



Gypsy and Traveller Need Statement

to reflect the December 2024 PPTS definition change

June 2025

Update on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs

1. This statement provides an updated position on Gypsy and Traveller need in Brentwood Borough, reflecting recent national planning policy changes that have altered how accommodation needs are assessed.
2. This position statement sets out revised figures that supersede those published in the December 2024 Brentwood Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) following the Government's updated definition of a Traveller in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), issued in December 2024.
3. For the purposes of Planning, the definition of a Traveller has been revised in Annex 1 of PPTS 2024, and now includes:

"All other persons with a cultural tradition of nomadism or of living in a caravan,"

4. This change broadens the scope of who is considered a Traveller for planning purposes. As confirmed by ORS (the consultants who undertook Brentwood's December 2024 GTAA) and supported through recent appeals and examinations, this means that **all Gypsies and Travellers interviewed as part of the GTAA are now considered to meet the planning definition.**

Revised GTAA Need

5. The implications of the changes to the PPTS Planning Definition in December 2024 now mean that need from all Travellers who were interviewed will now need to be considered in a Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Policy, and also that 100% of undetermined need will now need to be addressed.
6. The December 2024 GTAA for Brentwood Borough identified the below Gypsy and Traveller need:

Table 1 - Need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Brentwood (2024-42), source: Brentwood GTAA December 2024

Status	Number of households
Meet Planning Definition	114
Undetermined	21
Do not meet Planning Definition	5
Total	140

7. Following the PPTS 2024 definition change, the 5 households previously excluded from meeting the Planning definition are now included, resulting in the below updated Gypsy and Traveller need table:

Table 2 – Updated need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Brentwood (2024-42), to reflect the December 2024 PPTS definition change

Status	Number of households 2024-42
Meet Planning Definition	119
Undetermined	21
Total	140

8. The changes to the planning definition in PPTS 2024 have not changed the overall levels of need identified in the 2024 GTAA and the outcomes of the 2024 GTAA remain robust, sound, and up-to-date and in line with national policy and guidance.
9. Following the changes to the PPTS in 2024 – with all Travellers now meeting the planning definition – there is now a requirement for local authorities to seek to meet need from all Travellers that meet the planning definition, together with all need from undetermined households, through a Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Policy in line with Paragraph 10 of the PPTS.

Revised GTAA Need – Reflecting additional authorised pitches

10. Additionally, since the 2024 GTAA was published, 6 pitches have been authorised (Land off Horseman Side / St Michaels View – approved January 2025), reducing the remaining need as reflected below:

Table 3 – Updated need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Brentwood (2024-42), to reflect the December 2024 PPTS definition change and additional authorised pitches

	Households meeting Planning Definition	Undetermined	Total
Gypsy and Traveller Need 2024-42	119	21	140
Pitches authorised since GTAA report issued (Dec 2024)	6	0	6
Remaining need	113	21	134

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