

### North Somerset Local Plan 2041

# Appendix 3: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople SHLAA Site Assessment

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This appendix provides an assessment of sites submitted for Gypsy and Traveller use through general Call for Site exercises and Gypsy and Traveller specific Call for Sites. These sites have been considered separately from the main SHLAA site list due to their distinct planning considerations and policy context. Local authorities have a statutory duty to assess and plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, as set out in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2024). The separation of these sites allows for targeted assessment and ensures they are considered within the specific policy framework that applies.
- 1.2 Where a site has been promoted for both Gypsy and Traveller use and Residential development, it is included in the main SHLAA site assessment and also listed here for completeness. This reflects the potential for dual use or alternative land use outcomes, depending on future policy direction and site-specific circumstances.
- 1.3 Sites listed in this appendix have not been included in the overall housing capacity figures unless they have a separate residential component assessed elsewhere in the SHLAA. Their inclusion supports a comprehensive understanding of land availability across all types of housing need. Further work to assess the specific need for Gypsy and Traveller provision, including permanent and transit pitches, is set out in the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Topic Paper (October 2025) and the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) October 2025, which forms part of the Local Plan evidence base.
- 1.4 The full outcomes of this assessment are found both in this report and in the 'G&T SHLAA Assessment' tab of North Somerset SHLAA 2025 Appendix 1 Site Data and Assessment.



# 2. Assessment Approach

2.1 The assessment of Gypsy and Traveller sites has followed the same staged methodology set out in the main SHLAA report. Sites were initially subject to a sifting assessment, based on the sustainability of their locations, then a baseline assessment was performed against identified hard constraints, such as flooding, national designations, and access limitations. Those which passed this initial stage were then considered through a further assessment, examining wider constraints. This consistent approach ensures all sites—regardless of the proposed use—are assessed using an objective and transparent framework. Sites proposed for dual Gypsy and Traveller and general residential use have been assessed with both use scenarios in mind.



# 3. Sites

3.1 The following sites were involved in this assessment:

Site Reference	Site Name	Area(HA)	Pitches
HE201073	Tyntsfield Springs	4.13	25
HE201045	Currells Lane, Felton	1.03	27
HE2010141	BS24. Near M5 and Railway	4.68	Unknown
HE2010142	Land to the north of Moorland Park Gypsy and Traveller Site	2.49	40
HE2010143	Land Adj to Heathfield Park, Hewish, Somerset,	11.12	100
HE2010144	Kings Field, Moor Road, Banwell	0.2	2
HE2010145	Stone Edge Batch, Tickenham	1.27	20
HE201053	Woodview Terrace Wsm	0.19	30
		TOTAL	244

Table 1 - North Somerset Gypsy and Traveller SHLAA Sites Considered

3.2 HE201045 Currells Lane Felton, HE201073 Tyntsfield Springs and HE201053 Woodview Terrace Weston-super-Mare are also found within the SHLAA Main Report as they were proposed during the Call for Sites to be either general residential or specific Gypsy and Traveller use.



# 4. Outcome of Assessment

Site Reference	Site Name	Outcome
HE201073	Tyntsfield Springs	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE201045	Currells Lane, Felton	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE2010141	BS24. Near M5 and Railway	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE2010142	Land to the north of Moorland Park Gypsy and Traveller Site	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE2010143	Land Adj to Heathfield Park, Hewish, Somerset,	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE2010144	Kings Field, Moor Road, Banwell	Discounted – Hard Constraint – FZ3
HE2010145	Stone Edge Batch, Tickenham	Discounted – Outside Broad Location Boundaries
HE201053	Woodview Terrace Wsm	Passed Further Assessment

Table 2 – Outcome of Gypsy and Traveller SHLAA Assessment



### 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 All bar one of the sites, HE201053 Woodview Terrace Weston-super-Mare, submitted for Gypsy and Traveller use through the SHLAA process have been discounted. Five sites were excluded at the initial suitability stage as they fell outside the identified broad location boundaries, and one site was discounted at the baseline assessment stage due to being wholly within Flood Zone 3, a hard constraint.
- 5.2 However, the exclusion of these sites from the SHLAA does not remove them from further consideration through the plan-making process. The Council has a statutory duty to identify and plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, and these sites have been further assessed as part that separate workstream.

