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## **Barking and Dagenham Local Plan 2037 Examination**

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## **STAGE 1 HEARINGS AGENDA DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022**

**Afternoon Session: 14:00 to 17:00**

### **Matter 3 – Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation**

**Whether the Local Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy in planning to meet gypsy and traveller accommodation needs.**

- Q1. Have the accommodation needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople been robustly assessed?
- Q2. Is the Local Plan consistent with national policy for the provision of gypsy and traveller accommodation as set out in the NPPF and Planning Policy for Traveller Sites? It is positively prepared, justified and effective in doing so?
- Have consultation responses (eg: LP046 – Barking Riverside and LP112 – Crown Estate) reduced the justification and effectiveness of the policy as submitted? What had these landowners said about these sites prior to making these representations? When did the Council become aware of the outline planning application/masterplan and agricultural tenancy and generally that the landowners were not willing to make these sites available for this form of development? What action did the Council take to address the issues when these representations were received?
  - How many pitches would the Eastbrookend site deliver over the plan period and what would the unmet need be?
  - Even if Eastbrookend was delivered, what is the likelihood that an unidentified site will come forward over the plan period which meets the criteria in Policy DMH6 and can meet the unmet need?

- Q3. Is it sufficiently clear to interested parties which sites are allocated to meet the needs of gypsies and travellers? Are those sites allocated in the Local Plan capable of being delivered?
- What is necessary for the delivery of the Eastbrookend Country Park site? Are there any constraints to be overcome? Who would deliver the development? When would it be delivered? Is there any evidence?
  - Exactly what consultation does the Council envisage, how would this be fed into the Local Plan examination?
- Q4. Why are modifications being proposed to the Local Plan on gypsy and traveller accommodation? Are the modifications to the Local Plan and submission Policies Map necessary? Would the Local Plan remain consistent with national policy and meet the forecast need for gypsy and traveller accommodation over the plan period?
- Would the reduced pitch capacity meet forecast need?
- Q5. If not, how is the Council intending to meet identified gypsy and traveller needs? Have discussions taken place with other landowners?
- What were the result of these discussions? Are any still ongoing?
  - What other options has the Council considered in meeting the identified needs for gypsy and traveller accommodation?
  - What is the Council intending to do to meet the requirements of national policy on gypsy and traveller accommodation?