

Hearing Session 4 - Gypsy and Travellers

Further matters and questions

Council Response to items 4, 8, 11, 12, 17, 19, and 22 requested by the Inspectors ahead of the Hearing Session.

Item 4: *Please provide the initial ecological appraisal for Pengam Green.*

Response:

Copy of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) prepared in connection with the forthcoming application for the site has been sent to Inspectors.

Item 8: *Please provide a copy of the preliminary assessment of contamination for Pengam Green.*

Response:

The preliminary assessment of contamination was a desktop study which confirmed that the site was not a former landfill site and a more detailed assessment is underway in connection with the forthcoming planning application to confirm this desktop assessment.

Item 11: *Please provide a plan of the city with the sites listed in the site selection process plotted. And the plans on which each site was assessed.*

Response:

A Plan of the city with the sites listed in the site selection process and plans on which each site was accessed have been sent to the Inspectors.

Item 12: *Please provide the detailed Phase 2 assessment including the expert opinions from NRW and the Council's Ecologist, Highways, Strategic Estates, Economic Development, Highways, Education, Waste Management, Pollution Control, Tree Officer and Drainage sections referred to in paragraph 4.2.*

Response:

The Council confirm the comments from NRW and other service areas were built into the assessment set out in Appendix 1 of the Gypsy and Traveller Assessment Site Assessment. We can also confirm we no longer have copies of the original comments from the consultees listed.

Item 17: *Please provide evidence to support the assertion the Gypsy and Traveller community showed broad support for Pengam Green.*

Response:

A summary of consultation undertaken with Gypsy and Traveller community on proposed new site at Pengam Green has been sent to the Inspectors.

Item 19: *Where is the evidence to support the assertion some sites were too constrained to provide safe or acceptable living conditions?*

Response:

The Council can confirm that the reference to constrained sites relates to the size and shape of the sites and the ability to accommodate appropriate minimum pitch sizes and have regard to the need protect residential amenity of future occupiers and neighbouring properties.

Item 22: *New Farm Yard, Wentloog Road, is discounted because the site is not owned by the Council and total cost could allegedly prejudice delivery. Was the owner approached? Please provide the viability assessment.*

Response:

The Council can confirm that since the study was undertaken the Council have purchase New Farm Yard, Wentloog Road and planning permission has been granted for 4 pitches on a slightly larger site including the adjoining property which has subsequently been demolished and construction work is due to commence shortly – see details here [23/00191/FUL | Extension of Shirenewton Gypsy and Traveller Site to include the provision of 4 additional pitches, with pedestrian access along Wentloog Avenue | New Farm Yard Wentloog Road Rumney Cardiff CF3 2EE](#)