

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

COUNCIL – 19 JULY 2022

QUESTION B

Councillor Mistry to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

“Why has the Council not yet met the requirement under ‘Local Plan Policy DS2 - Additional Gypsy and Traveller residential pitches required 2017-2032 (source: Rugby Borough Local Plan 2011-2031, adopted June 2019) of 61 pitches for this community (there is a deficit of 41 places), what steps does the Council plan to take to meet the target, and when does the Council anticipate meeting the target?”

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:

“At the Examination in Public (EIP) for the now adopted Local Plan the Inspector required a Development Plan Document for Gypsies and Travellers to be produced which would allocate land to meet the identified need. The EIP also required other documents to be produced by the Council including a Supplementary Planning Document for South West Rugby and the establishment of an agreed schedule of infrastructure contributions for SW Rugby. Work on the SPD was prioritised and following its adoption, work commenced on the background evidence required to produce a Development Plan Document (DPD for Gypsies and Travellers.

At Cabinet on 27th June an update to the Local Development Scheme was approved that set out the timetable for the production of the DPD, which is available on the Council’s website. The published timetable is in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Acts and includes the requirement to submit the document to the Secretary of State and to hold a further Examination in Public before the DPD can be adopted in September 2024.”