

## **Meeting Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Needs in Pembrokeshire: Progress Update March 2012**

Pembrokeshire County Council is committed to meeting the identified need for Gypsy Traveller Accommodation. It is currently working on the following areas which together form a coherent work programme to achieve this end:

### **1. LDP**

- Identification of Site Allocations within the LDP;
- Criteria based policy to enable assessment of additional sites brought forward;

### **2. Budget:**

- Welsh Government Gypsy Traveller Site Refurbishment Grant: Preparing funding bids (planning consent must be in place prior to grant approval);
- A sum of £1m has been provided in the approved County Council Capital Budget for 2012/13 for gypsy traveller sites based on a funding partnership between the Council and the Welsh Government.

### **3. Delivering the Site extension at Kingsmoor Common**

- Preparation / submission of Planning Application (to coincide with extinguishment of Rights of Common);
- Extinguishment of Rights of Common (Under the Dyfed Act), notice of proposed resolution published Feb 8 2012, report to 22 03 2012 Council seeking formal Resolution;

*Next steps:*

- *consideration of objections prior to consideration as to formal resolution by Council;*
- *Resolution to be forwarded to the Welsh Ministers, for decision whether or not to confirm;*
- Scoping the Works Programme:
  - *Detailed layout for the proposed extension is being developed;*
  - *Discussions with key stakeholders taking place;*

### **4. Delivering the Site Extension at Catshole Quarry**

- Preparation / submission of Planning Application (Spring / Summer 2012);
- *Scoping the Works Programme:*
  - *Detailed layout for the proposed extension has been completed, subject to outcome of current groundwork investigations;*
  - *key stakeholders consulted;*

### **5. Identification of additional suitable sites within the identified area of need**

- Desk top assessment of all ostensibly suitable zones taking into account various constraints and requirements derived from WG guidance;
- Desk top assessment of suitable sites within the zones, concentrating on publicly owned land and particularly on PCC sites (as the most likely to be delivered);
- Private Site Search - targetted correspondence to Gypsy/Travellers and local agents, and a public notice, seeking expressions of interest from land owners interested in providing Gypsy/Traveller sites on their land April 2012;
- Analysis, replying to and clarifying of responses to written approaches June 2012;
- Sieving of all potential sites (both private and publicly owned) through detailed consideration of all impacts, constraints, policy criteria and requirements, including consultation with external bodies. July to December 2012;
- Cabinet prioritisation of preferred potential sites February 2013.