3
 - Romany Gypsy 4
 - English Traveller 5
 - Travellers of Irish heritage 6
 - Gypsy Roma 7
 - Welsh Gypsy or Traveller..... 8
 - Scottish Gypsy or Traveller..... 9
 - New Traveller..... 10
 - Horse Drawn Traveller 11
 - Van Dweller..... 12
 - None..... 13
 - Don't know 14
 - Other (please specify)..... 15
 -

- Q2a THINKING ABOUT YOUR MAIN BASE IN NORTH / WEST KENT WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR BEING SETTLED IN THERE?**
- Always lived There 1
 - Family connection 2
 - Work in area..... 3
 - Schools / education..... 4
 - Availability of pitch locally 5
 - Closer to facilities / services..... 6
 - Quality of area..... 7
 - Other 8

Q2b WHAT TYPE / NUMBER LIVING UNITS (MOBILE HOMES, TRAILERS) DO YOU HAVE AT PRESENT ON THIS SITE /YARD? - PROBE TO DISTINGUISH MOBILE HOMES AND TOURING CARAVANS / TRAILERS. ENTER NUMBER.

	Elsewhere		
	One	Two	Three or more
House / flat / bungalow / maisonette	1	2	3
Chalet (permanent with planning permission)	1	2	3
Mobile home	1	2	3
Touring caravan/ trailer	1	2	3
Vans	1	2	3
Additional trailers & vehicles as living or touring accommodation	1	2	3

Q2c IN TOTAL, HOW MANY LIVING UNITS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD ON THIS SITE/ BASE / LAND? Write in number

Q2d AT YOUR MAIN BASE, HOW MANY BEDS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

- One1
- Two2
- Three.....3
- Four or more4

Q2e DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION IS OVERCROWDED FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S NEEDS?

- Yes1
- No.....2

Q2f WHAT TYPE AND NUMBER OF WORK VEHICLES DO YOU HAVE AT THIS SITE / YARD?

Type	Number
Private cars1	
4 Wheel Drives.....2	
Vans.....3	
Lorries.....4	
Riding Devices.....5	
Trailer.....6	
Stalls7	
Other (Please specify)8	

Q3a IS THIS CURRENT SITE / YARD / ADEQUATE FOR YOUR NEEDS? (CIRCLE 1 OR ALL THAT APPLY)

- Adequate.....1 **GO TO 4a**
- Not Adequate – **Not enough space:** Site / yard is too small ... 2
- Not adequate – **Not enough space:** Living accommodation too small3 **GO TO 3b**
- Not adequate – **Not enough space:** Pitch too small4
- Not adequate – No facilities on site5
- Not adequate – Pitch too big.....6
- Not adequate – Lack of or poor facilities7
- Not adequate – Problems with neighbours.....8
- Not adequate – Harassment.....9 **GO TO 4a**
- Not adequate – Security10
- Not adequate – Needs repair work11
- Not adequate – Want to travel again12
- Not adequate – Temporary Accommodation13
- Not adequate – Other (please state below).....14

Q3b IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SPACE, DO YOU NEED MORE.....? (CROSS ALL THAT APPLY)

- Living space e.g. larger caravan / additional caravans.....1
- Living space e.g. personal amenity space.....2
- Living space e.g. shared amenity space / communal space3
- Space to maintain and test equipment4
- Storage space for equipment.....5
- Parking space for additional vehicles6
- Exercise space for animals7
- Other (please state below).....8

Q3c IF YOUR PRESENT ACCOMMODATION / PITCH IS TOO SMALL, DO YOU NEED TO MOVE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTY?

- Yes1
- No2

Q3d IF YOU DO NEED TO MOVE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTY, ARE YOU ABLE TO OBTAIN LARGER / MORE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION TO MEET YOUR NEEDS?

- Yes1
 No2

Q4a WHAT TYPE OF SITE/ BASE / LAND ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON?

- Authorised Local Authority Site.....1 ⚡ GO TO Q4c
 Authorised Showman Guild Site2 ⚡ GO TO Q4c
 Other Authorised Private Site3 ⚡ GO TO Q4b
 Unauthorised encampment4 ⚡ GO TO Q4c
 Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showpeople owned land owned by you & your family or another Travelling Showperson5 ⚡ GO TO Q4b
 Tolerated Development, not currently being enforced against6 ⚡ GO TO Q4b

Q4b IF YOUR CURRENT SITE/ BASE / LAND IS PRIVATE – IS IT...?

- Site owned by you and / or your family with **full planning permission granted**1
 Site owned by you and / or your family with **temporary planning permission granted**2
 Site owned by you and / or your family with **planning permission not granted**3
 Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **full planning permission granted**.....4
 Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **temporary planning permission granted**5
 Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **planning permission not granted**.....6
 Site owned by private landlord.....7
 Other (please specify).....8

Q4c WHAT AMENITIES DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO?

- Water supply (external).....1
 Water you bring to the site2
 Electricity supply (mains)3
 Electricity supply (generator)4
 Gas (mains).....5
 Gas (bottled)6
 Gas (LPG)7
 Rubbish storage (council supplied).....8
 Rubbish storage (privately supplied)9
 Rubbish collection (council Supplied)10
 Rubbish collection (privately supplied)11
 Shed / amenity building.....12
 WC13
 Bath.....14
 Shower15
 Kitchen facilities16
 Laundry facilities17
 Fire extinguisher / alarms (smoke detectors).....18
 Space for eating or sitting19
 Area set aside for play space.....20
 Space for animals21
 Parking space for visitors.....22
Work space.....23
Equipment storage24
Parking for your work and personal vehicles.....25
 Day room for site residents' communal use.....26
 Postal Service27
 Mains Sewerage.....28
 Cess Pits.....29
 Other – please specify30

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Q5 HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE SITE/ BASE / LAND AT WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY LIVING?

Very satisfied..... 1
Satisfied 2
Neither..... 3
Dissatisfied..... 4
Very dissatisfied..... 5

Q6a DO YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THIS SITE/ BASE / LAND?

Yes 1
No..... 2

☛ GO TO Q7

Q6b WHAT ARE YOUR WORRIES ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY?

Harassment 1
Vandalism 2
Lack of basic amenities..... 3
Poor Drainage / Sewer..... 4
Close to road..... 5
Close to pylons 6
Close to rubbish tip/landfill 7
Too far from doctors..... 8
Doctor will not visit the site..... 9
Overcrowding 10
Lack of heating fuel 11
Rubbish collection 12
Lack of washing facilities e.g. shower/bath..... 13
Fire prevention issues..... 14
Rats / Vermin 15
Noise and air pollution 16
Close to phone mast 17
Other (please specify)..... 18

Q7 HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT YOUR PRESENT LOCATION?

A day or two 1
Less than one week 2
Less than 1 month 3
Less than 3 months..... 4
Less than 6 months..... 5
6 months but less than 1 year..... 6
1 year but less than 5 years..... 7
5 years and over 8

SECTION B: YOUR RECENT ACCOMMODATION

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE LIVING BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION C)**

Now I'd like to ask you a bit about where you were living / had a base before you came to this site. (If asked, explain that Councils need to build up a picture of accommodation need in order to plan site provision.)

Q8a WHAT SORT OF ACCOMMODATION DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

- | | | |
|--|----|----------------|
| This is my first / only accommodation..... | 1 | ☛ GO TO Sect C |
| House / Bungalow / Flat / Maisonette..... | 2 | |
| Supported Housing (including sheltered)..... | 3 | ☛ GO TO Q8c |
| Mobile home- permanent site | 4 | |
| Touring caravan/ trailer- permanent site..... | 5 | ☛ GO TO Q8b |
| Touring caravan/ trailer- unauthorised sites | 6 | |
| Touring caravan / trailer – transit site | 7 | |
| Living Van | 8 | |
| Don't Know..... | 9 | |
| Other | 10 | |

Q8b HAVE YOU EVER LIVED IN BRICKS & MORTAR HOUSING?

- | | | |
|-----------|---|------------|
| Yes | 1 | |
| No..... | 2 | ☛ GO TO Q9 |

Q8c DID THE HEAD OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN YOUR BRICKS & MORTAR HOUSING, OR RENT IT?

- | | |
|--|---|
| Owner..... | 1 |
| Council tenant | 2 |
| RSL/HA tenant..... | 3 |
| Rented from private landlord..... | 4 |
| Rent from family / friend /employer..... | 5 |

Q8d WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING?

- | | |
|--|---|
| To live as a family group on a site | 1 |
| Prefer to live on a site / way of life | 2 |
| Wanted to go travelling again | 3 |
| Rent arrears | 4 |
| Eviction..... | 5 |
| Neighbour disputes | 6 |
| Other (please specify)..... | 7 |

Q9 WHERE DID YOU LIVE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

- | | |
|---|----|
| Medway | 1 |
| Swale | 2 |
| Dartford..... | 3 |
| Gravesham | 4 |
| Sevenoaks | 5 |
| Tonbridge & Malling..... | 6 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 7 |
| Ashford..... | 8 |
| Maidstone | 9 |
| Elsewhere in Kent..... | 10 |
| Elsewhere in the South East..... | 11 |
| Within the UK but outside the South East..... | 12 |
| Ireland | 13 |
| Outside the UK..... | 14 |

Q10 DID YOU LIVE IN A TOWN OR COUNTRY AREA?

Within an urban area 1
Edge of a town or village..... 2
Rural area 3

Q11 HOW LONG DID YOU LIVE THERE?

Less than 1 week 1
Less than 1 month 2
Less than 3 months..... 3
Less than 6 months..... 4
6 months but less than 1 year..... 5
1 year but less than 5 years..... 6
5 to 10 years 7
Over 10 years..... 8

SECTION C: YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION D)

I'd like now to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you. (If asked, explain that personal issues like schooling and access to health care are important in planning site provision).

Q12a HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (ON YOUR PLOT OR LAND AT YOUR CURRENT LOCATION, INCLUDING YOURSELF)?

Q12b OF THE TOTAL HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE RESIDENT ALL YEAR ROUND?

Q12c THINKING ABOUT EVERYONE WHO LIVES WITH YOU (IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY), CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE, INCLUDING YOURSELF, IN EACH AGE RANGE AND

Q12d GENDER

Relationship (tick all appropriate)		Age							Gender		Resident all year round
		0-10	11-15	16-24	25-44	45-59	60-74	75+	M	F	
Head of Household	✓	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Husband / Wife		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Child 6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grandchild 8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Parent 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Parent 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

If any aged between 4-18 go to Q13a – otherwise go to Q14a

Q13a DO YOUR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ATTEND LOCAL SCHOOLS?

- Yes (under age 12) 1
- Yes (over age 12) 2
- No..... 3
- Some children 4

Q13b DOES YOUR ACCOMMODATION / SITE AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S OR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING?

- No 1
- If yes:**
- Difficulty in getting a school place..... 2
- Disrupted schooling due to mobility 3
- Afraid to send children to school due to local hostility 4
- Other (please specify) 5

Q14a ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH A DOCTOR IN THIS AREA?

- Yes 1 **☞ GO TO Q15a**
- No..... 2

Q14b ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH A DOCTOR ELSEWHERE?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 **☞ GO TO Q15a**

Q14c IF YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH A DOCTOR ELSEWHERE, PLEASE SPECIFY THE DISTRICT / BOROUGH WHERE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH A DOCTOR

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Q15a DO YOU CONSIDER ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO HAVE A DISABILITY OR A LIMITING LONG TERM ILLNESS (I.E. AN ILLNESS THAT REQUIRES ONGOING MEDICATION AND/OR REGULAR MONITORING APPOINTMENTS WITH A GP OR HOSPITAL)?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 **☞ GO TO Sect D**

Q15b IF YES, HOW MANY PEOPLE?

- One 1
- Two 2
- More than two 3

Q15c WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE DISABILITY / ILLNESS? CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

- Wheelchair user 1
- Walking difficulty (not in wheelchair)..... 2
- Learning disability 3
- Mental health problem 4
- Visual impairment 5
- Hearing impairment..... 6
- Asthmatic / respiratory problem 7
- Other physical disability 8
- Limiting long term illness..... 9

Q15d WHAT AGE RANGE(S) ARE THEY IN?

- 0 - 5 1
- 6 - 10 2
- 11 - 15 3
- 16 - 24 4
- 25 - 44 5
- 45 - 59 6
- 60 - 74 7
- 75 + 8

Q15e DO YOU CONSIDER THAT THIS DISABILITY LIMITS THE MOVEMENT OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME?

- Yes 1
- No 2 **☞ GO TO Q15i**

Q15f IF YES, DOES THIS MEAN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS PROVISION OF (CODE ALL):

- Adaptations to your home 1
- Regular medical treatment at doctor or hospital 2
- Regular prescription 3
- Care and support from family / friends..... 4
- Care and support from social services / voluntary body 5

**Q15g IF YOU NEED ADAPTATIONS, WHAT KIND OF ADAPTATIONS DO YOU THINK YOU NEED?
(CODE ALL)**

- Ramps outside / inside 1
- (Additional) handrails outside / inside 2
- Any other alterations for better access (e.g. doors widened) 3
- Kitchen specially designed or adapted 4
- Bath / shower / toilet specially designed or adapted 5
- Bath / shower / toilet relocated..... 6
- Hoist (bath or bed) 7
- Electrical modifications (e.g. central heating controls) 8

**Q15h HAVE THESE ADAPTATIONS BEEN MADE TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION ALREADY?
IF YES, CODE WHO CARRIED OUT THE ADAPTATIONS?**

	You	Local Authority	Someone Else
Yes	1	1	1
Some.....	2	2	2
No.....	3		

**Q15i DOES THE DISABILITY OF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD MEAN THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO
MOVE INTO BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING?**

- Yes 1
- No..... 2

**Q15j IF THE DISABILITY WILL REQUIRE A MOVE INTO BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING, PLEASE
INDICATE WHEN THIS ACCOMMODATION WILL BE REQUIRED?**

- Immediately 1
- Within 1 year 2
- Between 1 and two years..... 3
- Between 2 and 3 years..... 4
- Between 3 and 4 years..... 5
- Within 5 years..... 6
- Don't Know..... 7

SECTION D: TRAVEL AND WORK

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WORK AND TRAVEL PATTERNS?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION E)**

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about **WORK AND** travelling. (If asked, explain that Councils need to build up a picture of travelling patterns in order to plan site provision.)

Q16a DO YOU LIVE HERE TO BE NEAR WORK?

- Yes, permanent work 1
- Yes, temporary / seasonal work..... 2
- No..... 3

Q16b ARE YOU CURRENTLY?

- Self employed**..... 1
- Employed 2
- Unemployed..... 3
- Retired 4
- Cannot work due to disability 5
- Housewife / look after the home 6

☞ **GO TO SECT E**

Q16c WHEN TRAVELLING FOR WORK DO YOU TRAVEL:

- Through out the summer season (Easter to November) 1
- Irregularly during the summer season 2
- Out of season..... 3
- No longer travelling 4

Q16d HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU GONE TRAVELLING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- Once..... 1
- Twice..... 2
- Three..... 3
- Four..... 4
- Five or more..... 5

Q16e WHEN YOU TRAVEL, HOW LONG ARE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR MAIN ACCOMMODATION?

- Up to a week..... 1
- Up to a month..... 2
- 1 – 3 months..... 3
- 3 – 6 months..... 4
- More than 6 months..... 5

Q16f DURING WHICH MONTHS ARE YOU NOT TRAVELLING

- No longer travelling..... 1
- Jan..... 2
- Feb..... 3
- March..... 4
- April..... 5
- May..... 6
- June..... 7
- July..... 8
- Aug..... 9
- Sept..... 10
- Oct..... 11
- Nov..... 12
- Dec..... 13

Q16g WHEN YOU TRAVEL FOR WORK, WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO?

- Locally: within Kent..... 1
 - Across the South East England..... 2
 - Across England..... 3
 - Other (Please specify)..... 4
-

SECTION E: EVICTION

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO EVICTIONS?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION F)

Q17a IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU LEFT A SITE BECAUSE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR FORCED EVICTION? (Early enforcement action may be an initial notice or summons at which point the individual may leave voluntarily. Forced eviction is a last resort)

- No..... 1 **➡ GO TO SECT F**
- If yes, you left because of:**
- Enforcement Action..... 2
- Forced Eviction..... 3

Q17b WHAT TYPE(S) OF SITE(S) HAVE YOU LEFT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AS A RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR FORCED EVICTION? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- Authorised Local Authority Site..... 1
- Authorised Showmen's Guild site..... 2
- Authorised Private Site with full planning permission..... 3
- Authorised Private Site with temporary planning permission..... 4
- Authorised Transit Site..... 5
- Unauthorised encampment..... 6
- Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showperson owned land owned by you & your family or another Travelling Showperson..... 7

Q17c IF YES, DID YOU LEAVE VOLUNTARILY OR ONCE AN INITIAL NOTICE / SUMMONS WAS SERVED?

- Yes 1
- No – if so, how were you evicted?**
- Police 2
- Court Bailiffs / County Sheriff..... 3
- Local Authority 4
- Private Landlord..... 5
- Other (please specify)..... 6

Q17d HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU BEEN FORCIBLY EVICTED FROM A SITE OR LAND IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- 1 1
- 2-5 2
- 6-10 3
- 11-15 4
- 16-20 5
- 21 or more..... 6

SECTION F: PLANNING PERMISSIONS

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR PERMANENT SITES?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION G)

Q18a HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ON OR FOR A SITE OR PITCH?

- Yes for a new site 1
- Yes to extend or adapt current planning permission 2
- No..... 3 ➡ **GO TO SECT G**

Q18b IF YES, WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

- Making a current application 1
 - Granted – full planning permission 2
 - Granted – temporary planning permission..... 3
 - Went to appeal and won – full planning permission 4
 - Went to appeal and won – temporary planning permission..... 5
 - Went to appeal and lost 6
 - Application Refused 7
 - Awaiting decision of application / appeal 8
- } ➡ **GO TO Q18d**
} ➡ **GO TO Q18c**

Q18c IF YOU ARE STILL AWAITING A DECISION, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING?

- Less than 1 month 1
- Between 1 and 6 months 2
- More than 6 months 3

Q18d IN WHICH LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA DID YOU APPLY FOR PLANNING PERMISSION?

- Medway 1
- Swale 2
- Dartford..... 3
- Gravesham 4
- Sevenoaks 5
- Tonbridge & Malling..... 6
- Tunbridge Wells 7
- Ashford..... 8
- Maidstone 9
- Elsewhere in Kent..... 10
- Elsewhere in the South East..... 11
- Within the UK but outside the South East..... 12
- Ireland..... 13
- Outside the UK..... 14

SECTION G: HARASSMENT

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HARASSMENT? YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION H)

Q19a HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCED ANY HARASSMENT WHILST LIVING AT YOUR CURRENT MAIN BASE?

Yes 1
 No..... 2

Q19b HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCED ANY HARASSMENT WHILST TRAVELLING FOR WORK?

Yes 1
 No..... 2 ➔ **GO TO Sect H**

Q19c WHO WAS THIS HARASSMENT FROM?

	MAIN BASE	WORK	
Local Residents in the area	1		1
Other Showpeople, Gypsies and Travellers on the site	2		2
Squatters.....	3		3
Other (Please specify)	4		4

Q19d HAVE YOU EVER LEFT ACCOMMODATION BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT?

Yes 1
 No..... 2

SECTION H – FUTURE ACCOMMODATION

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE ACCOMMODATION?
 YES/NO (if no go to section I)**

Now I'd like to ask some questions about your views on future accommodation and moving options for Travelling Showpeople. (If asked, explain that building up a picture of the future needs of Travelling Showpeople is important for planning site provision)

Q20a ARE YOU INTENDING TO MOVE FROM YOUR CURRENT SITE YARD?

No	1	} ➔ GO TO Q24a
Never.....	2	
Depends on outcome of a housing or other accommodation offer.....	3	
Wish to move but cannot	4	
Don't know	5	
When forced to move on.....	6	} ➔ GO TO Q20b
Yes within a month.....	7	
Yes within 3 months.....	8	
Yes within 6 months.....	9	
Yes within a year.....	10	
Yes within 3 years.....	11	
Yes within 5 years.....	12	

**Q20b WHY ARE YOU INTENDING TO LEAVE YOUR CURRENT SITE?
(CODE ALL THAT APPLY) PROBE FOR MOST IMPORTANT**

Quality of site	1
Neighbourhood	2
Neighbours / other people.....	3
Location.....	4
Prefer to live in a house	5
Prefer to live on another site	6
Too far from shops.....	7
Too far from doctors	8
Too far from schools	9
Too far from work.....	10
Too far from family	11
Want to travel to a specific event.....	12
Always travel at this time of year	13
Harassment.....	14
To be nearer friends and family	15
Eviction / Enforcement action	16
Site not permanent i.e. threat of eviction	17
Lack of equipment storage	18
Lack of maintenance space	19
Do not like it here	20
Other – please specify	21

Q20c WHAT AREA ARE YOU INTENDING TO MOVE INTO WHEN YOU LEAVE?

Medway	1
Swale	2
Dartford.....	3
Gravesham	4
Sevenoaks	5
Tonbridge & Malling.....	6
Tunbridge Wells	7
Ashford.....	8
Maidstone	9
Elsewhere in Kent.....	10
Elsewhere in the South East.....	11
Within the UK but outside the South East.....	12
Ireland.....	13
Outside the UK.....	14

Q20d ARE YOU ON ANY SITE OR HOUSING WAITING LISTS? CODE ALL

Yes - Housing waiting list.....	1
Yes - Site waiting list.....	2
No.....	3

Q20e WHAT KIND OF LOCATION WILL YOU BE MOVING TO WHEN YOU LEAVE?

Within an urban area	1
Edge of a town or village.....	2
Rural area	3

Q21a WHEN YOU LEAVE ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE TO?

Housing	1	☞ GO TO Q22
Local Authority Site	2	☞ GO TO Q22
Authorised Showmen’s Guild site	3	☞ GO TO Q22
Authorised Private Site	4	☞ GO TO Q21b
Authorised Transit Site.....	5	☞ GO TO Q22
Unauthorised encampment.....	6	☞ GO TO Q22
Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showpeople owned land	7	☞ GO TO Q21b

Q21b IF PLANNING TO MOVE TO A PRIVATE SITE OR PRIVATE LAND – ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE TO:

- Site owned by you and your family with full planning permission granted 1
- Site owned by you and your family with temporary planning permission granted..... 2
- Site owned by you and your family with planning permission not granted..... 3
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with full planning permission granted..... 4
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with temporary planning permission granted 5
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with planning permission not granted 6
- Site owned by private landlord..... 7
- Other (please specify)..... 8
-
- Don't Know..... 9

Q22 HOW MANY LIVING UNITS DO YOU NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ON YOUR NEXT SITE?

Write in the total number ☞

Q23 HOW MANY WORK VEHICLES / TRAILERS / RIDES DO YOU NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ON YOUR NEXT SITE?

Write in the total number ☞

Q24a WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING SEPARATE FROM A YARD IN THE FUTURE?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 ☞ **GO TO Section I**

Q24b IF YES, WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN?

- Owner occupied (your own) 1
- Rented from Council 2
- Rented from HA / RSL 3
- Rented from private landlord..... 4
- Rented from family / friend / employer 5
- Group housing (as in Republic of Ireland) 6

SECTION I: INCOME AND AFFORDABILITY

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO INCOME AND AFFORDABILITY?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION J)**

Q25a HOW MUCH RENT DO YOU PAY FOR YOUR CURRENT SITE PER WEEK?

- Below £30 1
- £31 - £40 2
- £41 - £50 3
- £51 - £60 4
- Above £60 5
- None..... 6

Q25b WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PAY MORE, IF THE SITE WERE IMPROVED?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- Not sure..... 3

Q25c DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT? CODE ALL MENTIONED

Housing Benefit	1
Income Support	2
Pension Credit (replaced income support for over 60s).....	3
Job Seekers Allowance	4
Working Family Tax Credit	5
Disability Living Allowance	6
Attendance Allowance (Disability for over 60s).....	7
State Pension	8
Child Benefit	9
Council Tax Benefit	10
Irish welfare benefits.....	11
Welfare benefits from another country	12
Other (please specify)	13

Q25d PLEASE GIVE TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD (BEFORE TAX AND DEDUCTIONS, BUT INCLUDING BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES) PROMPT FOR AN APPROXIMATION IF NECESSARY

Below £10,000	1
£10,000 - £20,000	2
£20,001 - £30,000	3
£30,001 - £40,000	4
£40,001 - £50,000	5
£50,001 - £60,000	6
£60,001 - £70,000	7
£70,001 - £75,000	8
Above £75,000.....	9
Don't know	10
Don't want to say	11

SECTION J: NEW HOUSEHOLDS FORMING

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY STARTING NEW HOUSEHOLDS?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION K)**

Q26a IS THERE ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (E.G. SONS, DAUGHTERS OR GRANDPARENTS) WHO IS LIKELY TO WANT THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS?

No.....	1	☞ GO TO SECT K
One	2	
Two	3	
Three or more	4	

Q26b WHAT AGE RANGES ARE THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD REQUIRING INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION?

16 -19.....	1
20-24	2
25-44	3
45-59	4
60-74	5
75+	6

Q26c ARE THEY SETTING UP A HOME WITH ANOTHER TRAVELLING SHOWPERSON LIVING IN THE STUDY AREA?

Yes	1
No.....	2

Q26d DO THEY WANT TO LIVE ON A SITE OR IN BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING?

Site	1	☞ GO TO Q26f
Housing.....	2	

Q26e IF BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING, ARE THEY LOOKING TO?

Buy 1
Rent..... 2
Apply for Council / RSL owned accommodation i.e. Council Housing 3

Q26f IF THEY WANT TO BE ON A SITE OR LAND, WHAT KIND?

Local Authority Site 1 ➤ GO TO Q26h
Authorised Showman’s Guild site 2 ➤ GO TO Q26h
Authorised Private Site (e.g. caravan site) 3 ➤ GO TO Q26g
Transit Site 4 ➤ GO TO Q26h
Unauthorised encampment 5 ➤ GO TO Q26h
Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showperson owned land 6 ➤ GO TO Q26g

Q26g IF PLANNING TO MOVE TO A PRIVATELY OWNED SITE OR LAND – ARE THEY PLANNING TO MOVE TO A.....

Site owned by you and your family with full planning permission granted 1
Site owned by you and your family with temporary planning permission granted 2
Site owned by you and your family with planning permission not granted 3
Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with full planning permission granted 4
Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with temporary planning permission granted 5
Site owned by private landlord 6
Other (please specify) 7
.....
Don’t Know 8

Q26h IS THERE SPACE FOR THEM TO STAY ON THE SITE WITH YOU?

Yes 1
No 2

Q26i DO YOU KNOW WHAT AREA THEY WOULD PREFER TO LIVE IN? (CODE UP TO TWO)

Medway 1
Swale 2
Dartford 3
Gravesham 4
Sevenoaks 5
Tonbridge & Malling 6
Tunbridge Wells 7
Ashford 8
Maidstone 9
Elsewhere in Kent 10
Elsewhere in the South East 11
Within the UK but outside the South East 12
Ireland 13
Outside the UK 14

Q26j WOULD THEY PREFER TO LIVE IN A TOWN OR A COUNTRY AREA?

Within an urban area 1
Edge of town or village 2
Rural area 3

SECTION K: NEWLY FORMED HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE LEFT THE DISTRICT

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT NEWLY FORMED HOUSEHOLDS (I.E. MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO LIVED WITH YOU BUT HAVE NOW FORMED A HOUSEHOLD OF THEIR OWN FOR EXAMPLE SONS OR DAUGHTERS) WHO HAVE LEFT THE DISTRICT IN THE LAST 3 YEARS?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION L)

Q27a HAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MOVED OUT OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE THERE WERE NO PITCHES AVAILABLE ON SITES WITHIN THE DISTRICT?

Yes1
 No.....2

Q27b IF SUITABLE SHOWPERSON SITES WERE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, WOULD THEY RETURN?

Yes1
 No.....2

SECTION L: IDEAL SITES

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SURROUNDING YOUR IDEAL KIND OF SITE?
 YES/NO (IF NO THEN GO TO SECTION M)**

I'd like to ask some questions about your views on your ideal kind of site. (If asked, explain that building up a picture of the ideal accommodation of Travelling Showpeople is important for planning site provision)

Q28a IDEALLY WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PITCHES / HOUSEHOLDS THAT A SITE / YARD SHOULD HAVE?

	Permanent
1 - 5.....	1
6 - 10.....	2
11 - 15.....	3
16 - 20.....	4
21 - 25.....	5
26 - 30.....	6
Over 30.....	7

Q28b WHAT IS THE IDEAL SIZE FOR A SHOWMAN'S YARD:

Half Acre1
 Half to 1 Acre2
 1 - 2 Acres.....3
 3 - 5 Acres.....4

Q28c WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION/ LIVING UNIT BE?

Mobile home.....1
 Touring caravan/ trailer.....2
 Vans (e.g. camper van) as living accommodation.....3
 Other (please specify).....4

 Don't know5

Q28d WHERE WOULD YOUR IDEAL LOCATION BE?

Medway.....	1
Swale	2
Dartford	3
Gravesham.....	4
Sevenoaks	5
Tonbridge & Malling.....	6
Tunbridge Wells	7
Ashford.....	8
Maidstone.....	9
Elsewhere in Kent	10
Elsewhere in the South East.....	11
Within the UK but outside the South East.....	12
Ireland	13
Outside the UK.....	14

Q29 DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC AREAS IN NORTH / WEST KENT THAT WOULD MAKE A GOOD SITE / YARD FOR SHOWPEOPLE?

Permanent Site (please specify)

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Q30 IDEALLY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A TOWN OR COUNTRY AREA?

Within an urban area.....	1
Edge of town or village.....	2
Rural area	3

Q31 WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL TYPE OF SITE BE?

Authorised private site owned by you and your family with planning permission granted.....	1
Authorised private site owned by another Travelling Showperson with planning permission granted.....	2
Authorised Site owned by Council.....	3
Authorised Site owned by RSL/ HA	4
Authorised Site owned by the Showman's Guild	5
Authorised site owned by private landlord	6
Unauthorised Development	7
Unauthorised encampment.....	8
Don't Know.....	9
Other (please specify).....	10
.....	

SECTION M: LOCAL AREA & SITE FACILITIES

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AROUND LOCAL AREA & SITE FACILITIES REQUIRED IN THE DISTRICT OR BOROUGH YOU LIVE IN?
YES/NO (if no than go to Section N)**

In planning new sites, local authorities need to understand what facilities and services are important to local people so that sites can be developed with access to those facilities and services. In particular it is important that new sites are planned in areas that meet the needs of the community to avoid unauthorised encampments and developments and that the community is treated fairly within the planning system.

Q32 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DO YOU THINK ARE IMPORTANT WHEN PLANNING A SITE?

	Important
Quality of the local environment	1
Quality / attractiveness of the site.....	2
Access to education / training facilities	3
Access to local leisure activities / facilities.....	4
Access to shopping facilities	5
Access to local health facilities / services	6
Access to community activities / facilities	7
Storage Facilities	8
Work / maintenance space	9
Other (please specify).....	10
.....	

SECTION N: FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

Q33 IN THE FUTURE WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN SETTING UP A TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE FORUM WITHIN YOUR AREA TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY? (E.G. ACCOMMODATION ISSUES) YES / NO

Q34 THE RESULTS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL FEED INTO A REPORT ON TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS IN NORTH AND WEST KENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF THIS SUMMARY REPORT? YES / NO

Q35 THE TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS REPORT MAY BE LAUNCHED AT A SPECIAL EVENT IN NORTH AND WEST KENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT? YES / NO

THANK AND CLOSE

APPENDIX III

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE (HOUSED)

TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE STUDY**GRID /SITE NUMBER:****IF WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS NEED SITE ADDRESS ONLY****RESPONDENT DETAILS:**

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

NAME: MR/MRS/MISS/MS _____

ADDRESS / DESCRIPTION OF PLACE YOU ARE STOPPED ON:

POSTCODE: _____

TELEPHONE NO / MOBILE NO: STD CODE: (_____)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT / BOROUGH

Medway	1	Tunbridge Wells.....	7
Swale.....	2	Ashford	8
Dartford.....	3	Maidstone	9
Gravesham	4		
Sevenoaks.....	5		
Tonbridge & Malling.....	6		

INTERVIEWER'S DECLARATION

I certify that this interview was carried out according to DCA's instructions and in line with the Data Protection Act.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

NO: _____ DATE: _____

INTRODUCTION:

Good morning / afternoon / evening. My name is _____ and I am from an independent research company called DCA. We have been asked by the Showmen's Guild and local councils in North and West Kent to see what sort and how much accommodation Travelling Showpeoples need locally, now and in the future. The Government are requiring Local Authorities to do this. We want to be sure that we understand what Travelling Showpeoples needs and wants, so we would like to talk to a number of people – in houses, on sites and on land on the roadside – to get a range of views.

Would you be willing to talk to me? It will probably take 25 minutes. If you agree, I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be completely confidential. We are completely independent of any local council. No-one will be identified in any report, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you.

So, would you be willing to talk to me now? If it's not convenient, I could call back later on today.

If, during the interview, a particular question comes up that you'd really rather not answer, then please just say so.

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE STUDY**SECTION A:**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SURROUNDING CURRENT MAIN ACCOMMODATION?
YES / NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION B)**

Now I'd like to ask some questions about your current main accommodation. (If asked explain that Councils need to have a picture of current need in order to plan site provision.)

Q1 DO YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS?

Fairground Traveller	1
Showman	2
Circus Traveller	3
Romany Gypsy	4
English Traveller	5
Travellers of Irish heritage	6
Gypsy Roma	7
Welsh Gypsy or Traveller.....	8
Scottish Gypsy or Traveller.....	9
New Traveller.....	10
Horse Drawn Traveller	11
Van Dweller.....	12
None.....	13
Don't know	14
Other (please specify).....	15

Q2 HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS

A day or two	1
Less than one week	2
Less than 1 month	3
Less than 3 months.....	4
Less than 6 months.....	5
6 months but less than 1 year.....	6
1 year but less than 5 years.....	7
5 years and over	8

Q3 AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING?

Less than a year	1
1 – 2 years	2
2 – 5 years	3
5 – 10 years	4
More than 10 years	5

Q4a WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY ARE YOU LIVING IN?

House.....	1
Flat	2
Bungalow	3
Sheltered / supported housing.....	4
Other (please specify).....	5

Q4b HOW MANY BEDROOMS DO YOU HAVE AT THIS ACCOMMODATION?

One	1
Two	2
Three.....	3
Four.....	4
Five or more.....	5

Q5 DO YOU OWN OR RENT THIS PROPERTY?

- Owner..... 1
- Private rent..... 2
- Rent from Council or RSL..... 3
- Rent from friends / family 4
- Staying with friends rent free 5
- Other 6

Q6a DO YOU HAVE ANY VEHICLES OR TOURING CARAVANS AT YOUR HOME

- Yes 1
- No..... 2 **➡ GO TO Q7**

Q6b IF YES WHAT TYPE AND HOW MANY? NUMBER

- Mobile Home..... 1
- Touring caravan / trailers 2
- Other vans as living units..... 3
- Private cars 4
- 4 Wheel Drives..... 5
- Vans..... 6
- Lorries..... 7
- Riding Devices 8
- Trailer..... 9
- Stalls 10
- Other (Please specify) 11

**Q7a IS THIS CURRENT ACCOMMODATION ADEQUATE FOR YOUR NEEDS?
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)**

- Adequate..... 1 **➡ GO TO Q8**
- Not Adequate – Needs improvement / repair 2
- Not adequate – Too large 3
- Not adequate – Too small..... 4
- Not adequate – Too expensive 5
- Not adequate – Tenancy insecure / temporary accommodation 6
- Not adequate – Lack of or poor facilities 7
- Not adequate – Problems with neighbours..... 8
- Not adequate – Want to travel again 9
- Not adequate – No space for storage or maintenance of work equipment 10
- Not adequate – No space for parking other work vehicles 11
- Not adequate – No space for storage of touring vehicles..... 12
- Not adequate – Other (please state below) 13

Q7b DO YOU NEED TO MOVE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTY?

- Yes 1
- No 2

Q7c IF YOU DO NEED TO MOVE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTY, ARE YOU ABLE TO OBTAIN LARGER / MORE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION TO MEET YOUR NEEDS?

- Yes 1
- No 2

Q8 HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION CIRCUMSTANCES

- Very satisfied..... 1
- Satisfied 2
- Neither..... 3
- Dissatisfied..... 4
- Very dissatisfied..... 5

SECTION B: YOUR RECENT ACCOMMODATION

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE LIVING BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION C)**

Now I'd like to ask you a bit about where you were living / had a base before you came to this site. (If asked, explain that Councils need to build up a picture of accommodation need in order to plan site provision.)

Q10a WHAT SORT OF ACCOMMODATION DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

This is my first / only accommodation.....	1	➡ GO TO Sect C
House / Bungalow / Flat / Maisonette.....	2	
Supported Housing (including sheltered).....	3	
Mobile home- permanent site	4	
Touring caravan/ trailer- permanent site.....	5	
Touring caravan/ trailer- unauthorised sites	6	
Touring caravan / trailer – transit site	7	
Living Van	8	
Don't Know.....	9	
Other	10	

Q10b WHERE DID YOU LIVE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

Medway	1
Swale	2
Dartford.....	3
Gravesham	4
Sevenoaks	5
Tonbridge & Malling.....	6
Tunbridge Wells	7
Ashford.....	8
Maidstone	9
Elsewhere in Kent.....	10
Elsewhere in the South East.....	11
Within the UK but outside the South East.....	12
Ireland.....	13
Outside the UK.....	14

Q11a HAVE YOU EVER LIVED ON A SITE?

Yes.....	1
No.....	2

➡ GO TO Sect C

Q11b WHY DID YOU MOVE INTO BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING FROM A SITE?

Health.....	1
Schooling	2
Problems on the site	3
To be close to a relative.....	4
Retirement.....	5
Wanted to stop travelling	6
Other (please specify).....	7

SECTION C: YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION D)**

I'd like now to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you. (If asked, explain that personal issues like schooling and access to health care are important in planning site provision).

Q12a HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (AT YOUR CURRENT LOCATION, INCLUDING YOURSELF)?

Q12b THINKING ABOUT EVERYONE WHO LIVES WITH YOU (IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY), CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE, INCLUDING YOURSELF, IN EACH AGE RANGE AND

Q12c GENDER

Relationship (tick all appropriate)		Age							Gender	
		0-10	11-15	16-24	25-44	45-59	60-74	75+	M	F
Head of Household	✓	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Husband / Wife		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child 6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grandchild 8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Parent 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Parent 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Other 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Other 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Other 3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

If any aged between 4-18 go to Q13a – otherwise go to Q14a

Q13a DO YOUR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ATTEND LOCAL SCHOOLS?

- Yes (under age 12) 1
- Yes (over age 12) 2
- No..... 3
- Some children 4

Q14a	ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH A DOCTOR IN THIS AREA?	
	Yes	1
	No.....	2
Q15a	DO YOU CONSIDER ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO HAVE A DISABILITY OR A LIMITING LONG TERM ILLNESS (I.E. AN ILLNESS THAT REQUIRES ONGOING MEDICATION AND/OR REGULAR MONITORING APPOINTMENTS WITH A GP OR HOSPITAL)?	
	Yes	1
	No.....	2
		☞ GO TO Sect D
Q15b	IF YES, HOW MANY PEOPLE?	
	One	1
	Two	2
	More than two	3
Q15c	WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE DISABILITY / ILLNESS? CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY	
	Wheelchair user	1
	Walking difficulty (not in wheelchair).....	2
	Learning disability	3
	Mental health problem	4
	Visual impairment	5
	Hearing impairment.....	6
	Asthmatic / respiratory problem	7
	Other physical disability	8
	Limiting long term illness.....	9
Q15d	WHAT AGE RANGE(S) ARE THEY IN?	
	0 - 5.....	1
	6 - 10.....	2
	11 - 15	3
	16 - 24	4
	25 - 44.....	5
	45 - 59.....	6
	60 - 74.....	7
	75 +	8
Q15e	DO YOU CONSIDER THAT THIS DISABILITY LIMITS THE MOVEMENT OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME?	
	Yes	1
	No	2
		☞ GO TO SECT D
Q15f	IF YES, DOES THIS MEAN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS PROVISION OF (CODE ALL):	
	Adaptations to your home	1
	Regular medical treatment at doctor or hospital	2
	Regular prescription.....	3
	Care and support from family / friends.....	4
	Care and support from social services / voluntary body.....	5
Q15g	IF YOU NEED ADAPTATIONS, WHAT KIND OF ADAPTATIONS DO YOU THINK YOU NEED? (CODE ALL)	
	Ramps outside / inside	1
	(Additional) handrails outside / inside	2
	Any other alterations for better access (e.g. doors widened)	3
	Kitchen specially designed or adapted	4
	Bath / shower / toilet specially designed or adapted	5
	Bath / shower / toilet relocated.....	6
	Hoist (bath or bed)	7
	Electrical modifications (e.g. central heating controls)	8

**Q15h HAVE THESE ADAPTATIONS BEEN MADE TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION ALREADY?
IF YES, CODE WHO CARRIED OUT THE ADAPTATIONS?**

	You	Local Authority	Someone Else
Yes.....	1	1	1
Some.....	2	2	2
No.....	3		

SECTION D: TRAVEL AND WORK

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WORK AND TRAVEL PATTERNS?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION E)**

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about **WORK AND** travelling. (If asked, explain that Councils need to build up a picture of travelling patterns in order to plan site provision.)

Q16a DO YOU LIVE HERE TO BE NEAR WORK?

Yes, permanent work.....	1
Yes, temporary / seasonal work.....	2
No.....	3

Q16b ARE YOU CURRENTLY?

Self employed	1	} GO TO SECT E
Employed.....	2	
Unemployed.....	3	
Retired.....	4	
Cannot work due to disability.....	5	
Housewife / look after the home.....	6	

Q16c WHEN TRAVELLING FOR WORK DO YOU TRAVEL:

Through out the summer season (Easter to November).....	1	GO TO SECT E
Irregularly during the summer season.....	2	
Out of season.....	3	
No longer travelling for work.....	4	

Q16d HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU GONE TRAVELLING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

Once.....	1
Twice.....	2
Three.....	3
Four.....	4
Five or more.....	5

Q16e WHEN YOU TRAVEL, HOW LONG ARE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR MAIN ACCOMMODATION?

Up to a week.....	1
Up to a month.....	2
1 – 3 months.....	3
3 – 6 months.....	4
More than 6 months.....	5

Q16f DURING WHICH MONTHS ARE YOU NOT TRAVELLING

No longer travelling.....	1
Jan.....	2
Feb.....	3
March.....	4
April.....	5
May.....	6
June.....	7
July.....	8
Aug.....	9
Sept.....	10
Oct.....	11
Nov.....	12
Dec.....	13

Q16g WHEN YOU TRAVEL FOR WORK, WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO?

- Locally: within Kent 1
 - Across the South East England 2
 - Across England 3
 - Other 4
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SECTION E: EVICTION

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO EVICTIONS?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION F)

Q17a IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU LEFT A SITE BECAUSE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR FORCED EVICTION? (Early enforcement action may be an initial notice or summons at which point the individual may leave voluntarily. Forced eviction is a last resort)

- No 1 **☞ GO TO SECT F**
- If yes, you left because of:**
- Enforcement Action 2
- Forced Eviction 3

Q17b WHAT TYPE(S) OF SITE(S) HAVE YOU LEFT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AS A RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR FORCED EVICTION? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- Authorised Local Authority Site 1
- Authorised Showmen's Guild site 2
- Authorised Private Site with full planning permission 3
- Authorised Private Site with temporary planning permission 4
- Authorised Transit Site 5
- Unauthorised encampment 6
- Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showperson owned land owned by you & your family or another Travelling Showperson 7

Q17c IF YES, DID YOU LEAVE VOLUNTARILY OR ONCE AN INITIAL NOTICE / SUMMONS WAS SERVED?

- Yes 1
- No – if so, how were you evicted?**
- Police 2
- Court Bailiffs / County Sheriff 3
- Local Authority 4
- Private Landlord 5
- Other (please specify) 6

Q17d HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU BEEN FORCIBLY EVICTED FROM A SITE OR LAND IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- 1 1
- 2-5 2
- 6-10 3
- 11-15 4
- 16-20 5
- 21 or more 6

SECTION F: PLANNING PERMISSIONS

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR PERMANENT SITES?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION G)

Q18a HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ON OR FOR A SITE OR PITCH?

- Yes for a new site1
- Yes to extend or adapt current planning permission2
- No.....3 ☞ **GO TO SECT G**

Q18b IF YES, WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

- Making a current application1
 - Granted – full planning permission2
 - Granted – temporary planning permission.....3
 - Went to appeal and won – full planning permission4
 - Went to appeal and won – temporary planning permission.....5
 - Went to appeal and lost6
 - Application Refused7
 - Awaiting decision of application / appeal8 ☞ **GO TO Q18c**
- } ☞ **GO TO Q18d**

Q18c IF YOU ARE STILL AWAITING A DECISION, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING?

- Less than 1 month1
- Between 1 and 6 months2
- More than 6 months3

Q18d IN WHICH LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA DID YOU APPLY FOR PLANNING PERMISSION?

- Medway1
- Swale2
- Dartford3
- Gravesham4
- Sevenoaks5
- Tonbridge & Malling.....6
- Tunbridge Wells7
- Ashford.....8
- Maidstone9
- Elsewhere in Kent.....10
- Elsewhere in the South East.....11
- Within the UK but outside the South East.....12
- Ireland.....13
- Outside the UK.....14

SECTION G: HARASSMENT

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HARASSMENT? YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION H)

Q19a HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCED ANY HARASSMENT WHILST LIVING AT YOUR CURRENT MAIN BASE?

- Yes1
- No.....2

Q19b HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCED ANY HARASSMENT WHILST TRAVELLING FOR WORK?

- Yes1
- No.....2 ☞ **GO TO Sect H**

Q19c WHO WAS THIS HARASSMENT FROM?

	MAIN BASE	WORK
Local Residents in the area	1	1
Other Showpeople, Gypsies and Travellers on the site	2	2
Squatters.....	3	3
Other (Please specify)	4	4

Q19d HAVE YOU EVER LEFT ACCOMMODATION BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT?

Yes	1
No.....	2

SECTION H – FUTURE ACCOMMODATION

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE ACCOMMODATION?

YES/NO (if no go to section I)

Now I'd like to ask some questions about your views on future accommodation and moving options for Travelling Showpeople. (If asked, explain that building up a picture of the future needs of Travelling Showpeople is important for planning site provision)

Q20a ARE YOU INTENDING TO MOVE FROM YOUR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION?

No	1	} GO TO SEC I
Never.....	2	
Depends on outcome of a housing or other accommodation offer.....	3	
Wish to move but cannot	4	
Don't know	5	
When forced to move on.....	6	} GO TO Q20b
Yes within a month.....	7	
Yes within 3 months.....	8	
Yes within 6 months.....	9	
Yes within a year.....	10	
Yes within 3 years.....	11	
Yes within 5 years.....	12	

**20b WHY ARE YOU INTENDING TO LEAVE YOUR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION?
(CODE ALL THAT APPLY) PROBE FOR MOST IMPORTANT**

Quality of neighbourhood	1
Neighbours / other people.....	3
Prefer to live in another area.....	4
Prefer to live on a site	5
Too far from shops.....	6
Too far from doctors	7
Too far from schools	8
Too far from work.....	9
Too far from family	10
Want to travel.....	11
To be nearer friends and family	12
Temporary accommodation / Enforcement action	13
Lack of equipment storage	14
Lack of maintenance space	15
Do not like it here	16
Other – please specify	17
.....	

Q20c WHAT AREA ARE YOU INTENDING TO MOVE INTO WHEN YOU LEAVE?

- Medway 1
- Swale 2
- Dartford 3
- Gravesham 4
- Sevenoaks 5
- Tonbridge & Malling..... 6
- Tunbridge Wells 7
- Ashford..... 8
- Maidstone 9
- Elsewhere in Kent..... 10
- Elsewhere in the South East..... 11
- Within the UK but outside the South East..... 12
- Ireland..... 13
- Outside the UK..... 14

Q20d ARE YOU ON ANY SITE OR HOUSING WAITING LISTS? CODE ALL

- Yes - Housing waiting list..... 1
- Yes - Site waiting list..... 2
- No..... 3

Q20e WHAT KIND OF LOCATION WILL YOU BE MOVING TO WHEN YOU LEAVE?

- Within an urban area 1
- Edge of a town or village..... 2
- Rural area 3

Q21a WHEN YOU LEAVE ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE TO?

- Housing..... 1 ☞ GO TO Q24
- Local Authority Site 2 ☞ GO TO Q22
- Authorised Showmen’s Guild site 3 ☞ GO TO Q22
- Authorised Private Site 4 ☞ GO TO Q21b
- Authorised Transit Site..... 5 ☞ GO TO Q22
- Unauthorised encampment..... 6 ☞ GO TO Q22
- Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showpeople owned land 7 ☞ GO TO Q21b

Q21b IF YOUR CURRENT SITE/ BASE / LAND IS PRIVATE – IS IT...?

- Site owned by you and / or your family with **full planning permission granted** 1
- Site owned by you and / or your family with **temporary planning permission granted**..... 2
- Site owned by you and / or your family with **planning permission not granted** 3
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **full planning permission granted**..... 4
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **temporary planning permission granted** 5
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **planning permission not granted**..... 6
- Site owned by private landlord..... 7
- Other (please specify)..... 8

Q22 HOW MANY LIVING UNITS DO YOU NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ON YOUR NEXT SITE?

Write in the total number ☞

Q23 HOW MANY WORK VEHICLES / TRAILERS / RIDES DO YOU NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ON YOUR NEXT SITE?

Write in the total number ☞

Q24 IF MOVING TO BRICKS AND MORTAR, WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN?

- Owner occupied (your own) 1
- Rented from Council 2
- Rented from HA / RSL 3
- Rented from private landlord..... 4
- Rented from family / friend / employer 5
- Group housing (as in Republic of Ireland) 6

SECTION I: INCOME AND AFFORDABILITY

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO INCOME AND AFFORDABILITY?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION J)**

Q25a DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT? CODE ALL MENTIONED

Housing Benefit	1
Income Support	2
Pension Credit (replaced income support for over 60s).....	3
Job Seekers Allowance	4
Working Family Tax Credit	5
Disability Living Allowance	6
Attendance Allowance (Disability for over 60s).....	7
State Pension	8
Child Benefit	9
Council Tax Benefit	10
Irish welfare benefits.....	11
Welfare benefits from another country	12
Other (please specify)	13

Q25d PLEASE GIVE TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD (BEFORE TAX AND DEDUCTIONS, BUT INCLUDING BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES) PROMPT FOR AN APPROXIMATION IF NECESSARY

Below £10,000	1
£10,000 - £20,000	2
£20,001 - £30,000	3
£30,001 - £40,000	4
£40,001 - £50,000	5
£50,001 - £60,000	6
£60,001 - £70,000	7
£70,001 - £75,000	8
Above £75,000	9
Don't know	10
Don't want to say	11

SECTION J: NEW HOUSEHOLDS FORMING

**ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY STARTING NEW HOUSEHOLDS?
YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION K)**

Q26a IS THERE ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (E.G. SONS, DAUGHTERS OR GRANDPARENTS) WHO IS LIKELY TO WANT THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS?

No.....	1	☞ GO TO SECT K
One	2	
Two	3	
Three or more	4	

Q26b WHAT AGE RANGES ARE THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD REQUIRING INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION?

16 -19.....	1
20-24	2
25-44	3
45-59	4
60-74	5
75+	6

Q26c ARE THEY SETTING UP A HOME WITH ANOTHER TRAVELLING SHOWPERSON LIVING IN THE STUDY AREA?

Yes	1
No.....	2

Q26d DO THEY WANT TO LIVE ON A SITE OR IN BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING?

- Site 1 ☞ GO TO Q26f
- Housing 2

Q26e IF BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING, ARE THEY LOOKING TO?

- Buy 1
- Rent..... 2
- Apply for Council / RSL owned accommodation i.e. Council Housing 3

Q26f IF THEY WANT TO BE ON A SITE OR LAND, WHAT KIND?

- Local Authority Site 1
- Authorised Showman's Guild site 2
- Authorised Private Site (e.g. caravan site) 3. ☞ GO TO Q26ff
- Transit Site 4
- Unauthorised encampment 5
- Unauthorised development – Private Travelling Showperson owned land 6 ☞ GO TO Q26ff

Q26ff IF YOUR CURRENT SITE/ BASE / LAND IS PRIVATE – IS IT...?

- Site owned by you and / or your family with **full planning permission granted** 1
- Site owned by you and / or your family with **temporary planning permission granted** 2
- Site owned by you and / or your family with **planning permission not granted** 3
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **full planning permission granted**..... 4
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **temporary planning permission granted** 5
- Site owned by another Travelling Showperson with **planning permission not granted**..... 6
- Site owned by private landlord..... 7
- Other (please specify)..... 8

Q26g DO YOU KNOW WHAT AREA THEY WOULD PREFER TO LIVE IN? (CODE UP TO TWO)

- Medway..... 1
- Swale 2
- Dartford..... 3
- Gravesham 4
- Sevenoaks 5
- Tonbridge & Malling..... 6
- Tunbridge Wells 7
- Ashford..... 8
- Maidstone 9
- Elsewhere in Kent..... 10
- Elsewhere in the South East..... 11
- Within the UK but outside the South East..... 12
- Ireland..... 13
- Outside the UK..... 14

Q26h WOULD THEY PREFER TO LIVE IN A TOWN OR A COUNTRY AREA?

- Within an urban area..... 1
- Edge of town or village..... 2
- Rural area 3

SECTION K: NEWLY FORMED HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE LEFT THE DISTRICT

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT NEWLY FORMED HOUSEHOLDS (I.E. MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO LIVED WITH YOU BUT HAVE NOW FORMED A HOUSEHOLD OF THEIR OWN FOR EXAMPLE SONS OR DAUGHTERS) WHO HAVE LEFT THE DISTRICT IN THE LAST 3 YEARS?

YES/NO (IF NO GO TO SECTION L)

Q27a HAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MOVED OUT OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE THERE WERE NO PITCHES AVAILABLE ON SITES WITHIN THE DISTRICT?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2

Q27b IF SUITABLE SHOWPERSON SITES WERE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, WOULD THEY RETURN?

- Yes 1
 No.....2

SECTION L: IDEAL SITES
ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SURROUNDING YOUR IDEAL KIND OF SITE?
YES/NO (IF NO THEN GO TO SECTION M)

I'd like to ask some questions about your views on your ideal kind of site. (If asked, explain that building up a picture of the ideal accommodation of Travelling Showpeople is important for planning site provision)

Q28 WOULD YOU MOVE BACK TO A SITE IF MORE SHOWMENS SITES WERE MADE AVAILABLE IN WEST / NORTH KENT

- Yes 1
 No.....2
 Don't know3

Q29a IDEALLY WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PITCHES / HOUSEHOLDS THAT A SITE / YARD SHOULD HAVE?

- | | Permanent |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1 - 5..... | 1 |
| 6 – 10..... | 2 |
| 11 – 15..... | 3 |
| 16 – 20..... | 4 |
| 21 – 25..... | 5 |
| 26 – 30..... | 6 |
| Over 30..... | 7 |

Q29b WHAT IS THE IDEAL SIZE FOR A SHOWMAN'S YARD:

- Half Acre 1
 Half to 1 Acre2
 1 – 2 Acres.....3
 3 – 5 Acres.....4

Q29c WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION/ LIVING UNIT BE?

- Mobile home..... 1
 Touring caravan/ trailer.....2
 Vans (e.g. camper van) as living accommodation.....3
 Other (please specify).....4

 Don't know5

Q29d WHERE WOULD YOUR IDEAL LOCATION BE?

- Medway..... 1
 Swale 2
 Dartford 3
 Gravesham..... 4
 Sevenoaks 5
 Tonbridge & Malling..... 6
 Tunbridge Wells 7
 Ashford..... 8
 Maidstone..... 9
 Elsewhere in Kent 10
 Elsewhere in the South East..... 11
 Within the UK but outside the South East..... 12
 Ireland 13
 Outside the UK..... 14

Q30 DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC AREAS IN NORTH / WEST KENT THAT WOULD MAKE A GOOD SITE / YARD FOR SHOWPEOPLE?

Permanent Site (please specify)

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Q31 IDEALLY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A TOWN OR COUNTRY AREA?

Within an urban area..... 1

Edge of town or village..... 2

Rural area 3

Q32 WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL TYPE OF SITE BE?

Authorised private site owned by you and your family with planning permission granted..... 1

Authorised private site owned by another Travelling Showperson with planning permission granted..... 2

Authorised Site owned by Council 3

Authorised Site owned by RSL/ HA 4

Authorised Site owned by the Showman's Guild 5

Authorised site owned by private landlord 6

Unauthorised Development 7

Unauthorised encampment..... 8

Don't Know..... 9

Other (please specify)..... 10

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SECTION M: LOCAL AREA & SITE FACILITIES

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AROUND LOCAL AREA & SITE FACILITIES REQUIRED IN THE DISTRICT OR BOROUGH YOU LIVE IN?

YES/NO (if no than go to Section N)

In planning new sites, local authorities need to understand what facilities and services are important to local people so that sites can be developed with access to those facilities and services. In particular it is important that new sites are planned in areas that meet the needs of the community to avoid unauthorised encampments and developments and that the community is treated fairly within the planning system.

Q33 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DO YOU THINK ARE IMPORTANT WHEN PLANNING A SITE?

Important

Quality of the local environment 1

Quality / attractiveness of the site 2

Access to education / training facilities 3

Access to local leisure activities / facilities..... 4

Access to shopping facilities 5

Access to local health facilities / services 6

Access to community activities / facilities 7

Storage Facilities 8

Work / maintenance space 9

Other (please specify)..... 10

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SECTION N: FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

Q33 IN THE FUTURE WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN SETTING UP A TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE FORUM WITHIN YOUR AREA TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY? (E.G. ACCOMMODATION ISSUES) YES / NO

Q34 THE RESULTS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL FEED INTO A REPORT ON TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS IN NORTH AND WEST KENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF THIS SUMMARY REPORT? YES / NO

Q35 THE TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS REPORT MAY BE LAUNCHED AT A SPECIAL EVENT IN NORTH AND WEST KENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT? YES / NO

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APPENDIX IV

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

GLOSSARY

AONB

Bricks and Mortar

Permanent mainstream housing.

Caravans

Mobile living vehicles used by Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Also referred to as trailers.

Caravan Count

A bi-annual caravan count takes place across the country, as the official record of numbers of caravans

Concealed Household

A Concealed Household is someone living within a household wanting to move to their own accommodation and form a separate household (e.g. adult children living with their parents).

Data Processing and Analysis

The process by which the responses on a questionnaire are converted into numbers or categories. These are then used to produce outputs such as tables and charts.

DCLG

Department for Communities and Local Government

DPD (Development Plan Document)

A Local Development Document which forms part of the Development Plan and is therefore a Primary Consideration in decisions on a planning application. It forms part of the Local Development Framework.

Emergency Stopping Place

A Gypsy and Traveller site intended for short-term use. The distinction between this and a transit site is that these sites usually have fewer facilities and are intended to only host stays of a few days.

Enforcement Action

Any legal action taken by the landowner or Local Authority to remove trespassers from either an authorised or unauthorised site.

Forced Eviction

Last resort when enforcement action has been taken and the trespassers are legally required to leave.

GTAA (Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment)

Under measures in the Housing Act 2004, local authorities will be required to include Gypsies and Travellers in the Accommodation Assessment process, and to have a strategy in place which sets out how any identified need will be met, as part of their wider housing strategies.

Guild

The Showmens Guild

Gypsy

Members of Gypsy and Traveller communities. Usually described as Romany (English) Gypsies. The term is not acceptable to all Travellers.

Household

One person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping – that is, they normally share at least one meal per day and the housekeeping costs. Any students or school children that normally live there should be included as part of the household, even if they are currently away at school, college or university.

Implied Households	The total numbers to be derived after applying a grossing factor, calculated by responses to household numbers. Where multiple choices are not involved, this will generally equate to the population of the local authority / study area as a whole but some individual questions may not be answered by all respondents, giving a marginally lower total
LDF (Local Development Framework)	A bundle of Local Development Documents which together cover the whole of a District (except for any areas within a National Park) and give comprehensive policy coverage at a detailed level. They include the Local Development Scheme, Statement of Community Involvement, Core Strategy, Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.
Mobile Home	Legally a 'caravan', but not usually capable of being moved by towing.
New Age Travellers	Fairly recent groups of Travellers with varied origins.
ODPM	Government body superseded by DCLG. (See DCLG)
Overcrowding	Overcrowding occurs when, using the bedroom standard , there are insufficient bedrooms in the property based on the number of residents and their age/sex/marital status composition.
Pitch	Space provided on a "plot" of land to accommodate a trailer / mobile home.
Plot	A piece of land rented under licence to a household; this may include a single or double "pitch" on which to accommodate a trailer / mobile home
RSS (Regional Spatial Strategy)	The part of the Development Plan which is decided at a regional level and which sets the strategy for the South West. Local Development Frameworks must be in general conformity with this.
Romany Gypsy	Travellers mainly from Eastern Europe.
RSL	Registered Social Landlord, sometimes called a Housing Association (HA). Manage social housing.
Settled Community	Reference to non-travellers (those who live in houses).
Showmen / Showpeople	Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependants' more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently

Showmen's Guild	The Guild is accepted at both national and local levels as the negotiating body for travelling showmen. Through its parliamentary agent, the Guild contests any proposed legislation that discriminates against its members; or seeks concessions when legislation threatens their ability to make a living. In matters involving local authorities a delegation of officers will usually be called upon to represent member's interests.
Site	An area of land laid out and used for Gypsy and Traveller caravans. An authorised site will have planning permission (and a site licence if privately owned) for use as a Gypsy caravan site.
Social Housing	Housing which is provided to rent (or on a shared ownership basis) at below market cost for households in need by Local Authorities or Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).
Stopping place site	An area of land identified for use by Gypsies and Travellers in transit
Trailer	Term used for a mobile living vehicles used by Gypsy and Travellers. Also referred to as caravans.
Transit Site	A Gypsy & Traveller site intended for short-term use by Gypsy and Travellers. The site is normally permanent, while its residents are temporary and a maximum period of stay is usually imposed.
Traveller	Member of travelling community. Often used to refer to Irish Travellers. This term is generally acceptable to all Gypsy and Travellers.
Unauthorised Development	Gypsy and Traveller sites are among the types of development which require planning permission. DCLG state that this term is used where such development is carried out on land with the agreement of the landowner but without the appropriate planning permission.
Unauthorised Encampment	The DCLG define this term as the encampment of caravans and / or other vehicles on land without the landowner or occupiers consent and constituting trespass.
Yard	An area of land laid out and used for Travelling showpeople. The majority are private sites, either owned by a family or by the Showman's Guild (with a site licence if privately owned) for use as a showpeople caravan site.