

Policy H17: Carousel Park, Micheldever

Overview of Comments:

Support - 8

Neither support of object - 3

Object - 1

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 H17 - Carousel Park, Micheldever		
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
BHLF-KSAR-N87J-R Micheldever Parish Council	Support the policy, however would make the following points - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a site for Travelling Showpeople should only be occupied by those who are active showpeople;• occupancy cannot be allowed to increase beyond the capabilities / facilities of the site.• there is a long history of no effective enforcement of this site. Lessons require to be learnt from the recent history of this site and the legal challenges that have arisen. The site and surroundings have reached an unacceptable state that cannot continue to be a drain on local population, services and utilities and a challenge for the community..	<p>The enforcement of planning consents or unauthorised development is beyond the scope of the Local Plan, but the Plan does include a policy relating to the intensification of existing sites (policy H14). Planning consent has now been granted for mixed gypsy traveller and travelling showpersons' use following an appeal against enforcement action in relation to Carousel Park.</p> <p>As policy H17 seeks to retain the site for showpersons' use it is no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p> <p>Recommended response: Delete policy H17:</p>

		<p>Land at Carousel Park, Micheldever (as shown on the maps below) is allocated for travelling showpersons' use. The site should be occupied by people meeting the definition of travelling showpeople, and comply with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the biodiversity of Black Wood (an adjacent Site of Importance for Nature Conservation – SINC) and reinforce the site's visual containment by providing and retaining a bund and landscaping around the whole site boundary; • Avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the currently defined extent of the site; • Satisfy the requirements of Policy H12. <p>Delete paragraph 9.97</p>
ANON-KSAR-NK36-K	There needs to be a policy to ensure enforcement such that occupancy cannot exceed the services provided at the location (so plots cannot be subdivided).	<p>The enforcement of planning consents or unauthorised development is beyond the scope of the Local Plan, but the Plan does include a policy relating to the intensification of existing sites (policy H14).</p> <p>Recommended response: No change</p>
ANON-KSAR-N81V-X	Agree the original plan for Carousel Park was a good one but it has been abused repeatedly which has caused very significant distress to those who live close to the plot.	<p>Policy H17 seeks to control the extent of the Carousel Park site and ensure that expansion is avoided and other policy requirements are met. The enforcement of planning consents or unauthorised</p>

		<p>development is beyond the scope of the Local Plan. Following an appeal against enforcement action in relation to Carousel Park consent has been granted for a mixed traveller use. As a result, policy H17 and its explanatory text should be deleted.</p> <p>Recommended response: Delete policy H17:</p> <p>Land at Carousel Park, Micheldever (as shown on the maps below) is allocated for travelling showpersons' use. The site should be occupied by people meeting the definition of travelling showpeople, and comply with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the biodiversity of Black Wood (an adjacent Site of Importance for Nature Conservation - SINC) and reinforce the site's visual containment by providing and retaining a bund and landscaping around the whole site boundary; • Avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the currently defined extent of the site; • Satisfy the requirements of Policy H12. <p>Delete paragraph 9.97</p>
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Comments which neither support nor object to H17 - Carousel Park, Micheldever

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ANON-KSAR-N8Q5-W	<p>This site is adjacent to ancient woodland at Black Wood. which must be appropriately buffered. Recommend that as a precautionary principle a minimum 50 metre buffer should be maintained, including through the construction phase, unless the applicant can demonstrate how a smaller buffer would suffice. A larger buffer may be required for particularly significant engineering operations, or for after-uses that generate significant disturbance.</p>	<p>Carousel Park is an existing traveller site, although some plots are not authorised. Policy H17 required a bund and landscaping to be provided and retained around the site. This is now a requirement of the planning conditions imposed when consent was granted on appeal for mixed traveller use. Policy H12 also sets out various requirements, including avoiding harm to biodiversity interests and that proposals are consistent with other policies (which include protection of biodiversity). Recommended response: No change</p>

Comments which object to H17 - Carousel Park, Micheldever

Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
<u>ANON-KSAR-NKDH-P</u>	<p>Showpersons need to be gaining their income from showman activity and no other form of employment, membership of the Showmans Guild is not adequate. The site should be reinstated to the original intended provision and illegal occupancy and over crowding of site needs immediate attention.</p>	<p>The enforcement of planning consents or unauthorised development is beyond the scope of the Local Plan. Recommended response: No change</p>

	Recommendations	Officer response
Comments from SA	None.	NA
Comments from HRA	None.	NA

Changes Proposed to Policy H17 Carousel Park, Micheldever

Delete Policy H17:

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- ~~• Protect the biodiversity of Black Wood (an adjacent Site of Importance for Nature Conservation - SINIC) and reinforce the site's visual containment by providing and retaining a bund and landscaping around the whole site boundary;~~
- ~~• Avoid further expansion or intensification beyond the currently defined extent of the site;~~
- ~~• Satisfy the requirements of Policy H12.~~

Changes Proposed to Explanatory Text

Delete paragraph 9.97:

~~9.97— Carousel Park has consent for 9 large travelling showpersons' plots but most plots are not being used for travelling showpersons' purposes and have been subdivided. Given the need for travelling showpersons' plots and the difficulty in finding suitable potential sites, it is important that all the original permitted plots are made available and retained for showpersons' use. Enforcement action is being taken to reinstate the travelling showpersons' use. The disputed use and occupancy of the site makes it difficult to determine how many additional showpersons' plots would be made available on completion of the enforcement process, but it is estimated there will be a gain of at least 8 showpersons' plots. Any changes that may result from the enforcement process, including potential intensification, should retain the use of the site for travelling showpersons, ensure an acceptable living and working environment, and meet the requirements of Policy H12.~~