

Essex Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment 2014

Update Report



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2014 Update

The Study

1. Opinion Research Services (ORS) were commissioned by the Essex Planning Officers Association to undertake a Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment. Since the publication of the Final Report in July 2014 there have been a number of changes in circumstances in some of the local authorities who commissioned the study. It was therefore felt necessary to update the original findings in light of these changes.

Corrections and Update

2. Since the publication of the report in 2014, a small number of errors and changes in circumstances have been brought to light which are corrected in this document. In particular the status of pitches on a small number of sites in Colchester and Thurrock have been updated based on permanent planning permission that was granted prior to the study period; additional unauthorised pitches that were not included in the initial study; and a site that was recorded as having permanent planning permission when it only had temporary planning permission.
3. As a result of these changes to the status of pitches and additional unauthorised pitches the various stages of the needs calculations have needed to be updated to arrive at a revised figure of overall need for the Essex Partnership area, and for individual local authorities where appropriate.
4. This report sets out the changes in circumstances and includes updated tables, narrative, and site lists where changes have been made. It also sets out a small number of additional minor changes that have been made to the original report that was published in July 2014.

Updated Site Status

5. Since the original report was published in July 2014 ORS have received information about a change in planning status for 3 sites in Colchester, and an additional unauthorised development in Thurrock. In summary these changes were:

» **Colchester**

Bridge Side, Turkey Cock Lane, Plot 1 – Granted permanent planning permission for 1 pitch in August 2012

Bridge Side, Turkey Cock Lane, Plot 2 – Granted permanent planning permission for 2 pitches in September 2012

Gwynlian, Kelvedon Road, Tiptree – Granted permanent planning permission for 1 pitch in October 2009

Orchard Place, Vernons Road, Chappel – Granted permanent planning permission for 3 pitches in December 2011

» **Thurrock**

Malvern Road – 5 unauthorised pitches identified that were not included in original assessment current and future need.

The Paddock – 1 temporary pitch recorded as having permanent planning permission

Changes to July 2014 Report

6. This section sets out the changes that have been made to the July 2014 GTAA Report. on the implications of the changes set out in the section above in relation to pitch provision which is required in the Essex Partnership area currently and over the next 10 years and 15 years in 5 year periods.
7. The overall change for the area as a whole is a net reduction in the need for pitches of 1 from 786 to 785. The net reduction of need for Colchester is 9 from 24 to 15, and the net increase of need for Thurrock is 8 from 104 to 112.
8. This is a result of the following changes when calculating current and future need.
 - » **Colchester**
 - A reduction of current need from households on unauthorised sites of 5.
 - A reduction of future need from households on sites with temporary planning of 3.
 - An increase of sites with permanent planning permission of 7.
 - A decrease of the base for new household formation of 1.
 - » **Thurrock**
 - An increase of unauthorised pitches of 5.
 - An increase of the base for new household formation of 5.
 - An increase of 1 from a temporary panning permission.
9. As a result of the changes set out above the following tables in the July 2014 GTAA Report have been updated. The changes are highlighted in **yellow**:

Figure 2

Gypsy and Traveller Pitches by Local Authority

Local Authority	Local Authority Pitches	Private Pitches	Temporary Permission	Tolerated	Unauthorised
Basildon Borough	25	90	8	13	9
Braintree District	26	11	0	0	21
Brentwood Borough	0	10	27	0	17
Castle Point Borough	0	2	0	0	3
Chelmsford City	22	53	0	2	2
Colchester Borough	12	15	0	1	0
Epping Forest District	16	100	10	0	10
Harlow District	36	0	0	0	0
Maldon District	26	31	0	0	1
Rochford District	0	5	1	0	9

Southend-on-Sea Borough	0	0	0	0	0
Tendring District	0	11	0	0	1
Thurrock	64	25	1	20	23
Uttlesford District	17	43	0	1	1
Essex County ¹	180	371	46	17	74
Total in study area	244	396	47	37	97

Figure 40

Summary of Current Gypsy and Traveller accommodation type by Local Authority in June 2013

Local Authority	Households on permanent pitches	Households on temporary pitches	Concealed households	Bricks and mortar households	Households on tolerated pitches	Households on unauthorised pitches	Total
Basildon Borough	115	8	30	6	13	9	181
Braintree District	37	0	5	3	0	21	66
Brentwood Borough	10	27	5	3	0	20	65
Castle Point Borough	2	0	0	0	0	3	5
Chelmsford City	75	0	6	4	2	2	89
Colchester Borough	27	0	2	1	1	0	31
Epping Forest District	116	10	11	6	0	10	153
Harlow District	36	0	3	2	0	0	41
Maldon District	57	0	5	3	0	1	66
Rochford District	5	1	1	1	0	9	17
Southend on Sea Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tendring District	11	0	1	1	0	1	14
Thurrock	89	1	10	6	20	23	149
Uttlesford District	38	0	3	2	1	1	45
Total	618	47	82	38	37	100	922

¹ Southend and Thurrock are not included within the total Essex County figure

Figure 42
Unauthorised Pitches by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of Pitches
Basildon Borough	9
Braintree District	21
Brentwood Borough	20
Castle Point Borough	3
Chelmsford City	2
Colchester Borough	0
Epping Forest District	10
Harlow District	0
Maldon District	1
Rochford District	9
Southend on Sea Borough	0
Tendring District	1
Thurrock	23
Uttlesford District	1
Total	100

Figure 45
Temporary Planning Permissions by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of pitches
Basildon Borough	8
Braintree District	0
Brentwood Borough	27
Castle Point Borough	0
Chelmsford City	0
Colchester Borough	0
Epping Forest District	10
Harlow District	0
Maldon District	0
Rochford District	1
Southend of Sea Borough	0
Tendring District	0
Thurrock	1
Uttlesford District	0
Total	47

Figure 46 - Number of Household Formations in the Period 2013-2033

Local Authority	Households on site including those on the waiting list and concealed households	Household growth based upon 48% over 20 years
Basildon Borough*	234	149
Braintree District	66	32
Brentwood Borough	65	32
Castle Point Borough	5	2
Chelmsford City	89	43
Colchester Borough	31	15
Epping Forest District	153	74
Harlow District	41	20
Maldon District	66	32
Rochford District	17	8
Southend Borough	0	0
Tendring District	14	7
Thurrock	149	72
Uttlesford District	45	22
Total	975	508

Figure 47 - Extra Pitches which are required in the Essex Partnership area from 2013-2033

Reason for Requirement/Vacancy	Gross Requirement	Supply	Net Requirement
Supply of Pitches			
Additional supply from empty pitches	-	0	
Additional supply new sites ²	-	44	
Total Supply		44	
Current Need			
Current unauthorised developments seeking to stay in the area	100	-	
Concealed households	82	-	
Net movement from bricks and mortar	39	-	
Total Current Need	221		
Future Needs			
Currently on sites with temporary planning permission	47	-	
Net migration	53	-	
Net new household formation	508	-	
Total Future Needs	608		
Total	829	44	785

² Excluding 10 pitches allocated in the North Chelmsford AAP but not yet granted planning permission

Figure 53
Extra Pitches which are required in Colchester from 2013-2033

Reason for Requirement/Vacancy	Gross Requirement	Supply	Net Requirement
Supply of Pitches			
Additional supply from empty pitches	-	0	
Additional supply new sites	-	3	
Total Supply		3	
Current Need			
Current unauthorised developments or encampments and seeking to stay in the area	0	-	
Concealed households	2	-	
Net movement from bricks and mortar	1	-	
Total Current Need	3	-	
Future Needs			
Currently on sites with temporary planning permission	0	-	
Net migration	0	-	
Net new household formation	15	-	
Total Future Needs	15	-	
Total	18	3	15

Figure 60
Extra Pitches which are required in Thurrock from 2013-2033

Reason for Requirement/Vacancy	Gross Requirement	Supply	Net Requirement
Supply of Pitches			
Additional supply from empty pitches	-	0	
Additional supply new sites	-	0	
Total Supply		0	
Current Need			
Current unauthorised developments or encampments and seeking to stay in the area	23	-	
Concealed households	10	-	
Net movement from bricks and mortar	6	-	
Total Current Need	39	-	
Future Needs			
Currently on sites with temporary planning permission	1	-	
Net migration	0	-	
Net new household formation	72	-	
Total Future Needs	73	-	
Total	112	0	112

Figure 62 & Table 83
Split by Local Authority by 5 year Time Period to 2013-2033

Local Authority	2013-2018	2018-2023	2023-2028	2028-2033	Total
Basildon Borough	122	35	39	44	240
Braintree District	14	8	9	9	40
Brentwood Borough	59	8	8	9	84
Castle Point Borough	2	1	1	1	5
Chelmsford City	22	10	11	12	55
Colchester Borough	3	3	4	5	15
Epping Forest District	54	18	19	21	112
Harlow District	9	5	5	6	25
Maldon District	17	7	8	9	41
Rochford District	14	2	2	2	20
Southend Borough	0	0	0	0	0
Tendring District	4	2	2	2	10
Thurrock	55	18	19	20	112
Uttlesford District	9	5	6	6	26
Total	384	122	133	146	785

Additional Changes

10. A small number of minor changes have also been made to the July 2014 GTAA Report. These are set out below:
- » **Page 90** – Figure heading changed to Figure 44.
 - » **Page 91** – Figure heading changed to Figure 45.
 - » **Page 91, para 8.36** – Total for temporary planning permission changed from 46 to 47.
 - » **Page 96, para 8.59** – Total need changed from 784 to 785.
 - » **Page 97, para 8.61** - Figures referred to in the last line have been updated from Figures 37 and 59 to Figures 40 and 62 respectively.
 - » **Page 113, Para 8.67** – Changed from 2013 to 2033.
 - » **Page 147** – Sites Gwynlian, Kelvedon Road, Tiptree and Orchard Close, Vernons Road, Chappel have been moved to Private Sites with Permanent Permission; and Bridge Side, Turkey Cock Lane has been moved from Private Sites with Temporary Permission to Private Sites with Permanent Permission.
 - » **Page 154** – The names of the Council owned sites have been changed to Ship Lane, Pilgrims Lane and Gammonfield.
 - » **Page 154** – Malvern Road has been added as an Unauthorised Development.
 - » **Page 154** – The Paddock has been changed to a site with temporary planning permission.
 - » **Page 162** – Table of Travelling Showpeople Yards for Thurrock has been added.
 - » **Page 164** – 1 Travelling Showpeople yard has been added to the table.

Travelling Showpeople Yards in Thurrock

Yard	Number of Plots
Local Authority Yards	
-	-
TOTAL PLOTS ON LOCAL AUTHORITY YARDS	0
Private Yards with Planning Permission	
Buckles Lane	79
TOTAL PLOTS ON PRIVATE YARDS WITH PERMANENT PERMISSION	79
Private Yards with Temporary Planning Permission	
Buckles Lane	121
TOTAL PLOTS ON LONG-TERM TOLERATED PRIVATE YARDS	121
Unauthorised Developments	
-	-
TOTAL PLOTS ON UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS	0
TOTAL PLOTS	200

Travelling Showpeople Yards in Uttlesford

Yard	Number of Plots
Local Authority Yards	
-	-
TOTAL PLOTS ON LOCAL AUTHORITY YARDS	0
Private Yards with Planning Permission	
Turnip Hall Farm, Saffron Walden	1
TOTAL PLOTS ON PRIVATE YARDS WITH PERMANENT PERMISSION	1
Tolerated Yards – Long-term without planning permission	
-	-
TOTAL PLOTS ON LONG-TERM TOLERATED PRIVATE YARDS	0
Unauthorised Developments	
-	-
TOTAL PLOTS ON UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS	0
TOTAL PLOTS	1