



# Walsall Council

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## **Planning Policy Team**

Dear Ms Tinsley,

### **Solihull Local Development Framework; Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document Submission Draft**

Your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 addressed to the Council's Chief Executive has been referred to me to respond. I am responding under delegated authority on behalf of the Council.

The number of new pitches proposed in the Document accords with the evidence in the 2012 GTAA. I note that this updates the previous 2008 GTAA by extending the time period over which future need has been estimated from 2017 to 2027. The numbers are compatible with those proposed in earlier regional work, including that for the RSS Phase 3 revision, as well as the Black Country GTAA which have now been incorporated into the Black Country Core Strategy. The 31 pitches that the Site Allocation Document proposes to allocate are a reduction from the total of 38 recommended by the 2012 GTAA because planning permission has been granted for 7.

Walsall Council can therefore support the draft document. We would also like to commend the clarity of both the 2012 GTAA and the draft DPD.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Planning Officer