**WBCIR:15518**

**Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following details:**

**1. How many Gypsy and traveller transit, residential/permanent, Travelling Showpeople pitches are there in the council’s district?**

Please refer to Table 4.5 of the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment (2017) (available on the council’s website below) for a comprehensive list of sites within the borough as of March 2017. Please refer to the response to question 4 below for completed pitches since March 2017.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/evidence-topics/>

**2. How many more pitches are currently needed in the council area and by when?**

WBC’s most up to date assessment of need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches is contained within the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment (2017) available on the council’s website:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/evidence-topics/>

Completions and future supply of pitches against the identified need are set out in the subsequent responses.

**3. Have any future, potential pitches been identified - if so, how many?**

The council is preparing a new local plan – the Local Plan Update (LPU). Consultation on a LPU Draft Plan was conducted in 2020. The LPU Draft Plan outlined a proposed spatial strategy for the management of development in the period to 2036. Included in the LPU Draft Plan is the Council’s proposed approach to meeting identified accommodation needs for Gypsies and Travellers which includes draft site allocations. The Draft Plan, and further details about the LPU, is available on the council’s website:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/local-plan-update/>

Additionally, the following sites have planning permission for additional pitches as at 31 March 2022:

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| **Sites with planning permission at 31 March 2022** | | | | | |
| **Site** | **Application number[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Net additional pitches** | **Date of Permission** | **Pitches Under construction** | **Year of Projected Delivery** |
| Carters Hill | 192012 | 3 | 23/09/19 | 0 | 2022/23 |
| Cartref Farm | 180072 | 1 | 01/11/19 | 0 | 2022/23 |
| Honeysuckle Lodge and Pine Lodge | 203626 | 5 | 28/06/2021 | 5 | 2022/23 |
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**4. Since November 2017, how many new Gypsy and traveller transit, permanent and Travelling Showpeople pitches have been created?**

Completed permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches between November 2017 and 31 March 2022 are detailed in the table below.

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| **Completions: 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022** | | | | | |
| **Site** | **Application number[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **Net additional pitches** | **Date of Permission** | **Completions** | **Year of completion** |
| 166 The Promise Nine Mile Ride | VAR/2014/1945 | 2 | 10/09/15 | 2 | 2019/20 |
| Belvedere Park | 173022 | 2 | 28/11/17 | 2 | 2019/20 |
| Belvedere Park | 192174 | 5 | 04/10/19 | 5 | 2020/21 |
| Little Moor Plot 1 | 173365 | 1 | 18/12/18 | 1 | 2020/21 |
| 166 The Promise Nine Mile Ride | 201143 | 4 | 28/01/2021 | 4 | 2021/22 |
| Woodside Caravan Park | 192128 | 3 | 03/09/2021 | 3 | 2021/22 |
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**5. Since November 2017, how much money has the council received in Traveller Pitch Funding to build new traveller sites?**

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**6. Since November 2017, how much money has the council spent trying to deliver new transit, permanent and Travelling Showpeople sites?**

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1. Details of planning applications available from: <https://planning.wokingham.gov.uk/FastWebPL/welcome.asp> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Details of planning applications available from: <https://planning.wokingham.gov.uk/FastWebPL/welcome.asp> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)