

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 1 EXAMINATION HEARINGS**

AGENDA – DAY 7

Friday 15 July 2022 at 9.30am

Venue: Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Club,
Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

**MATTER 5 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
(Policy SP10)**

Please note:

- This session will begin following a short break after the discussion on Matter 8, scheduled to begin at 9.30am, has concluded. However, if Matter 8 is concluded on the previous day, this session will begin at 9.30am.
- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspectors in their schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (ID7).
- This session will not consider detailed site-specific representations. Detailed issues concerning Policy DP8 will be dealt with at the Stage 2 hearings which has not yet been scheduled.
- The Inspectors will make a short opening to the session covering any relevant house-keeping, procedural or programming matters.
- The hearing will run until around 1.30pm. Please note that no lunch break is scheduled, but there will be a mid-morning break.

Issue

Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the provision of accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

Opening

Matter 5 discussion points

1. In the context of the submitted evidence, whether the Local Plan's approach to meeting the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People community in the Shropshire, is justified, effective and consistent with the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), with particular regard to:
 - a. the continued reliance on turnover as a way of calculating future requirements and meeting the accommodation needs.
 - b. the implications of the approach taken regarding accounting for changes in particular family circumstances such as household formation or inward migration on the future supply of pitches.
 - c. whether the GTAA (2019) has taken account of the potential for changing preferences of settled Travellers in the context of the supply of vacated pitches which are likely to arise.
 - d. the potential for double-counting of those in need.
 - e. the approach to concealed households and other forms of overcrowding in assessing future needs.
2. Implications of any changes which have occurred to the baseline position since the GTAA (2019) was undertaken about households permanently occupying caravans, Travelling Showpeople, the supply of sites, plots and pitches, transit demand and supply of transit sites.
3. Implications of ongoing monitoring on understanding the current and future needs for transit provision.
4. Whether the Council's 'call for sites' has been adequate.
5. Whether quantitatively the submitted future supply of private and public provision in terms of both numbers of pitches and plots is sound, taking account of any temporary permissions which could lapse within the plan period.
6. Whether qualitatively the Council's assessment ensures that the future supply of sites, plots and pitches will be capable of meeting future needs in terms of size, location, cultural requirements, family connections and tenure type.

7. Whether the Council has robustly evidenced the future requirements of other caravan and boat dwellers and how the Plan addresses any future needs.