17.0 Travellers Sites

17.1 The Derbyshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2008 (GTAA) suggested that Chesterfield Borough be considered as a location for new sites in the north of the county. A review of the evidence by the Regional Spatial Strategy process evidence, however, found that no specific need was demonstrated for one a site in the borough. The GTAA 2008 was based on evidence collected in 2007 and the study anticipated that it would be refreshed after five years.

17.2 The government has published guidance Planning Policy for Travellers in March 2012. This guidance takes travellers to mean gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople. This policy guidance requires local planning authorities to make a robust assessment of need for sites for travellers and to identify and update annually a supply of sites to meet pitch targets set to meet the need identified. The council is seeking to update the existing GTAA study alongside other local planning authorities in Derbyshire.

17.3 If the updated assessment identifies a need for sites in the borough, the council will identify deliverable sites and allocate site/s accordingly in the Local Plan: Sites and Boundaries. Depending on the timescale of the updated assessment and any proven need for sites, proposals would need to be raised at ‘preferred options’ stage in order to inform the preparation of the Local Plan: Sites and Boundaries. Otherwise, a proven need for sites would trigger a review of the Local Plan: Sites and Boundaries.
18.0 **Other Requirements**

18.1 Sometimes sites, boundaries or specific use requirements have not been identified either through them not being picked up in evidence base studies or through sites/service providers having new requirements or just that landowners were not aware of the LDF status. Nonetheless there is still opportunity to identify sites for potential uses that are in conformity with the spatial strategy identified within the Core Strategy or have an exceptional reason to be considered for inclusion within the Sites and Boundaries DPD.

**Question for Consideration**

Q64. Are there are further sites or boundaries that have not previously been identified within the Issues and Option document that should be considered for inclusion within the Sites and Boundaries DPD?