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Dear Mr McCormack and Mr Hendley

UPDATE ON PROVISION FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

Medway Council's Cabinet considered a report 'Provision for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation' on 4 August 2026.

Members supported the use of a site at Wigmore for its development and improvement as a permanent Council managed Gypsy and Traveller site. The full record of the decision is set out below:

Decision number: *Decision:*

The Cabinet noted the work that had been carried out to identify additional options for Gypsy and Traveller sites; to provide greater certainty that the Local Plan would meet needs.

- 107/2026 The Cabinet agreed to proceed with Option 3 for the future provision and use of the Wigmore Site as set out in section 5.8 of the report: to develop and improve the site as a permanent Council managed Gypsy and Traveller site to provide a good quality, compliant site for 10 touring caravans over 8 pitches, with approval to explore the provision of a second phase in future years. The second phase would expand the site into adjacent land as set out in Appendix B to the report and provide an additional 6 pitches to meet increasing future need, subject to the budget addition below (Decision 108/2026), required to deliver the second phase.
- 108/2026 The Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council to add £2,684,000 to the Capital Programme (funded by prudential borrowing) to deliver the initial proposals set out in the recommended Option 3.

The Cabinet noted the outcome of the Call for Sites exercise and review of Council owned land in its consideration of the options for the former Wigmore Park and Ride site.

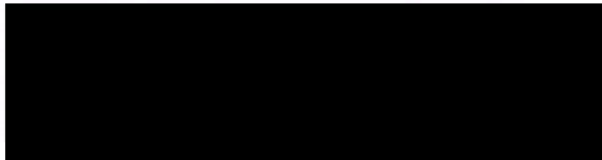
- 109/2026 The Cabinet agreed to support a proposed minor modification to the Local Plan policies map to clarify the existing and consented gypsy and traveller sites to be safeguarded in accordance with policy T10 in the submitted draft Medway Local Plan.

Following the meeting, a notice of a call-in was received from six Members of the Council regarding the Cabinet decisions set out above in respect of the report on provision for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation.

The report has been included as a late item on the agenda for the meeting of the Council's Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 August 2026. The report and appendices for this agenda item are attached to this letter.

I will further update you on this matter and the Council's governance processes.

Yours sincerely



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