



GOVERNMENT OFFICE
FOR THE SOUTH EAST

**Partial review of the South
East RSS:
Somewhere to Live:
Planning for Gypsies,
Travellers and Travelling
Showpeople in the South
East
Comments Form**

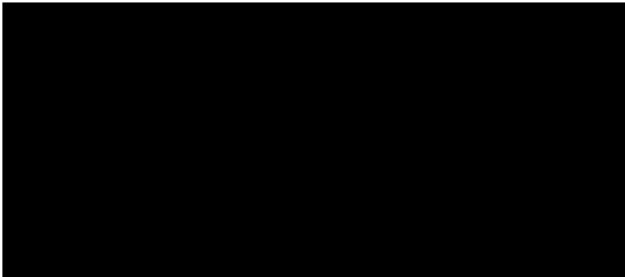
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If you wish to comment on the review of Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East please:

- Complete all relevant details in Section A – this need only be done once irrespective of how many parts of the revision you wish to comment on.
- Complete a separate page 2 of the form for each part of the revision you wish to comment on. Ensure you insert your organisation name (or surname if responding as an individual) on each page 2 and complete Sections B, C & D. You may make copies of this form.
- Type or print clearly in black ink.
- Note that all comment forms will be made available for the public to read – they cannot be treated as confidential.
- E-mail or post (please do not send duplicates) the completed forms to be received by the Panel Secretary before 5.00pm on **Tuesday 1st September 2009.**

Please send all responses to:

Barbara Bay – Panel Secretary
The Planning Inspectorate
Room 4/02 Temple Quay House
2 The Square, Temple Quay
Bristol, BS1 6PN

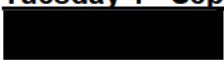


Section A

Comments submitted by:		Agent (if applicable):	
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To ensure your comments are taken into account this form must be completed and received by 5.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2009.

Signature



Date: 25th August 2009

Would you like to be notified of the Government's Proposed Changes and publication of the Adopted Amendments ?

Yes

Section B

Support / oppose/ comment (please specify)	Oppose
Policy Number or	H7
Paragraph Number	Table H7

Section C

To help us process your response effectively please summarise why you support or oppose the policy or paragraph

- 1) The Travelling Showpeople baseline 2006 shows Rother with 1 Travelling Showpeople pitch – Rother District Council (RDC) is not aware there were any Travelling Showpeople pitches in Rother in 2006 or have there been any since and to this day.
- 2) RDC disputes the need for an additional Travelling Showpeople pitch as the discussions with the Showman's Guild has confirmed there is no need for such a provision in Rother.

Section D1

If you wish to expand your response please use the space below, and attach additional sheets if necessary with your name on.

- 1) Through correspondence with SEERA, RDC understand the baseline figure of 1 plot has been based on estimates from the Travelling Showmen's Guild membership records. Figures for East Sussex were supplied by the Showmen's Guild in the absence of a Travelling Snowpersons' Accommodation Assessment being undertaken for East Sussex. Nonetheless RDC and East Sussex County Council have no record of any existing baseline for Showpeople pitches in Rother.
- 2) Option D – the Assembly's preferred approach, has no requirement for Showpeople pitch provision in Rother. The revision of Option D, between consultation and submission, to add 1 pitch requirement to Rother appears inconsistent with advice provided to the Assembly by the Showman's Guild and the Council's of East Sussex as audited by Pat Niner.
- 2) Our understanding is that this revision is based upon an update to SEERA's methodology due to revised datasets, which consequently changes the distribution (RPC Report 28th January 2009). RDC would like to review these datasets and would question their validity if they have not been subject to consultation.

Section D2

If you are suggesting changes to the draft please supply revised wording of policies or supporting text as you wish to see them:

Travelling Showpeople baseline 2006 should read 0

Travelling Showpeople requirement should read 0

Comments from

Rother District Council

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In respect of Transit provision – there is a newly refurbished transit site recently opened in East Sussex (Bridie’s Tan) and Rother District Council will be reviewing the take up and use of this site to determine future need prior to making any commitments to provide further transit sites. The Council will however be looking to create further emergency stopping places within the District.

The Council would not wish to see any specific numerical requirements for transit pitches identified in Policy H7 as a comprehensive assessment of transit need across the area has not yet been undertaken.

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