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## Plumpton Green Travellers Site

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### Information Request

LEWES district Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD – Pre-submission version (published 24 September 2018)

**Reference Section:** section 2.132 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation.

### Related Documents:

1. ***“Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessment September 2011”*** - which lists two sites for development. (document 1)
2. ***“Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessment Addendum Final 2012”*** – which lists 16 other potential sites. (document 2)

### Background

Document 2 ruled out the Plumpton Green site resulting from “*Highway authority objection*”. Also, the Plumpton Green site was rated equal sixth in the evaluation of sixteen sites.

### Information requested:

- A. How did the Plumpton Green site moved from sixth to first place.
  - B. Why is the “Highway authority objection” no longer applicable?
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### Response by Lewes District Council

- A. *How did the Plumpton Green site moved from sixth to first place.*

In the 2012 site assessment the ‘Land south of The Plough’ site that was assessed consisted of the whole field (approximately 4.4ha). The site being considered at this stage is a much smaller part (approximately 0.69ha) of the field. Therefore, comments from ESCC, including highways, have again been sought on this smaller site. A speed survey has also now been undertaken to assist with highway

comments. Highways are satisfied that, with maintenance of some vegetation and improvements to the access, the required visibility can be achieved. This was a previous concern raised.

Also, a number of other sites which scored higher than the 'Land south of The Plough' have fallen away as they are no longer available or are within the South Downs National Park where Lewes District Council is unable to allocate sites.

*B. Why is the "Highway authority objection" no longer applicable?*

The highway authority objection related to a different access assessed for the larger site. The 2012 assessment looked at access from St Helena Lane and from where the Public Right of Way meets Station Rd, rather than the existing access down near the Old Brickworks. The highway authority have provided updated comments looking at the proposed access in the south east corner which would serve the allocation site. A speed survey has been undertaken and has fed into their comments. Survey data showed that speeds are lower than the national speed limit in this location and therefore the required visibility can be achieved.