

10 March 2008

Dear Colleague

SOUTH EAST PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW: PROVISION FOR GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

On the 5 March at its Plenary meeting, the Assembly agreed to postpone the consultation on options for the above review. This is to allow more time for authorities to review their advice to us and ensure that it remains both robust and up-to-date before the Assembly makes any decisions. The resolution agreed by Members is attached for information.

The revised timetable is now as follows:

30 April - Local Authorities to submit additional evidence on Gypsy and Traveller site provision in the form of revised advice to the Assembly. Please note that you are not expected to revisit the Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) as part of this process but to consider supplementary evidence. Please also note that this is not a requirement; you may be content with your original advice submitted to us in October 2007 and if so, I would be grateful if you could confirm this as soon as possible. We will then audit any revised advice before presenting any recommendations to Members.

21 May - Regional Planning Committee consider revised options for consultation.

16 July - Assembly agrees options for consultation.

Sept - Nov - consultation on options

All the advice submitted by the LA groupings is on our website http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan/consultation/gt_update.html

Could I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are still waiting on some responses to my letter dated 11 February 2008 requesting support for the consultation from a number of authorities.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact either Mark Williams or myself. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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