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Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment Summary 2016-2033

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Introduction and Methodology

- 1.1 Opinion Research Services (ORS) have now completed updated Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments (GTAAs) covering all local authorities in the County of Essex, together with the unitary authorities of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock (Greater Essex). The updated assessments covered the following local authorities:
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| » Basildon | » Colchester | » Southend-on-Sea |
| » Braintree | » Epping Forest | » Tendring |
| » Brentwood | » Harlow | » Thurrock |
| » Castle Point | » Maldon | » Uttlesford |
| » Chelmsford | » Rochford | |
- 1.2 All of the assessments of need have been completed following the same methodology and this is set out in the Essex GTAA Joint Methodology Report. An individual GTAA Need Summary Report has been prepared for each local authority¹ and in addition in Basildon, where the GTAA was a separate commission from ORS, a full report has been prepared.
- 1.3 This Essex GTAA Summary Report has been prepared to set out the overall need for additional pitches and plots for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across the 12 local authorities that make up Essex, and Greater Essex² that also includes the unitary authorities of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock. It also contains a section on transit need as this is seen as a strategic cross-boundary issue that needs to be addressed by all of the local authorities, together with Essex County Council.
- 1.4 Please note that the Essex GTAA Summary Report is for illustrative purposes only and that individual GTAA Need Summary Reports should be relied upon to support the determination of planning applications, planning appeals and Local Plan Examinations.
- 1.5 The baseline date for all of the assessments of need is **September 2016** although individual Need Summary Reports are dated when they were each published.

¹ Whilst no Gypsies, Travellers or Travelling Showpeople were identified in Southend-on-Sea, a Need Summary Report has still been prepared.

² Excluding the Buckles Lane Travelling Showpeople yards in Thurrock which are the subject of a standalone study due to the scale of the development.

Key Findings

Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Travelling Showpeople Yards

^{1.6} Overall the assessments identified a total of 780 Gypsy and Traveller pitches on 279 sites in Essex, and a total of 911 Gypsy and Traveller pitches on 297 sites in Greater Essex. It also identified 65 Travelling Showpeople plots on 9 yards in Essex and 73 Travelling Showpeople plots on 11 yards in Greater Essex³. The table below gives a breakdown by local authority and a full breakdown of sites and yards by planning status can be found in **Appendix A**.

Figure 1 – Breakdown of sites and yards by local authority

Local Authority	Gypsies and Travellers		Travelling Showpeople	
	Sites	Pitches	Yards	Plots
Basildon	102	206	1	2
Braintree	10	59	2	6
Brentwood	20	55	0	0
Castle Point	2	7	0	0
Chelmsford	22	81	3	42
Colchester	11	28	0	0
Epping Forest	54	148	1	9
Harlow	3	37	0	0
Maldon	17	61	1	5
Rochford	13	20	0	0
Southend-on-Sea	0	0	0	0
Tendring ⁴	6	17	0	0
Thurrock	18	131	2	8
Uttlesford	19	61	1	1
TOTAL - ESSEX	279	780	9	65
TOTAL - GREATER ESSEX	297	911	11	73

³ Excluding Buckles Lane where a separate report is being prepared.

⁴ Excluding 6 undetermined pitches for which planning applications have been submitted on 2 sites.

Household Interviews – Gypsies and Travellers

- 1.7 A total of 329 interviews were completed with Gypsies and Travellers in Essex, and a total of 380 interviews were completed with Gypsies and Travellers in Greater Essex.
- 1.8 The reasons for not completing interviews with Gypsies and Travellers in Essex included households not being present during the fieldwork period (289); refusal to be interviewed (59); pitches not occupied by ethnic Gypsies or Travellers (43); vacant pitches (57); and unimplemented pitches (22).
- 1.9 The reasons for not completing interviews with Gypsies and Travellers in Greater Essex included households not being present during the fieldwork period (332); refusal to be interviewed (69); pitches not occupied by ethnic Gypsies or Travellers (48); vacant pitches (59); and unimplemented pitches (28).
- 1.10 Overall this represents an adjusted response rate⁵ of 50% for Essex and 49% for Greater Essex, with individual response rates ranging from 90% in Rochford down to 28% in Uttlesford.

Figure 2 – Breakdown of household interview response rates for Gypsies and Travellers

Local Authority	Occupied Pitches	Interviews	Response Rate
Basildon	163	81	50%
Braintree	51	36	71%
Brentwood	54	41	76%
Castle Point	7	2	29%
Chelmsford	75	41	55%
Colchester	27	15	56%
Epping Forest	114	37	33%
Harlow	30	18	60%
Maldon	58	22	38%
Rochford	19	17	90%
Southend-on-Sea	0	0	-
Tendring	6	4	67%
Thurrock	118	51	43%
Uttlesford	54	15	28%
TOTAL - ESSEX	658	329	50%
TOTAL – GREATER ESSEX	776	380	49%

⁵ Baseline excludes pitches or plots that were vacant, unimplemented or not occupied by ethnic Gypsies, Travellers or Travelling Showpeople.

Household Interviews – Travelling Showpeople

- ^{1.11} A total of 23 interviews were completed with Travelling Showpeople in Essex, and a total of 27 interviews were completed with Travelling Showpeople in Greater Essex. These figures exclude interviews that were completed at Buckles Lane in Thurrock which will be included in a separate report.
- ^{1.12} The reasons for not completing interviews with Travelling Showpeople in Essex and Greater Essex included households not being present during the fieldwork period (31); refusal to be interviewed (10); unimplemented plots (5); and plots not occupied by Travelling Showpeople (3).
- ^{1.13} Overall this represents an adjusted response rate of 38% for Essex and 42% for Greater Essex, with individual rates ranging from 100% in Basildon, Thurrock and Uttlesford down to 11% in Epping Forest as a result of the majority of households refusing to be interviewed, and 0% in Maldon as a result of all of the plots being unimplemented.

Figure 3 – Breakdown of household interview response rates for Travelling Showpeople

Local Authority	Occupied Plots	Interviews	Response Rate
Basildon	2	2	100%
Braintree	6	5	83%
Brentwood	0	0	-
Castle Point	0	0	-
Chelmsford	42	14	33%
Colchester	0	0	-
Epping Forest	9	1	11%
Harlow	0	0	-
Maldon ⁶	0	0	-
Rochford	0	0	-
Southend-on-Sea	0	0	-
Tendring	0	0	-
Thurrock ⁷	5	4	80%
Uttlesford	1	1	100%
TOTAL - ESSEX	60	23	38%
TOTAL – GREATER ESSEX	65	27	42%

⁶ All 5 plots were unimplemented.

⁷ Excluding Buckles Lane where a separate report is being prepared.

PPTS (2015) Planning Definition

- 1.14 Households that were interviewed were assessed against the revised planning definition of a Traveller that is set out in Annex 1 of PPTS (2015).
- 1.15 Overall, this found that a total of 74 Gypsy and Traveller households and 14 Travelling Showpeople households in Essex met the planning definition in that they were able to demonstrate that they travel for work purposes or have ceased to travel temporarily due to education, ill health or old age. This represents an overall proportion of 23% of Gypsies and Travellers and 58% of Travelling Showpeople that met the planning definition.
- 1.16 The assessments found that a total of 82 Gypsy and Traveller households and 17 Travelling Showpeople households in Greater Essex met the planning definition This represents an overall proportion of 22% of Gypsies and Travellers and 61% of Travelling Showpeople that met the planning definition.
- 1.17 These figures are higher than national figures that have been identified by ORS for Gypsies and Travellers (10%) and lower than the ORS national figures for Travelling Showpeople (70%).
- 1.18 The tables below provide an overall summary for Essex and Greater Essex, and a summary for each local authority.

Figure 4 – Overall breakdown of households in Essex meeting the Planning Definition by site and yard status

	Meet Planning Definition	Total Interviews	% Meeting Planning Definition
Public Sites	13	103	13%
Private Sites	38	158	24%
Temporary Sites	1	5	20%
Tolerated Sites	3	12	25%
Unauthorised Sites	19	50	37%
Sub Total	74	328	23%
TSP - Private	14	24	58%
TSP - Temporary	0	0	-
TSP - Tolerated	0	0	-
TSP - Unauthorised	0	0	-
Sub Total	14	24	58%
TOTAL	88	352	25%

Figure 5 – Overall breakdown of households in Greater Essex meeting the Planning Definition by site and yard status

	Meet Planning Definition	Total Interviews	% Meeting Planning Definition
Public Sites	15	142	11%
Private Sites	38	159	24%
Temporary Sites	2	8	25%
Tolerated Sites	7	19	37%
Unauthorised Sites	20	51	39%
Sub Total	82	379	22%
TSP - Private	17	28	57%
TSP - Temporary	0	0	-
TSP - Tolerated	0	0	-
TSP - Unauthorised	0	0	-
Sub Total	17	28	61%
TOTAL	99	407	24%

Figure 6 – Breakdown of households meeting the Planning Definition by local authority – Gypsies and Travellers

Gypsies and Travellers	Meet Planning Definition	Total Interviews	% Meeting Planning Definition
Basildon	27	81	33%
Braintree	4	36	11%
Brentwood	9	41	22%
Castle Point	0	2	0%
Chelmsford	6	41	15%
Colchester	2	15	13%
Epping Forest	15	37	41%
Harlow	0	18	0%
Maldon	3	22	14%
Rochford	7	17	41%
Southend-on-Sea	0	0	-
Tendring	1	4	25%
Thurrock	8	51	16%
Uttlesford	0	15	0%
TOTAL- ESSEX	74	329	23%
TOTAL - GREATER ESSEX	82	380	22%

Figure 7 – Breakdown of households meeting the Planning Definition by local authority – Travelling Showpeople

Travelling Showpeople	Meet Planning Definition	Total Interviews	% Meeting Planning Definition
Basildon	2	2	100%
Braintree	4	5	80%
Brentwood	0	0	-
Castle Point	0	0	-
Chelmsford	8	14	57%
Colchester	0	0	-
Epping Forest ⁸	0	2	-
Harlow	0	0	-
Maldon	0	0	-
Rochford	0	0	-
Southend-on-Sea	0	0	-
Tendring	0	0	-
Thurrock	3	4	75%
Uttlesford	0	1	-
TOTAL- ESSEX	14	24	58%
TOTAL – GREATER ESSEX	17	28	61%

⁸ There were Travelling Showpeople living on Gypsy and Traveller sites

Additional Pitch Needs – Gypsies and Travellers

- 1.19 The overall additional pitch needs for Gypsies and Travellers from 2016-2033 are set out for each local authority below. This breakdown also includes an overall summary for Essex and Greater Essex.
- 1.20 Additional needs are set out for those households that meet the planning definition of a Gypsy or Traveller, for those unknown households where an interview was not able to be completed (either due to households refusing to be interviewed, or not being present despite up to 3 visits to each site) who *may* meet the planning definition, and for those households that do not meet the planning definition (even though this is no longer a requirement for a GTAA). The accommodation need for the households who do not meet the planning definition will need to be addressed through other means such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) or Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) and through separate Local Plan policies.

Basildon

- 1.21 There were 27 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Basildon that meet the planning definition, 83 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 54 household that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.22 The GTAA identifies a need for **47 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 10 households on unauthorised pitches, 5 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 13 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and 20 from new household formation using a formation rate of 2.10% derived from the household demographics. There is also supply of 1 pitch on a public site due to be vacated by a household moving to another local authority area.
- 1.23 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 57 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of 26 households on unauthorised pitches, 5 households living on pitches with temporary planning permission, and new household formation of up to 24 from a maximum of 85 households. If the ORS national average⁹ of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 6 additional pitches.
- 1.24 Although it is not now a requirement to include in a GTAA the study identified a need for 51 additional pitches for Gypsy and Traveller households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 8 households on unauthorised pitches, 1 concealed or doubled-up household or adult, 15 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, 2 movement from bricks and mortar, 2 households on pitches with temporary planning permission, and 23 from new household formation using a rate of 1.50% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 8 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Basildon 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	47
Unknown	0-57 (10% = 6)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	51

⁹ Based on the outcomes of over 2,500 interviews that have been completed with Gypsies and Travellers by ORS since changes to PPTS in 2015.

Braintree

- 1.25 There were 4 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Braintree that meet the planning definition, 18 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 32 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.26 The GTAA identified a need for **2 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 1 concealed or doubled-up household, 2 pitches from new household formation based on the demographics of the residents, netted of against supply of 1 vacant pitch on a public site.
- 1.27 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 4 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of new household formation of 5 from a maximum of 18 households, netted off against supply of 1 vacant pitch on a public site. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.28 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 20 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 3 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 3 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, new household formation of 15 using a rate of 2.00% derived from the household demographics, netted off against supply of 1 vacant pitch on a public site.

Figure 9 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households Braintree 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	2
Unknown	0-4 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	20

Brentwood

- 1.29 There were 9 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Brentwood that meet the planning definition, 16 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 32 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.30 The GTAA identified a need for **11 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 2 unauthorised pitches, 3 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 2 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and 4 from new household formation using a rate of 1.40% derived from the household demographics.
- 1.31 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 8 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of 3 unauthorised pitches and 5 from new household formation from a maximum of 16 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 1 additional pitch.
- 1.32 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 59 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 13 unauthorised pitches, 11 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 13 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, 2 pitches with temporary planning permission, and new household formation of 20 using a rate of 1.85% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 10 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Brentwood 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	11
Unknown	0-8 (10% = 1)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	59

Castle Point

- 1.33 There were no Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Castle Point that meet the planning definition, 5 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 2 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.34 The GTAA identifies a need for **no additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition.
- 1.35 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 1 additional pitch for unknown households and this is made up of new household formation of up to 1 from a maximum of 5 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.36 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 5 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 2 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and 3 from new household formation derived from the household demographics.

Figure 11 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Castle Point 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0-1 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	5

Chelmsford

- 1.37 There were 6 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Chelmsford that meet the planning definition, 40 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 35 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.38 The GTAA identifies a need for **6 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 2 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 1 teenage child in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, 5 from new household formation using a rate of 2.50% derived from the household demographics, netted off against supply of 2 pitches on public sites due to be vacated by households moving to bricks and mortar or away from the area.
- 1.39 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 17 additional pitches for the unknown household and this is made up of 5 unauthorised pitches and new household formation of up to 12 from a maximum of 40 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 2 additional pitches.
- 1.40 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 18 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 3 concealed or doubled-up

households or adults, 3 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and 12 from new household formation using a rate of 1.50 derived from the household demographics.

Figure 12 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Chelmsford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	6
Unknown	0-17 (10% = 2)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	18

Colchester

- 1.41 There were 2 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Colchester that meet the planning definition, 12 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 13 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.42 The GTAA identifies a need for **2 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of new household formation derived from the household demographics.
- 1.43 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 3 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of new household formation of up to 4 from a maximum of 12 households, netted off against supply from 1 pitch on a public site due to be vacated by a household moving away from the area. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.44 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 10 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 1 concealed or doubled-up household or adult, 4 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and new household formation of 5 using a rate of 1.50% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 13 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Colchester 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	2
Unknown	0-3 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	10

Epping Forest

- 1.45 There were 15 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Epping Forest that meet the planning definition, 77 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 21 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.46 The GTAA identifies a need for **24 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 3 unauthorised pitches, 3 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 8 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, 1 temporary pitch, and new household formation of 10 using a rate of 1.90% derived from the household demographics. This is netted off against supply of 1 pitch on a public site due to be vacated by a household moving away from the area.

- 1.47 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 41 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of 5 unauthorised pitches, 14 pitches with temporary planning permission, and new household formation of 22 from a maximum of 77 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 4 additional pitches.
- 1.48 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 4 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of new household formation of 4 using a rate of 1.10% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 14 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Epping Forest 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	24
Unknown	0-41 (10% = 4)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	4

Harlow

- 1.49 There were no Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Harlow that meet the planning definition, 12 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 18 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.50 The GTAA identifies a need for **no additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition as none of the households that were interviewed met the definition.
- 1.51 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 2 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of new household formation of 3 from a maximum of 12 households and 1 pitch that has temporary planning permissions. This is netted off against supply from 2 vacant pitches on a public site. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.52 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 7 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 4 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 3 pitches for teenage children who will be in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years and new household formation of 9 using a rate of 1.90% derived from the household demographics. This is netted off against supply of 9 pitches on a public site – 4 that are vacant, 1 that is due to become vacant from a household moving to bricks and mortar and 4 due to become vacant as a result of households moving away from the area.

Figure 15 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Harlow 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0-2 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	7

Maldon

- 1.53 There were 3 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Maldon that meet the planning definition, 37 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 19 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.54 The GTAA identified a need for **1 additional pitch** for households that meet the planning definition. This is due to a pitch being unauthorised. There is no other current or future need identified from these households.
- 1.55 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 10 additional pitches for unknown households. This is made up new household formation of 13 from a maximum of 37 households. This is netted off against supply from 2 pitches on a public site due to be vacated by households moving to bricks and mortar and 1 household due to move away from the area. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 1 additional pitch.
- 1.56 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 8 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 1 unauthorised pitch, 5 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, and new household formation of 2 derived from the household demographics.

Figure 16 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Maldon 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	1
Unknown	10 (10% = 1)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	8

Rochford

- 1.57 There were 7 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Rochford that meet the planning definition, 2 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 10 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.58 The GTAA identified a need for **5 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 2 unauthorised pitches, 1 concealed or doubled-up household or adult, 1 teenage child in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and new household formation of 1 using a rate of 1.00% derived from the household demographics.
- 1.59 The GTAA identifies a need of up to 3 additional pitches for unknown households. This is made up of 1 unauthorised pitch, 1 pitch with temporary planning permission and new household formation of 1 from a maximum of 2 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.60 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 10 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up of 7 unauthorised pitches, 1 concealed or doubled-up household or adults, and new household formation of 2 using a formation rate of 1.10% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 17 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Rochford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	5
Unknown	3 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	10

Southend-on-Sea

- 1.61 There were no Gypsy or Traveller households identified in Southend-on-Sea so there is no current or future need for additional pitches.

Figure 18 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Southend-on-Sea 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Tendring

- 1.62 There was 1 Gypsy or Traveller household interviewed in Tendring that met the planning definition, 8 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 3 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.63 The GTAA identified a need for **1 additional pitch** for households that meet the planning definition. This is made up of 1 pitch from new household formation derived from the household demographics.
- 1.64 The GTAA identifies a need for 2 additional pitches for unknown households. This is made of new household formation of 2 from a maximum of 8 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for no additional pitches.
- 1.65 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 3 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. These are all from new household formation derived from the household demographics.

Figure 19 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Tendring 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	1
Unknown	2 (10% = 0)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	3

Thurrock

- 1.66 There were 8 Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Thurrock that meet the planning definition, 67 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 43 households that do not meet the planning definition.

- 1.67 The GTAA identifies a need for **10 additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 1 unauthorised pitch, 1 temporary pitch, 4 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and new household formation of 4 using a rate of 2.00% derived from the demographics of the households.
- 1.68 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 38 additional pitches for unknown households and this is made up of 13 unauthorised pitches, 6 pitches with temporary planning permission, and new household formation of 19 from a maximum of 65 households. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 4 additional pitches.
- 1.69 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 37 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. This is made up from 2 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 9 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, 2 pitches with temporary planning permission and 24 from new household formation using a rate of 2.15% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 20 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Thurrock 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	10
Unknown	0-38 (10% = 4)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	37

Uttlesford

- 1.70 There were no Gypsy or Traveller households interviewed in Uttlesford that meet the planning definition, 39 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 16 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.71 The GTAA identifies a need for **no additional pitches** for households that meet the planning definition as none of the households that were interviewed met the definition.
- 1.72 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 8 additional pitches for unknown households. This is made up of new household formation of 11 from a maximum of 39 households, netted off against supply from 2 households on a public site moving to bricks and mortar and 1 household on a public site moving away from the area. If the ORS national average of 10% were applied this could result in a need for 1 additional pitch.
- 1.73 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for 10 additional pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. These are from 1 unauthorised pitch, 3 concealed or doubled-up households or adults, 3 teenage children in need of a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and new household formation of 3 using a rate of 0.80% derived from the household demographics.

Figure 21 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Uttlesford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0-8 (10% = 1)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	10

Essex County

- 1.74 Taking all of these figures into consideration there are a total of 74 Gypsy and Traveller households in Essex that meet the planning definition; 349 unknown Gypsy and Traveller households that may meet the planning definition; and 255 Gypsy and Traveller households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.75 Overall need has been identified for 100 additional pitches for Gypsy and Traveller households that meet the planning definition; for up to 156 additional pitches for unknown Gypsy and Traveller households that may meet the planning definition; and for 205 additional pitches for Gypsy and Traveller households that do not meet the planning definition.

Figure 22 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Essex 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	100
Unknown	0-156 (10% = 16)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	205

Greater Essex

- 1.76 Taking all of these figures into consideration there are a total of 82 Gypsy and Traveller households in Greater Essex that meet the planning definition; 416 unknown Gypsy and Traveller households that may meet the planning definition; and 298 Gypsy and Traveller households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.77 Overall need has been identified for 110 additional pitches for Gypsy and Traveller households that meet the planning definition; for up to 194 additional pitches for unknown Gypsy and Traveller households that may meet the planning definition; and for 242 additional pitches for Gypsy and Traveller households that do not meet the planning definition.

Figure 23 – Additional need for Gypsy and Traveller households in Greater Essex 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	110
Unknown	0-194 (10% = 19)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	242

Additional Plot Needs - Travelling Showpeople

- 1.78 The overall additional plot needs for Travelling Showpeople from 2016-2033 are set out below. This breakdown includes an overall summary for Essex and Greater Essex. It should be noted that the assessment of need for households living on the yards at Buckles Lane in Thurrock will be the subject of a standalone report and has not been included in this Summary Report.
- 1.79 Additional needs are set out for those households that meet the planning definition of a Travelling Showperson, for those unknown households where an interview was not able to be completed (either due to households refusing to be interviewed, or not being present despite 3 visits to each site) who may meet the planning definition, and for those households that do not meet the planning definition (even though this is no longer a requirement for a GTAA). The accommodation need for the households who do not meet the planning definition will need to be addressed through other means such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) or Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA).

Basildon

- 1.80 There were 2 Travelling Showperson households interviewed in Basildon that met the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that did not meet the planning definition.
- 1.81 The GTAA identifies a need for **3 additional plots** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 1 teenage child in need of a plot of their own in the next 5 years, and 2 from new household formation derived from the demographics of the residents.

Figure 24 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Basildon 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	3
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Braintree

- 1.82 There were 4 Travelling Showpeople households interviewed in Braintree that meet the planning definition, 4 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 1 household that does not meet the planning definition.
- 1.83 The GTAA identifies a need for **5 additional plots** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 1 teenage child in need of a plot of their own in the next five years and new household formation of 4 derived from the household demographics.
- 1.84 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 1 additional plot for unknown households and this is made up new household formation of 1 from a maximum of 4 households. If the ORS national average of 70% were applied this could result in a need for 1 additional plot.
- 1.85 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for no additional plots for households that do not meet the planning definition as no current or future needs were identified from the 1 household.

Figure 25 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Braintree 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	5
Unknown	0-1 (70% = 1)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Brentwood

- 1.86 There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Brentwood that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 26 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Brentwood 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do not meet Planning Definition	0

Castle Point

- 1.87 There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Castle Point that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 27 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Castle Point 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Chelmsford

- 1.88 There were 8 Travelling Showpeople households interviewed in Chelmsford that meet the planning definition, 28 unknown households that may meet the planning definition and 6 households that do not meet the planning definition.
- 1.89 The GTAA identifies a need for **16 additional plots** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 10 teenage children in need of a plot of their own in the next five years and new household formation of 7 using a formation rate of 2.00 derived from the household demographics. This is netted off against supply of 1 plot as a result of a household moving away from the area.
- 1.90 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 5 additional plots for unknown households and this is made up new household formation from a maximum of 4 households. If the ORS national average of 70% were applied this could result in a need for 4 additional plots.

1.91 Whilst no longer a requirement to include in a GTAA there is a need for no additional plots for households that do not meet the planning definition as no current or future needs were identified from the 6 households.

Figure 28 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Chelmsford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	16
Unknown	5 (70% = 4)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Colchester

1.92 There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Colchester that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 29 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Colchester 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Epping Forest

1.93 There is 1 Travelling Showpeople yard in Epping Forest and 1 Showman living on a pitch on the public Traveller site. It was only possible to conduct an interview with 1 household that were retired and did not meet the planning definition and had no current or future need. The interview did identify that the yard is becoming overcrowded as families expand and that more plots for Travelling Showpeople are needed in the area.

Figure 30 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Epping Forest 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Harlow

1.94 There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Harlow that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 31 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Harlow 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Maldon

- ^{1.95} There was 1 Travelling Showpeople yard identified in Maldon District that is currently under construction and unoccupied. The future residents are understood to be living on a number of yards elsewhere in Essex and Bedford so their current needs will be included in the GTAA for the area where they are currently residing. As far as future need is concerned it has been presumed that in making an application for a new yard, it has been planned to meet all the accommodation requirements of the future occupiers.

Figure 32 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Maldon 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Rochford

- ^{1.96} There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Rochford that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 33 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Rochford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Southend-on-Sea

- ^{1.97} There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Southend-on-Sea that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 34 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households Southend-on-Sea 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Tendring

- 1.98 There were no Travelling Showpeople households identified in Tendring that meet the planning definition, no unknown households that may meet the planning definition and no households that do not meet the planning definition. Therefore there is no need for any additional plots.

Figure 35 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Tendring 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Thurrock

- 1.99 There were 2 Travelling Showperson yards identified in Thurrock (in addition to plots at Buckles Lane which is the subject of a separate report). The interviews identified 3 households that meet the planning definition, 1 unknown household and 1 household that do not meet the definition.
- 1.100 The GTAA identifies a need for **12 additional plots** for households that meet the planning definition and this is made up of 4 teenagers in need of a plot of their own in the next 5 years, 1 from in-migration and new household formation of 7 using a rate of 2.15% derived from the demographics of the households.
- 1.101 The GTAA identifies a need for up to 2 additional plots for the unknown households and this is from new household formation.
- 1.102 The GTAA identifies a need for no additional plots for households that did not meet the planning definition.

Figure 36 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Thurrock 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	12
Unknown	2 (70% = 1)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Uttlesford

- 1.103 There was only 1 Travelling Showpeople plot identified and interviewed in Uttlesford. The household does not meet the planning definition and has no current or future accommodation needs.

Figure 37 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Uttlesford 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	0
Unknown	0
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Essex County

^{1.104} Taking all of these figures into consideration there are a total of 14 Travelling Showpeople households in Essex that meet the planning definition; 40 unknown Travelling Showpeople households that may meet the planning definition; and 9 Travelling Showpeople households that do not meet the planning definition.

^{1.105} Overall need has been identified for 24 additional plots for Travelling Showpeople households that meet the planning definition; for up to 6 additional plots for unknown Travelling Showpeople households that may meet the planning definition; and for no additional plots for Travelling Showpeople households that do not meet the planning definition.

Figure 38 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Essex 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	24
Unknown	0-6 (70% = 5)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Greater Essex

^{1.106} Taking all of these figures into consideration there are a total of 17 Travelling Showpeople households in Greater Essex that meet the planning definition; 41 unknown Travelling Showpeople households that may meet the planning definition; and 10 Travelling Showpeople households that do not meet the planning definition.

^{1.107} Overall need has been identified for 36 additional plots for Travelling Showpeople households that meet the planning definition; for up to 8 additional plots for unknown Travelling Showpeople households that may meet the planning definition; and for no additional plots for Travelling Showpeople households that do not meet the planning definition.

Figure 39 – Additional need for Travelling Showpeople households in Greater Essex 2016-2033

Status	Total
Meet Planning Definition	36
Unknown	0-8 (70% = 6)
Do Not Meet Planning Definition	0

Transit Requirements – All Local Authorities

- ^{1.108} GTAA studies require the identification of demand for transit provision as many Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople either travel permanently or for part of the year. Due to the mobile nature of this population a range of sites can be provided to accommodate Travellers as they move through different areas.
- » **Transit sites** - full facilities where Travellers can live temporarily (usually for up to a maximum of three months) – for example, to work locally, for holidays or to visit family and friends.
 - » **Emergency stopping places** - more limited facilities.
 - » **Temporary sites and stopping places** - only temporary facilities to cater for an event.
 - » **Negotiated stopping places** - agreements which allow caravans to be sited on suitable specific pieces of ground for an agreed and limited period of time.
 - » **Fair and event sites** - Travelling Showpeople often stay on the sites of fairs and events that they are visiting.
- ^{1.109} Transit sites serve a specific function of meeting the needs of Gypsy and Traveller households who are visiting an area or who are passing through on the way to somewhere else. A transit site typically has a restriction on the length of stay of usually around 12 weeks and has a range of facilities such as water supply, electricity and amenity blocks.
- ^{1.110} An alternative to or in addition to a transit site is an emergency stopping place. This type of site also has restrictions on the length of time for which someone can stay on it, but has much more limited facilities with typically only a source of water and chemical toilet disposal provided.
- ^{1.111} Another alternative is ‘negotiated stopping’. The term ‘negotiated stopping’ is used to describe agreed short term provision for Gypsy and Traveller caravans. It does not describe permanent ‘built’ transit sites but negotiated agreements which allow caravans to be sited on suitable specific pieces of ground for an agreed and limited period of time, with the provision of limited services such as water, waste disposal and toilets. Agreements are made between the authority and the (temporary) residents regarding expectations on both sides.
- ^{1.112} Temporary stopping places can be made available at times of increased demand i.e. fairs or cultural celebrations that are attended by Gypsies and Travellers. A charge may be levied as determined by the local authority although they only need to provide basic facilities including: a cold water supply; portaloos; sewerage disposal point and refuse disposal facilities.
- ^{1.113} The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (Section 62a) is particularly important with regard to the issue of Gypsy and Traveller transit site provision. Section 62a of the Act allows the police to direct trespassers to remove themselves and their vehicles and property from any land where a suitable transit pitch on a relevant caravan site is available within the same local authority area (or within the county in two-tier local authority areas).

Identifying Transit Requirements

^{1.114} When determining the potential need for transit provision the assessment looked at a range of information including the recommendations from the previous GTAA; data from the DCLG Traveller Caravan Count; the outcomes of the stakeholder interviews undertaken for the previous GTAA; records on numbers of unauthorised encampments collated by the Essex County Traveller Unit (ECTU); and the potential wider issues related to PPTS (2015).

Previous GTAA

^{1.115} The GTAA that was published in 2014 set out that evidence provided by stakeholders (including ECTU) and individual local authorities indicated that a large number of encampments occur each year in Essex which a transit site(s) may help to address. Therefore, given the size of Essex, to accommodate visiting households and to provide a more powerful mechanism for addressing unauthorised encampments, ORS recommended that at least two publicly provided transit sites be delivered in Essex County with at least 10 and ideally 15 pitches. 10 pitches was generally considered to be the minimum size of site necessary to be effective for addressing unauthorised encampments, but given the scale of the Gypsy and Traveller population in Essex it was felt that these may be too small.

^{1.116} The location of any transit provision was to be determined through discussions between the local authorities in Essex and Essex County Council in relation to where the need is particularly acute based on the frequency and location of unauthorised encampments across Essex and also consideration of popular travelling routes.

^{1.117} Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea were given a choice between accepting their current levels of encampments or providing a separate transit or emergency stopping place provision.

^{1.118} It is understood that no public transit sites were provided as a result of the recommendations in the previous GTAA.

Stakeholder Interviews

^{1.119} Information from the stakeholder interviews completed for the previous GTAA suggested that there are increasing levels of unauthorised encampments in some local authorities in Greater Essex; that most are short-term visits to family or friends or transient and simply passing through; or that they are from a small number of groups moving around an area. A summary of the outcomes from the previous stakeholder interviews with local authorities in Greater Essex can be seen below – these comments have been updated in some places by officers from ECTU to better reflect the current situation relating to unauthorised encampments.

Basildon

Officers suggested that there are high numbers of encampments and that they were more common in summer months and when they occur they usually move on quickly. One officer reported that where there is movement through the area it is often accommodated on existing sites rather than at the roadside.

[In November 2017 Basildon Council was granted a High Court Injunction which will give the council greater powers to deal with unauthorised encampments on the Industrial Areas between Pipp's Hill and Burnt Mills. Between 2016 and the present time over 75 unauthorised encampments have been set up in this area]

Braintree

Stakeholders were aware of small numbers of Travellers who will come to visit relatives in Braintree. It was felt that encampments usually last no longer than 7 days.

Brentwood

It was felt that short-term encampments are fairly infrequent and are more likely to occur in the summer months. Stakeholders stated that most families who stop off in Brentwood are either travelling around for work or are simply passing through and have permanent provision elsewhere.

Castle Point

Stakeholders reported that encampments are very infrequent and normally occur during the summer months, usually lasting between 4 and 6 days. It was reported that Travellers are generally passing through Castle Point en route to coastal destinations.

Chelmsford

Other than a large one-off gathering of caravans in 2012, stakeholders reported low numbers of encampments that generally last less than 7 days. There are some peaks associated with specific cultural events and fairs.

Colchester

Stakeholders reported a fairly high number of unauthorised encampments which take place during the summer holiday period and tend to occur in car parks. When asked about the management of unauthorised encampments stakeholders were of the view that the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit has encouraged a joined-up approach. Travellers who move between neighbouring areas are closely monitored which therefore enables local authorities to have a better coordinated understanding of their movements and needs.

Epping Forest

While stakeholders reported a small number of unauthorised encampments in the past, they were not considered to be a frequent occurrence.

Harlow

On average there are said to be around 3 or 4 small encampments of around six vehicles each per year. Unusually in 2013 there was a large encampment of around 50 vehicles. Encampments occur all year round and Harlow is viewed to be an attractive stopping place because of the amount of open public spaces and hard standings. Harlow Common and the helipad are said to be popular locations for larger Traveller groups. When encampments occur they are provided with information about the settled sites and housing

in the area and one stakeholder was aware of only one family which has ever taken interest and was housed on a site.

[It should be noted that following the previous GTAA the Council has taken out a general injunction prevent unauthorised occupation of public land and also preventing a number of named individuals from locating in Harlow].

Maldon

Stakeholders noted that there are seldom any unauthorised encampments as the District is not on a through route. Any visitors to the District are usually visiting relatives for a holiday or to find out about opportunities to move back to the area. Most short term encampments occur in the Totham area.

Rochford

Unauthorised encampments were not considered to be a frequent occurrence, although one stakeholder referred to two occasions where groups of Travellers had occupied land. One encampment on private land had caused a great deal of damage from activities including dismantling of cars, and the clear up was very costly. The stakeholder commented that such instances are used by the settled community as a reason for not wanting an allocated site, whereas the existing sites are run in an exemplary fashion.

Southend-on-Sea

Officers were not aware of any unauthorised encampments being reported. The area is densely built up and therefore the area is not considered to be a practical stopping point as the area is furthest away from the main transport routes.

Tendring

Stakeholders reported regular summertime encampments on the coast at Holland Marshes, or on the seafront gardens. Whilst vans usually stay for a few days and then move on, there have been instances where encampments do not move on until court orders have been issued.

Thurrock

Stakeholders reported a large number of unauthorised encampments each year which are managed by Essex Countywide Traveller Unit. Thurrock is on the route to Kent and North Essex, so most roadside encampments are Travellers passing through the area.

Uttlesford

Stakeholders referred to a small number of encampments that usually occur each year, but also commented that numbers have been increasing. One officer referred to 3 travelling groups which turn up once a year, during the summer and stay for less than a week before they move on to somewhere else. One group will stay at Hatfield Heath and the other two turn up either side of the bridge over the A120 near The Four Ashes Pub in Takeley. These roadside camps were not perceived as a problem as the occupiers generally moved on after a short period.

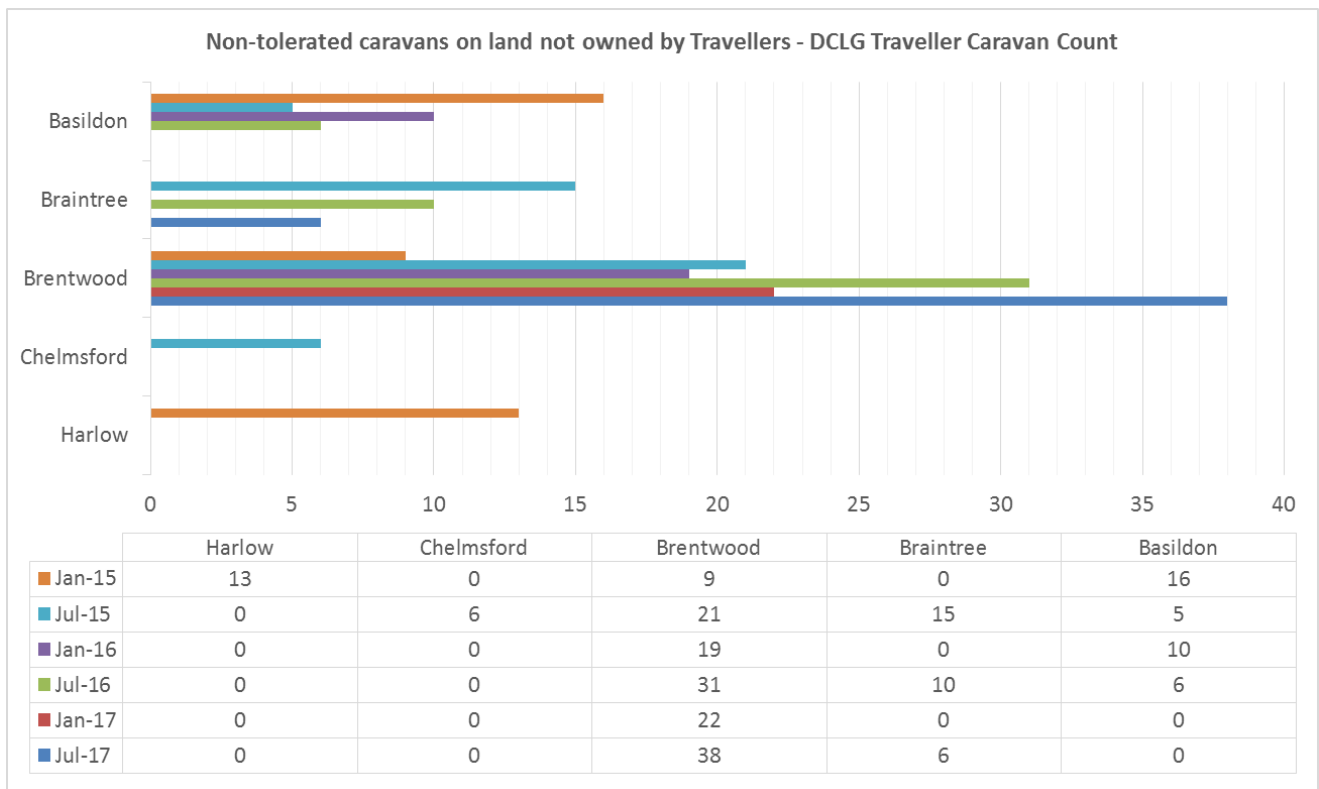
DCLG Traveller Caravan Count

^{1.120} Whilst it is considered to be a representative national dataset on numbers of authorised and unauthorised caravans across England, it is also acknowledged that the Traveller Caravan Count has a number of failings as it is a count of caravans and not households. It also does not record the reasons for unauthorised caravans. This makes it very difficult to interpret in relation to assessing current and future need because it does not count pitches or resident households. The count is also only a twice yearly ‘snapshot in time’ conducted by local authorities on specific days in January and July, and any caravans on unauthorised sites or encampments which occur on other dates are not recorded. Likewise any caravans that are away from sites on the day of the count are not included. As such it is not considered appropriate to solely use the outcomes from the Traveller Caravan Count in the assessment of current and future transit provision. It does however provide valuable historic and trend data on instances of unauthorised caravans in local authority areas.

^{1.121} Data from the past 6 Traveller Caravan Counts (from January 2015 to July 2017) shows that there were very low numbers or no non-tolerated unauthorised caravans on land not owned by Travellers recorded in a number of local authorities in Greater Essex – these were Castle Point, Colchester, Epping Forest, Maldon, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford.

^{1.122} Figure 40 shows that the majority of non-tolerated caravans on land not owned by Travellers during this period were counted in Basildon, Braintree and Brentwood, with smaller numbers recorded in Chelmsford and Harlow. However, as set out above this is just a snapshot and does not give a full picture of unauthorised encampments and potential need for transit provision across Greater Essex.

Figure 40 – Traveller Caravan Count Data



Essex County Traveller Unit (ECTU) Data

^{1.123} Discussions were held with staff from ECTU to determine whether levels of unauthorised encampments have changed since the time of the last GTAA. Data from ECTU covers **all** recorded encampments throughout the course of the year, together with details about the numbers of caravans and the length of stay. This data indicates that numbers of encampments have continued to rise in many parts of Greater Essex since the previous GTAA was completed in 2014.

^{1.124} The data shows that since 2013 a total of 1,168 unauthorised encampments were recorded across Greater Essex, with a general trend showing a year-on-year increase.

^{1.125} When broken down by individual local authorities over the same time period it can be seen that the highest number of unauthorised encampments were recorded in Thurrock (237), Harlow (155), Basildon (141), Chelmsford (134), Colchester (121) and Tendring (107). The lowest numbers of encampments were recorded in Southend-on-Sea (5), Castle Point (8), Rochford (9) and Maldon (14).

Figure 41 – Total number of unauthorised encampments recorded by ECTU – Greater Essex

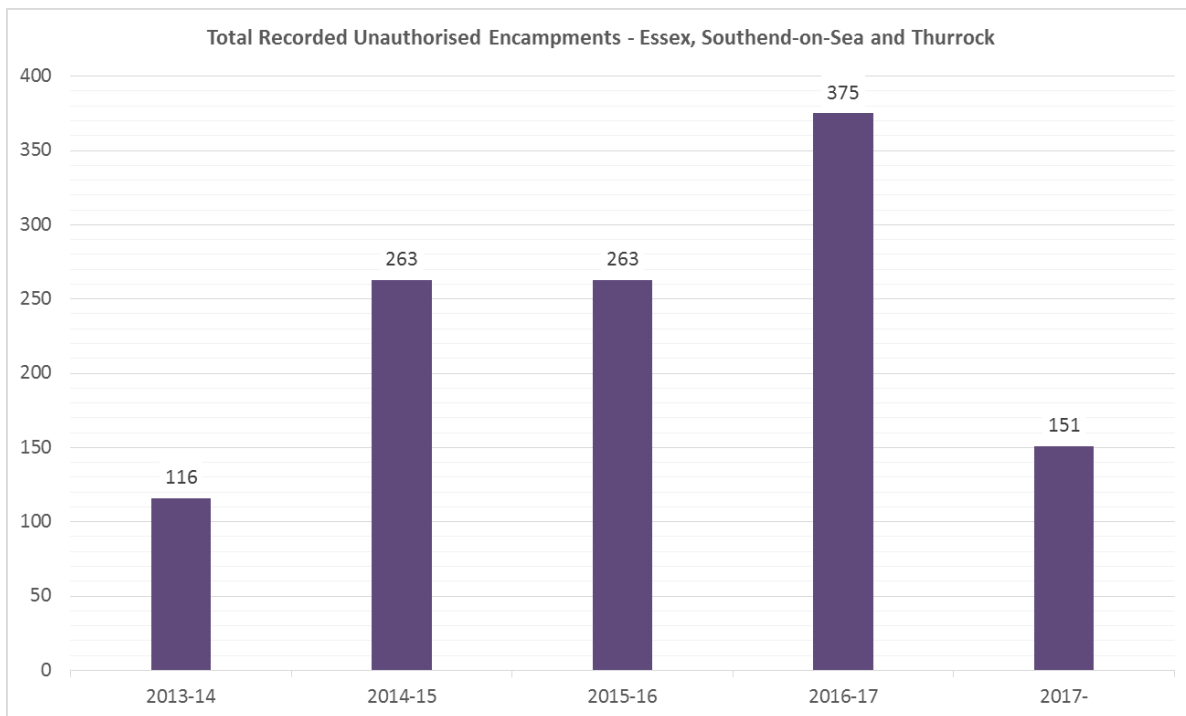


Figure 42 – Total number of unauthorised encampments recorded by ECTU by Local Authority¹⁰

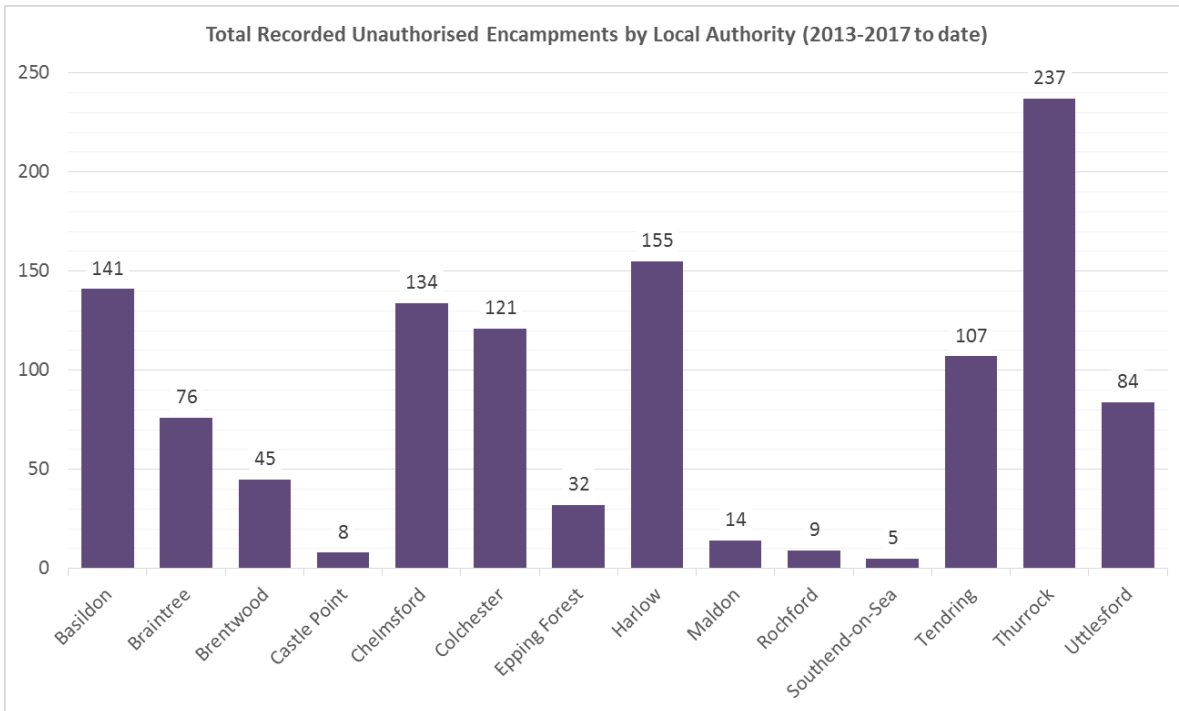
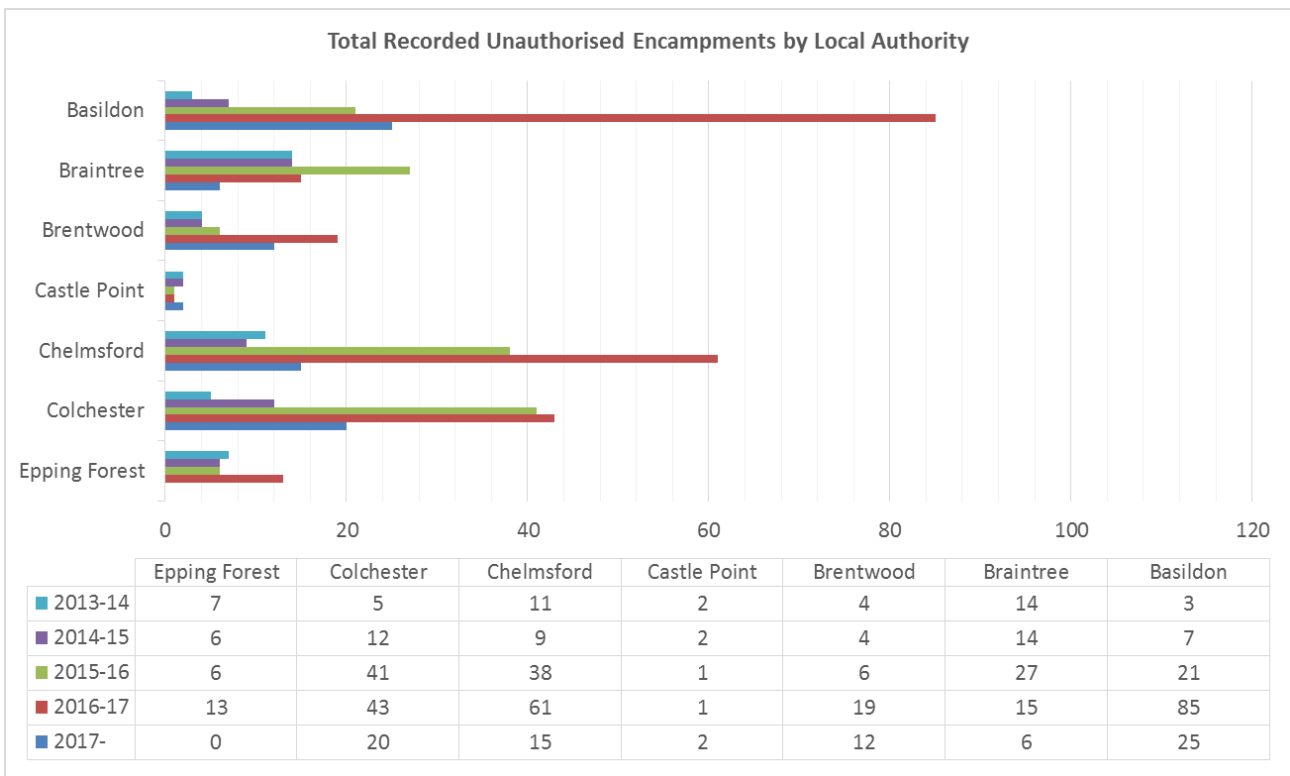
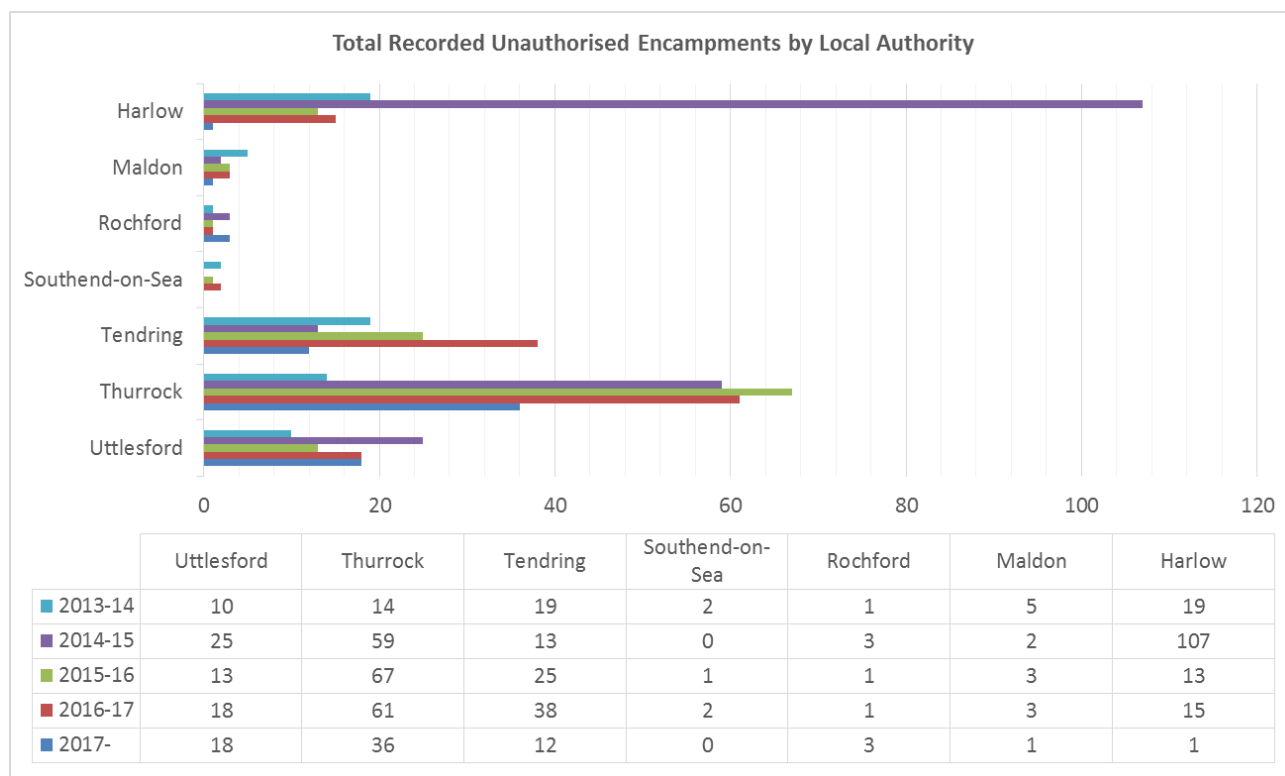


Figure 43 – Total number of unauthorised encampments recorded by ECTU by Local Authority by year



¹⁰ 2017 to date refers to the time period April – September 2017



^{1.126} It should be noted that in Harlow in 2015 an Injunction was granted to prevent unauthorised encampments being set up on 454 individual parcels of land. The Injunction also applied to a total of 35 individually named Travellers and was in response to high numbers of encampments being set up in Harlow. The injunction was extended in 2017 to cover the period to June 2020. Further work needs to be undertaken to establish the impact of this Injunction on the number of encampments elsewhere in Essex.

^{1.127} In order to provide a more detailed picture on the current need for transit provision further analysis was completed by ECTU of the daily number of caravans that were present on unauthorised encampments across Greater Essex. This looked at 2 scenarios – what was deemed to be the month of year with the highest numbers of caravans recorded (June), and what was deemed to be the month of the year with the lowest numbers of caravans recorded (September). The purpose of this analysis was to determine the minimum and maximum number of caravan spaces (as opposed to pitches) that may be required to address currently recorded levels of unauthorised caravans. This indicated an average of 45 caravans per day during the busiest month of June and an average of 12 caravans per day during the quietest month of September.

Figure 44 – Total number of caravans on unauthorised encampments recorded by ECTU by day – June 2017

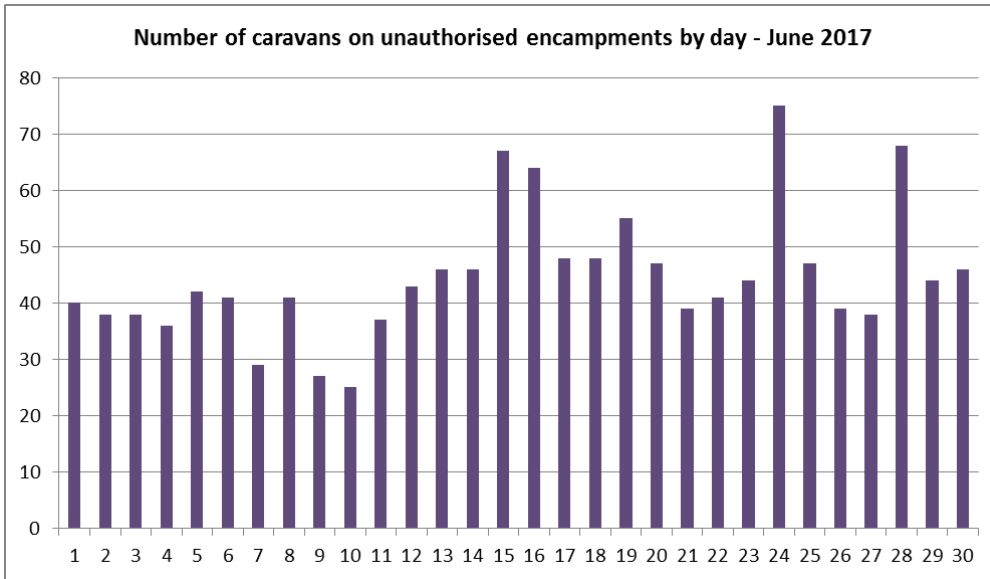
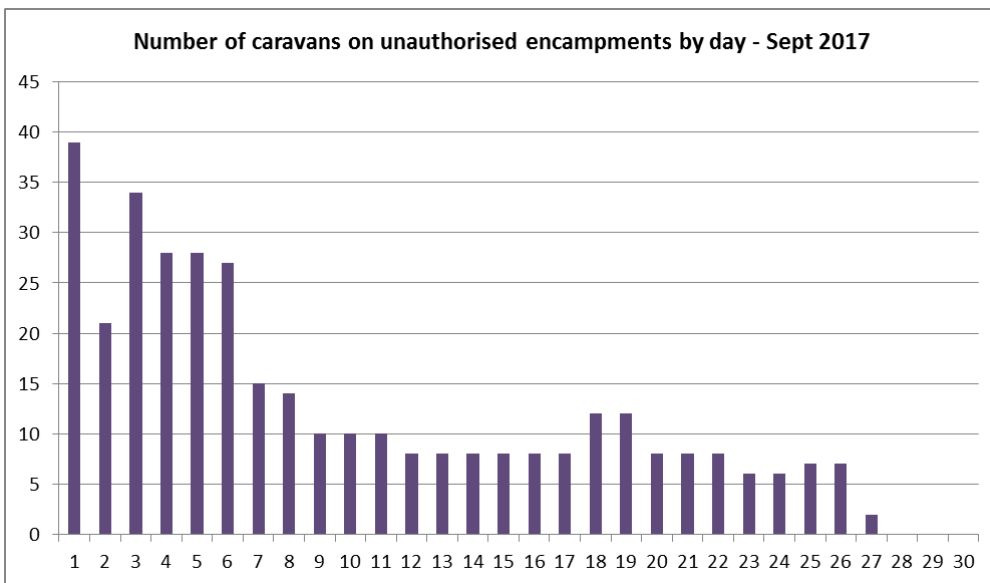


Figure 45 – Total number of caravans on unauthorised encampments recorded by ECTU by day – September 2017



Implications of PPTS (2015)

^{1.128} It has been suggested that there will need to be an increase in transit provision across the country as a result of PPTS (2015) leading to more households travelling. This may well be the case but it will take some time for any robust evidence to be available to substantiate these claims. As such the use of historic evidence to make an assessment of future transit need is not recommended at this time. Any recommendation for future transit provision will need to make use of a robust post-PPTS (2015) evidence base.

Transit Recommendations

- ^{1.129} Analysis of previous stakeholder interviews, Traveller Caravan Count Data and data collected by ECTU shows that there are high and increasing numbers of unauthorised encampments in many parts of Greater Essex. It also suggests that there is a potential need for approximately 45 caravan spaces during the busiest months of the year and a potential need for approximately 12 caravan spaces during the quietest months of the year. However the analysis is of data that has been collected relatively soon after the publication of PPTS (2015) and does not provide a detailed enough spatial view on where and how much provision is needed. It also does not explore issues such as a small number of households accounting for multiple records of encampments.
- ^{1.130} As such it is recommended that further work is undertaken over the coming months to undertake more in-depth analysis of data recorded by ECTU and other relevant sources. This work will be completed by ORS over the next 12 months.
- ^{1.131} Discussions held with Officers from ECTU have confirmed that analysis of ‘Direction to Leave Notices’ may provide a more robust appraisal of current and future transit needs. They have advised that each of these notices contains information such as the number of caravans and vehicle registration details. From this information ORS believe that they would be able establish with a higher degree of certainty, the number of transit sites or stopping places required throughout Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock.
- ^{1.132} This additional analysis undertaken by ORS will also include work on identifying the number of households accounting for multiple records of encampments; analysis of the average number of caravans per encampment and the average length of stay; and identification of the most common locations for encampments. It is hoped that the outcomes of this work will be to identify a figure for the average number of transit caravan spaces that are needed in Greater Essex at any given point in time; whether this can be addressed through permanent transit sites, emergency stopping places and negotiated stopping arrangements; and where the geographic need is for new transit provision.
- ^{1.133} In the meantime it is recommended that the situation relating to levels of unauthorised encampments throughout the area should continue to be monitored by ECTU whilst any potential changes associated with PPTS (2015) develop.
- ^{1.134} Finally work to address unauthorised encampments is a complex issue and it is recommended, through the duty to cooperate, that individual local authorities work closely with Essex County Council both to identify the need for future transit provision and how to deal with unauthorised encampments when they occur.

Appendix A: Site and Yard Lists

Basildon

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Hovefields Caravan Site, Basildon	25	-
Private Sites		
2 Lawrence Road, North Benfleet	1	-
6a Oak Lane, Crays Hill	1	-
Blossom, North Benfleet	1	-
Bradley, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Chadville, Southend Arterial Road	1	
Copernicus, North Benfleet	1	-
Five Oaks Farm, Oak Lane	1	-
Four Oaks, North Benfleet	1	-
Fox Gardens, Crays Hill	1	-
Foxgrove, North Benfleet	1	-
Green Meadows, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Haywoods, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Hollybrook Farm, Laindon	1	-
Journeys End, Pitsea	1	-
Land at Oak Tree Farm	1	
Land East Newlands Farm (Kenwood), Wickford	1	-
Land North of 6a Oak Lane, Crays Hill	1	-
Land Rear of Walton Lodge, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Land South of 6a Oak Lane, Crays Hill		
Lawtons / The Barn, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Little Meadows, North Benfleet	1	-
Mandaly Cottage, Pitsea	1	-
Mayfield, Cranfield Park Avenue	2	-
Meadow End, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Meadow Trees, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Meadow View, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Meadowfields, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Melford, Windsor Road	1	
Middle Meadows, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Nashville Farm, Dunton	1	-
New Fields, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Oak Farm, Oak Lane, Crays Hill	1	-
Oak Lane, Crays Hill	36	-
Oak Tree Farm, Crays Hill	1	-
Oak Tree Stables, Crays Hill	1	
Omar, Crays Hill	1	-
Opposite Windsor Lodge (Belvedere), North Benfleet	1	-
Plot 97, Hertford Drive, Fobbing	1	-

Plot 98, Hertford Drive, Fobbing	1	-
Rose Cottage, North Benfleet	1	-
Sadlers Park, Pitsea	3	-
Savannah's Place, North Benfleet	1	-
Smallfield, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
The Barn, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
The Chalet, Nethermayne, Basildon	1	-
The Elms, North Benfleet	1	-
The Lilys , North Benfleet	1	-
The Lodge, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
The Orchard, Hovefields Avenue	2	-
The Paddocks, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
The Paddocks, North Benfleet	1	-
The Willows Plot One, North Benfleet	1	-
The Willows Plot Two, North Benfleet	1	-
The Willows, Hovefields Avenue	1	-
Walton Lodge, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Temporary Sites		
Betterview, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Little Acres, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Northview, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Oakview, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Southview, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Willow View, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Woodview, Cranfield Park Avenue	1	-
Tolerated Sites		
1 The Burrows, Wickford	-	1
2 The Burrows, Wickford	-	2
Bonny, Pitsea	-	1
Five Oaks, Crays Hill	-	1
Murray Farm, North Benfleet	-	1
Rear of Rose Cottage, North Benfleet	-	1
The Depot, Crays Hill	-	1
The Elms One, North Benfleet	-	1
The Elms Two, North Benfleet	-	1
The Pump House, Hovefields Avenue	-	1
The Ranch (Plots 49 – 58), Fobbing	-	1
The Rosary, North Benfleet	-	1
Unauthorised Sites		
Bradley, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	3
Fairview, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
Greenacres, Crays Hill	-	1
Hampton Court, Hovefields Avenue	-	1
Hatchertang, Hovefields Avenue	-	1
Haycroft, Hovefields Avenue	-	1

Haywoods, Hovefields Avenue	-	1
Highview, Hovefields Drive	-	2
Homeview, Hovefields Drive	-	1
Land adjacent to Fanton Hall Cottages	-	7
Land east of Cranfield Park Avenue	-	13
Land North of Freelands, Langdon Hills	-	1
Land rear of Blossom, Fanton Hall Cottages	-	1
Land rear of the Rosary, Fanton Hall Cottages	-	1
Land West of Hovefields Avenue	-	6
Longview, Hovefield Drive, Wickford	-	1
Mayfield, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	2
Rear of Foxgrove, North Benfleet	-	1
Rear of Foxgrove, North Benfleet	-	1
Rear of Foxgrove, North Benfleet	-	1
Silva Lodge, Hovefields Avenue	-	6
Smallacre, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
The Copse, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
The Cottage, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
The Drive, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
The Paddocks, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	7
Willow Farm, Cranfield Park Avenue	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
Whitegates, Lower Park Road	2	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Braintree

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Ridgewell, Braintree	12	-
Sandiacres, Cressing	14	
Private Sites		
Half Acres, Cressing	4	-
Station Road, Felstead	2	-
Ferriers Farm Road, Bures	1	-
Paddock Farm, Hatfield Peveral	1	-
Custom Hall, Toppersfield	1	-
Compasses Lane, Pattiswick	2	-
Layby, Blake End	1	-
Twin Oaks, Stisted	21	
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Private Showpeople Yards		
Blackwater Lane, Witham	2	-
Fair Rest, Rivenhall End	4	
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Brentwood

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
None	-	-
Private Sites		
Clementines Farm	1	-
Cottage Garden, Pilgrims Hatch	1	-
Deep Dell Park (Willow Farm), Ingatestone	6	-
Lilliputs, Blackmore	2	-
Meadow View, Blackmore	2	-
Pond End, Kelvedon Hatch	1	-
Ponderosa, Kelvedon Hatch	1	-
Poplar Farm, Ingatestone	2	-
Roman Triangle, Mountnessing	5	-
Rye Etch, Navestock	3	-
The Willows', Kelvedon Hatch	1	-
Tree Tops, Navestock	3	-
Warren Lane, Doddinghurst	1	-
Wenlock Meadow	1	-
Temporary Sites		
The Willows', Kelvedon Hatch	2	-
Tolerated Sites		
Hope Farm, Navestock	-	3
Orchard View, Navestock	-	4
Unauthorised Sites		
Greenacres, Blackmore	-	9
Hunters Green, Navestock	-	1
Lizvale Farm, Navestock	-	-6
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Castle Point

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
None	-	-
Private Sites		
Orchard Place, Thundersley	4	-
Janda Field, Thundersley	3	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Authorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Chelmsford

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Cranham Hall Caravan Site, Little Waltham	10	-
Ladygrove Caravan Park, Writtle	12	-
Private Sites		
Apple Blossom, Little Waltham	1	-
Barracks Field, Boreham	3	-
Blundells, Pleshey	1	-
Copper Farm, Stock	1	-
Greenfields, Edney Common	1	-
Hillview, Runwell	1	-
Leedanton Farm, Downham	1	-
Little Paddocks, Writtle	1	-
Meadow Lane, Runwell	37	-
Oak Vale/Orchard View, Little Waltham	2	-
Old Brook, Sandon	1	-
Railside, Boreham	1	-
Riverhaven, Galleywood	1	-
The Willows, Downham	1	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
Jobbs Yard, Great Waltham	1	-
Unauthorised Sites		
Dowcett Farm, Ramsden Heath	-	1
Land adjacent Hilltop, Runwell		1
Littlefield, Writtle		1
Plot B Paradise Lost, Runwell		1
Plot C Paradise Lost, Runwell		1
Authorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
Fairhurst, Chelmsford	1	-
Hassenbrookes, Writtle	40	-
Rosebud, Chelmsford	1	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Colchester

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Severalls Lane	12	-
Private Sites		
Bridge Side, Stanway	3	-
Clearview, Aldham	1	-
Colt Farm, Tiptree	2	-
Emmanuel, Tiptree	1	-
Gwynlian, Tiptree	1	-
Nunns Farm, Layer Breton	1	-
Vernons Road, Chappel	3	-
Stableview, Tiptree	1	-
The Paddocks, Tiptree	2	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
Ponys Farm, Tiptree	-	1
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Authorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Epping Forest

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Hop Gardens, Toothill	16	-
Private Sites		
Carrisbrook	1	-
Downshoppitt	4	-
Green Acres	1	-
Greenleaves	15	-
Hallmead Nursery	4	-
Holmsfield Nursery	8	-
Horsemanside Farm	4	-
Hosanna Lodge	1	-
James Mead, Waltham Road	2	-
Longmead, Mill Lane	1	-
Mamelons Farmyard, Waltham Road	14	-
Moss Nursery	5	-
Oakwood, Tylers Cross Nursery	1	-
Peartree Corner, Tylers Cross Nursery	3	-
Plot 1, Silverwood Close	1	-
Plot 2, Moores Estate	1	-
Plot 2, Silverwood Close	1	-
Plot 3 & 4, Silverwood Close	2	-
Plot 3, Moores Estate	1	-
Plot 3A, Moores Estate	2	-
Plot 4, Moores Estate	1	-
Plot 5, Moores Estate	3	-
Plot 5, Silverwood Close	1	-
Plot 6, Silverwood Close	1	-
Plot 7, Silverwood Close	1	-
Plot 8, Silverwood Close	1	-
Pond View	1	-
Richards Farm (aka Southall)	3	-
Rose Nursery (La Rosa Nursery)	1	-
Rosewood, Tylers Cross Nursery	3	-
Shannons, Tylers Cross Nursery	1	-
Silverwood Yard, Tylers Cross Nursery	1	-
Small Meadow, Weald Hall Lane	1	-
Springfield, Tylers Cross Nursery	2	-
Springfields, off Church Road	1	-
Stoneshott View	1	-

The Dales	1	-
Tomary	12	-
Woodside	1	-
Temporary Sites		
38 Roydon Lodge, Chalet Estate, Roydon	1	-
Ashview, Hamlet Hill, Roydon	1	-
Auburnville	1	-
Devoncot	2	-
Haslingfield, Meadgate Road	2	-
Rose Farm	1	-
Sedge Gate Nursery, Sedge Green, Nazeing	4	-
Sons Nursery	3	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
21a Roydon Lodge	-	1
5 & 6 Roydon Lodge	-	2
Green Acres	-	1
Steers Pigstye	-	1
Sunnyside, Nazeing	-	2
Valley View	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
Land at Moreton Sand & Gravel Pit (Lake View)	9	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Harlow

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Elizabeth Way, Harlow	21	-
Fernhill Lane, Harlow	15	-
Private Sites		
None	-	-
Temporary Sites		
Skins Farm, Harlow ¹¹	1	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

¹¹ This site is now unauthorised as temporary planning permission expired in January 2017 after the baseline date for the GTAA.

Maldon

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Brickhouse Road, Tolleshunt Major	6	-
Wood Corner, Woodham Walter	20	-
Private Sites		
Eaglefield, Little Totham	1	-
Homelea, Two Elms and The Loft, Tolleshunt Major	4	-
Junction of Captains Wood Road and Maypole Road	1	-
Land at Broomfields Farm, Great Braxted	1	-
Land opposite Heath Farm, Tolleshunt D'Arcy	1	-
New Redgates, Purleigh	1	-
Office Lane, Little Totham	4	-
Tarry Wood, Little Totham	1	-
The Birches, Cold Norton	3	-
The Oaks, Great Braxted	3	-
The Orchards, Great Braxted	7	-
The Poplars, Cold Norton	4	-
The Stables, Great Totham	1	-
Two Acres, Tolleshunt Major	1	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
Rose Stables, Great Totham	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
Restawyle, Tolleshunt Knights	5	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Rochford

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
None	-	-
Private Sites		
Goads Meadow, Hockley	1	-
Little Orchard, Rayleigh	1	-
Pudsey Hall Farm, Canewdon	1	-
Pumping Station, Rawreth	2	-
Rayleigh Turf Yard, Rayleigh	1	-
Rob Rosa, Hullbridge	1	-
The Apple Barn	1	-
Temporary Sites		
Pear Tree, Hockley	1	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised sites		
Land adjacent to Pumping Station, Rawreth	-	1
Land opposite Witherdens Farm, Rawreth	-	7
Land to the west of Goldsmith Drive	-	1
Little Orchard, Rayleigh	-	1
Meadow View, Rayleigh	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Southend-on-Sea

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
None	-	-
Private Sites		
None	-	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

Tendring

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
None	-	-
Private Sites		
Carringtons Road, Great Bromley	1	-
Esther Lee Stables, Ardleigh	1	-
Land adjacent to Pump Station, Elmstead Market	1	
Land behind Woodfield Bungalow, Great Bentley	5	-
Spring Stables, Gutteridge Hall Lane	8	-
Woodside, Great Bromley	1	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
None	-	-
Unauthorised Sites		
None	-	-
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Tolerated Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-
Undetermined Planning Applications		
Land south of Woodfield Bungalow, Great Bentley (5)	-	-
Land south of Gutteridge Hall Lane (1)	-	-

Thurrock

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Gammonfield	21	
Pilgrims Lane	22	
Ship Lane	21	-
Private Sites		
Biggin Lane	10	-
Herd Lane	10	-
The Paddock	1	-
The Willow	4	-
Temporary Sites		
Malvern Road	5	-
Southend Road	4	-
Tolerated Sites		
Echo Farm	-	6
Love Lane	-	1
Lower Crescent	-	7
Ship Lane	-	4
Sleepy Hollow	-	1
Unauthorised Sites		
Holy Lands	-	3
St Chads North	-	5
St Chads South	-	5
Willows	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards¹²		
Chadfields, Tilbury	5	-
Fairacres, Mill Lane	3	-
Unauthorised Yards Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-

¹² Excluding plots at Buckles Lane which be the subject of a separate report.

Uttlesford

Site/Yard	Authorised Pitches or Plots	Unauthorised Pitches or Plots
Public Sites		
Felstead Travellers Site	17	
Private Sites		
Adj. Elmswood, Broxted	1	-
Clovelly, Broxted	1	-
Elmswood, Broxted	1	-
Honey Orchard, High Easter	1	-
Middleside, Stansted	10	-
Oak Tree Close, Little Hallingbury	5	-
Star Green, Radwinter End	1	-
Tall Trees, Stansted	10	-
Tandans, Great Canfield	3	-
The Caravan, Barnston	1	-
The Caravan, Stebbing	1	-
The Ford, Great Dunmow	1	-
The Patch, Clavering	1	-
The Pickle, High Roding	1	-
The Two Willows, High Easter	3	-
Willow Farm, Great Dunmow	1	-
Temporary Sites		
None	-	-
Tolerated Sites		
Pennington Lane, Stanstead	-	1
Unauthorised Sites		
Parsonage Lane, Barnston	-	1
Private Travelling Showpeople Yards		
Oak View, Stanstead	1	-
Unauthorised Yards Travelling Showpeople Yards		
None	-	-
Transit Provision		
None	-	-