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SA Objective	Assessment of effects - Nature of the predicted sustainability effect (positive/negative, short/ medium/ long-term, scale, temporary/ permanent)	Evidence and reference (where available)	Mitigation/enhancement measures
1 Balanced Population	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Provision of accommodation for all sectors of the community will support balanced communities and social regeneration.	Merseyside and West Lancashire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013	None required
2 Multiple Deprivation	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The provision of new well-designed accommodation should assist in closing the gap between standards of living and opportunities for the Gypsy and Traveller community.	Merseyside and West Lancashire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policy CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers)
3 Accessibility of Jobs and Services	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> The policy is specific to the requirements of Gypsies and Traveller accommodation but the direct impact on wider considerations will be addressed through other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policy CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers)

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4 Housing Need and Market Renewal	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The policy indicates a commitment to deliver sites to meet objectively assessed needs, allocated in a site-specific local plan.	Merseyside and West Lancashire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013	None required
5 Healthy Communities	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The provision of new well-designed accommodation will contribute towards the wellbeing of Gypsies and Travellers. Other impacts will also be addressed through other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policy CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers)
6 Economic Performance	0	No significant effect		None required
7 Employment Growth	0	No significant effect		None required
8 Worklessness and Income Deprivation	0	No significant effect		None required
9 Vitality of Town Centres	0	No significant effect		None required
10 High Quality Tourism	0	No significant effect		None required

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11 Biodiversity and Natural Habitats	I Uncertain effect depending on how the policy is implemented. Traveller accommodation could only support the promotion of biodiversity on suitable sites, subject to other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS33 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity)
12 Pollution	+ Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The direct impact on pollution will be addressed through other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS36 (Pollution and Risk)
13 Local Heritage	+ Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The direct impact on local heritage will be addressed through other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity)
14 Separation of Uses	+ Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Issues related to the separation of uses will be addressed through other policies in the plan.		Policy will need to be applied alongside Policy CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers)

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15 Traffic Intrusion	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Issues related to traffic will be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS40 (Transport Requirements)
16 Previously Developed Urban Land	I	Uncertain effect depending on how the policy is implemented. The provision of accommodation for gypsies and travellers could support the reuse of previously developed land, depending on the suitability of the sites available.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS19 (Housing Implementation Plan) and CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers)
17 Non-Renewable Energy	I	Uncertain effect depending on how the policy is implemented. The provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation could only support the promotion of renewable energy on suitable sites, subject to other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity).

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18 Sustainable Drainage & Water Conservation	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Issues related to sustainable drainage and water conservation will be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS35 (Drainage Management)
19 Waste and Recycling	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Issues related to waste and recycling will be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS39 (Waste Management)
20 Flooding and Hazards	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Issues related to flooding and hazards will be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS34 (Flood Risk and Coast Protection)
21 Local Distinctiveness	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The policy controls only the overall scale of new Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Other impacts on local distinctiveness will be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity)

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22 General Attractiveness	I	Uncertain effect depending on how the policy is implemented. The policy controls only the overall scale of new Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Other impacts on general attractiveness will be addressed through other policies in the plan but the impact on local perception remains uncertain.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity)
23 Culture, Sport and Leisure	0	No significant effect	None required
24 Sustainable Travel Choices	0	No significant effect	None required
25 Crime Prevention	+	Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Properly designed and well-managed accommodation should not have any significant implications for crime within the Borough. Related design issues will also be addressed through other policies in the plan.	Policy will need to be applied alongside Policy CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity)

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Summary

Social Inclusion - Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. The policy is likely to have positive impacts on all five elements of social inclusion and indicates a commitment to deliver sites to meet objectively assessed needs.

Sustainable Consumption and Production - No significant effect.

Environmental Protection and Enhancement - Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect. Any direct impact will be addressed through other policies in the plan.

Natural Resources - Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect on sustainable drainage and water conservation; waste generation and recycling; and flooding and natural hazards but uncertain effect on previously developed land and reliance on non-renewable energy sources, as the policy cannot guarantee the use of previously developed sites, which may not be suitable for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and which could only be partly addressed by Policy CS19 (Housing Implementation Plan) or the promotion and use of non-renewable energy sources, which may not be appropriate on particular sites and which could only be partly addressed through Policy CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity).

Quality of Life - Positive, medium to long-term, permanent effect on local distinctiveness and crime prevention but uncertain effect on general attractiveness owing to the uncertain impact on local perceptions, even if relevant safeguards are secured through the other policies of the plan, including Policy CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers).

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<u>Proposed mitigation/ enhancement</u>			
<i>Social Inclusion</i> - Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers).			
<i>Sustainable Consumption and Production</i> - No mitigation / enhancement measures identified.			
<i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement</i> - Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers), CS33 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity), CS36 (Pollution and Risk), CS40 (Transport Requirements) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity).			
<i>Natural Resources</i> - Policy will need to be applied alongside Policies CS19 (Housing Implementation Plan), CS24 (Criteria for Gypsies and Travellers), CS34 (Flood Risk and Coast Protection), CS35 (Drainage Management), CS39 (Waste Management) and CS43 (Design, Heritage and Amenity).			
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