Section 1: Your details

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Date: 02/09/2014

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Approval of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for Merseyside and West Lancashire

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Policy & Performance Committee?

Yes

If ‘yes’ please state which meeting and what date

Cabinet 11 September 2014

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council’s website

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect…… (please tick relevant boxes)

☑️ Services
☑️ The workforce
☑️ Communities
☐ Other (please state e.g.: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

☐ None (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)
Section 4: Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

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<th>Which group(s) of people could be affected</th>
<th>Potential positive or negative impact</th>
<th>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</th>
<th>Lead person</th>
<th>Timescale</th>
<th>Resource implications</th>
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<tr>
<td>Race</td>
<td>The identification of the specific accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers is considered to have a potentially positive impact on this protected group.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Race</td>
<td>The identification of appropriate, deliverable sites, sufficient to meet assessed requirements, is considered to have a potentially positive impact on this protected group.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Race</td>
<td>Establishing a firmer policy basis for the consideration of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers through the Council’s emerging Core Strategy Local Plan and a subsequent site-specific Local Plan, in line with the findings of the Assessment, is considered to have a potentially positive impact on this protected group.</td>
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Section 5: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

It is recommended that The Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment is regularly updated to ensure that the number of pitches and plots remain appropriate for the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople population across the study area (Cabinet Report, paragraph 6.2 refers).

The Council’s statutory annual Monitoring Reports, associated with the Council’s Core Strategy Local Plan, will continue to record the up-to-date position over time in terms of the provision of suitable sites to determine the effectiveness of the policies to be adopted.

Section 5a: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment was commissioned to provide evidence of the need for specialist accommodation in Wirral. It provides an up-to-date evidence base for the preparation of the Council’s Core Strategy Local Plan and complies with the requirements of national planning policy. It is considered that the approval of the Assessment will have a positive impact on a particular group of people with specialised requirements for accommodation and that the recommendations of the Cabinet Report will help to ensure that appropriate provision will be made to meet these identified requirements.

Section 6: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?


Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for Merseyside and West Lancashire (Final Report, August 2014)

Section 7: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

No

If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.
If ‘no’ please state your reason(s) why:
Consultation, including with stakeholders, Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and their community representative groups, has already been undertaken as part of the preparation of the Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment, as set out in section 3 of the Cabinet Report.

Public consultation has also already been undertaken on Policy CS24 – Gypsies and Travellers as part of the publication of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy Local Plan, which has led to the completion of this Assessment.

Any related policies and proposals to be included in the emerging Core Strategy Local Plan or a subsequent site-specific Local Plan will also be the subject of separate additional statutory public consultation.

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Section 8: How will consultation take place and by when?

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it’s legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 9: Have you remembered to:

a) Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2a)
b) Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 4)
c) Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?
d) Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?