H14: Authorised Traveller Site Intensification

Overview of Comments:

Support - 6 Neither support of object - 1 Object - 0

The changes to the supporting text and the Local Plan policies have not only been informed by the responses to the Regulation 18 consultation but they have also taken on board any additional feedback that has come out of discussions/meetings with statutory consultees and members in order to improve the clarity and understanding of the contents of the Local Plan.

Comments in support of H14 - Authorised Traveller Site Intensification			
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment	
BHLF-KSAR-N87J-R Micheldever Parish Council	Support this policy but would refer to the importance of control over occupancy.	Support welcomed and comments noted. Recommended response: No change	

	Recommendations	Officer response
Comments from SA	The following recommendations for the policy text are included to help mitigate any negative effects and strengthen any positive effects identified:	Policy H14 requires proposals to be compliant with the criteria of Policy H12. Policy H12 includes various criteria
	Policy H14 could be strengthened by requiring that intensification of existing sites should be proportionate to the existing accommodation at the site as to prevent unacceptable impacts on the surrounding environment and surrounding uses.	dealing with over-concentration, impacts on the environment, nearby properties, etc. Therefore, it is not necessary to repeat these requirements in Policy H14. Recommended response: No change

Comments from HRA	None.	NA
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Amendments to policy

The Local Planning Authority will consider proposals for the additional provision of pitches/plots through intensification within sites covered by Policy H13 above, on a case by case basis and in accordance with the criteria set out in Policy H12.

It will be necessary for the applicant to demonstrate the need for the additional provision in relation to local traveller needs identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, the requirements of Policy H12, the lack of alternative provision, and the specific circumstances of the applicant that warrant intensification. Proposals should protect the living environment of existing and new residents on the site.

Amendments to Explanatory Text

9.92An aAssessments of the likely capacity and deliverability for additional pitches on existing sites haves been carried out which confirms that there is substantial some capacity for appropriate intensification or expansion of some existing sites (GTAA 2022 and Gypsy and Traveller Topic Paper 2024). Policy H14 below provides for the intensification of existing sites and Policy H15 would allow for expansion of an existing site or the establishment of a new site in exceptional circumstances, where necessary to meet identified needs for additional accommodation and where this can meet relevant criteria.