

Gloucestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (RRR Consultancy Ltd, November 2022) – addendum for Cotswold District Council (RRR Consultancy Ltd, October 2023)

The Gloucestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (RRR Consultancy Ltd, November 2022) (the GTAA) identified a need for 12 pitches deriving from households residing on unauthorised developments in Cotswold District. However, in October 2023 Cotswold District Council indicated that 8 of these households were no longer in need of permanent accommodation. As such, the accommodation needs figures as of November 2022 have been amended to reflect this change in need. This is on the understanding that the accommodation need for 8 pitches would be reinstated (all or in part) if it could be shown that these households were in need of permanent accommodation during the period covered by the GTAA (i.e. 2021-2041). Also, as the Lisa Smith (October 2022) Court of Appeal case¹ determined that Planning policy for traveller sites² is discriminatory in terms of removing the need for local planning authorities to assess the accommodation needs of Gypsy and Traveller households who have permanently ceased to travel, the accommodation need category based on travelling for work has been removed. Tables 1 and 2 below show the amended accommodation needs figures reflecting the changes noted above.

¹ Smith v. SoS for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (CA-2021-00171, 31 October 2022)

² [Planning policy for traveller sites \(DCLG, August 2015\)](#)

Table 1. Estimate of the need for permanent residential site pitches 2021-2026

	Ethnic	PPTS
1) Current occupied permanent residential site pitches	41	41
<i>Additional residential supply</i>		
2) Number of unused residential pitches available	7	7
3) Number of existing pitches expected to become vacant through mortality	1	1
4) Net number of family units on sites expected to leave the area in next 5 years	0	0
5) Number of family units on sites expected to move into housing in next 5 years	0	0
6) Residential pitches planned to be built or to be brought back into use	0	0
Total Additional Supply	8	8
<i>Additional residential need</i>		
7) Seeking permanent permission from temporary sites	0	0
8) Family units (on pitches) seeking residential pitches in the area, excluding those counted as moving due to overcrowding in step 12	0	0
9) Family units on transit pitches requiring residential pitches in the area	0	0
10) Family units on unauthorised encampments requiring residential pitches	0	0
11) Family units on unauthorised developments requiring residential pitches	4	4
12) Family units currently overcrowded (or hidden family members) on pitches seeking residential pitches in the area, excluding those containing emerging family unit in step 8	4	3
13) Net new family units expected to arrive from elsewhere	0	0
14) New family formations expected to arise from within existing family units	6	4
15) Family units in housing but with a psychological aversion to housed accommodation	4	0
Total Need	18	11
<i>Balance of Need and Supply</i>		
Total Additional Pitch Requirement	10	3
Annualised Additional Pitch Requirement	0	0

Source: GTAA 2022 Addendum 2023

Table 2: Summary of accommodation needs 2021-41 (pitches)

Period	Ethnic definition	PPTS 2015 definition
2021-26	10	3
2026-31	5	4
2031-36	5	5
2036-40	6	5
2021-41	26	17

Source: GTAA 2022 Addendum 2023