

## North West Plan Partial Review

### Travelling Showmen Dialogue Meeting Notes.

**Date** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
**Sub Region** Cumbria.  
**Venue** Carlisle Cathedral, Carlisle.

#### Agenda for the day.

**Welcome and Context.**  
**The Allocations. (How and why)**  
**The numbers**  
**Next steps**  
**Feedback.**

#### The Allocations.

	<b>GTAA</b>	<b>Interim Draft RSS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Draft</b>
<b>Eden</b>	0	0	0
<b>Carlisle</b>	4	5	4
<b>Allerdale</b>	11	10	11
<b>Copeland</b>	0	0	0
<b>Barrow in Furness</b>	0	0	0
<b>South Lakeland</b>	3	5	0

#### Points noted about the process.

LAs can influence the figure – this is the purpose of the consultation stage.

#### Issues Raised

- There was interest shown for knowledge about Travelling Showpeople's needs to be shared with the Local Authorities
- Travelling Showpeople feel the responsibility is with them to identify appropriate sites with little assistance from local authorities.
- Need for Travelling Showpeople and Local Authorities to find and identify sites jointly.
- Concern that despite work in partnership to find sites, members do not always agree.
- Need for more awareness training for members about travelling communities, in particular stressing local authorities' responsibilities.

*Criteria-based allocation inevitably puts sites next to communities, so it is difficult to get sites which meet all the criteria; Travelling Showpeople would like flexibility from local authorities in meeting the criteria, e.g. points system.*

*Travelling Showpeople feel LDF should demonstrate how to deal with future need/ applications.*

*Many travelling families were displaced by redevelopment in Carlisle and would like to return to the city. Many are now in Glasgow so are not accounted for in the figures.*

*Travelling Showpeople need to provide evidence to support the above.*

*Towns at the end of routes are not a good base for Travelling Showpeople, as these do not relate to their travelling patterns; those local authorities at the hub of travelling routes tend to be more favoured.*

*People from outside area can contact local authorities to say they want to move in – or –  
Could speak to **Val at Showmen's Guild**, who could direct them to the right person.*

The numbers.

- Is there likely to be any movement on these figures?
- Those local authorities that have 'zero' find it hard to plan for a percentage growth.

*General satisfaction with the numbers as they stand. However, they maybe adjusted depending on feedback from this meeting and consultation.*

*Any authority with a zero allocation should keep reviewing the situation.*

*Pragmatically it may be beneficial to do different distribution of numbers across boundaries; as long as total numbers remain the same .A suitable site could be across two boundaries.*

*The figures are not 'maximum' they are 'at least' numbers.*

*The LDF process needs to show that the LAS have consulted with Travelling Showpeople.*

*An attempt has been made to allow Travelling Showpeople to live close to business opportunities. The Travelling Showpeople are happy to be flexible across districts*

*Information about of Travelling Showpeople's patterns of travel and sustainability surveys is available on the website.*

**The process.**

*The timescale is set by government. See the website for the next steps.  
4NW wants to hear everyone's comments. This process aims to gather and take into account the views of all the stakeholders. The current figures are the ones to comment on to shape the final figures.*

### **Actions from the meeting.**

For 4NW and the consultation team.

- 4NW to develop technical note to outline what evidence has been used to support the changes in the numbers
- 4NW to include some information on the assumptions used in the process of redistributing the figures
- Revised figures will be produced at the end of the consultation process, based on what people say in this process
- Note of this meeting will be produced by CAG Consultants

### For local authorities

- 4NW need formal responses on the figures on what the districts are 'comfortable with' by [27<sup>th</sup> March 2009](#)