

REFERENCE NUMBER	ORGANISATION	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSE
ST29 - Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople			
1197063	Resident	There are currently 54 traveller pitches across the District (para 7.16.2) with an estimated additional need of 40 pitches by 2037. This equates to a 74% increase in gypsy/traveller need in the District over 15 years. There are currently 4 pitches at Daneshill and this is already having an impact upon the village of Sutton cum Lound in terms of the school; there is evidence of village residents moving their children out of the school because of this, which will undoubtedly have a longer term impact upon the sustainability of the school in the village. The closure of the village school will have a considerable impact upon the village and the Local Plan, reducing any potential need for additional housing in the village and potential reducing the size of the village in the longer term. The plan does not identify where these additional pitches will be placed and the chart in (C) does not add up to the 54 identified in para 7.16.2. The location of any additional plots needs to recognise the impact upon the surrounding areas and should be made in close consultation with local residents.	The Policies Map which accompanies the Local Plan shows the location of site GT003 at Daneshill. Nottinghamshire County Council - the Local Education Authority - are a statutory consultee for the Local Plan and have identified no concerns with site GT003 in relation to education. Para 7.16.2 identifies that there are currently 54 residential pitches in the District. There is a need for 40 pitches by 2037 to meet the needs of the gypsy and traveller community. Policy ST29 makes provision for new pitches to meet the identified need for the first 10 years of the plan (29 pitches). Policy ST29 also provides criteria against which any application for gypsy and traveller accommodation will be assessed. This will provide for the rest of the need.
REF293	The Wildlife Trust	This policy requires a section that states: The site would not lead to the loss, or adverse impact on landscape character and value, heritage assets and their settings, nature conservation or biodiversity sites; The four steps of the mitigation hierarchy should be applied — avoid, minimize, restore and offset are appropriate in this instance.	Policy ST32, ST34, ST35, ST36, ST37 and Policy 38 ensure that the impact of new development on landscape character, heritage and biodiversity is appropriately managed. This applies to gypsy and traveller accommodation. However for completion reference to biodiversity and heritage assets will be added to Policy ST29.