

**Central Lancashire  
(Chorley, Preston South Ribble)  
2019 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation  
Assessment  
Key Findings**

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# Presentation summary

1. Overview and policy context
2. Research method
3. Baseline pitch and household information
4. Gypsy and Traveller 5 year and Plan Period pitch need and transit need
5. Concluding comments

# 1.1 Overview and policy context

- Updates the Central Lancashire GTAA 2013
- Takes account of new policies
  - 2019 National Planning Policy Framework
  - 2019 Planning Practice Guidance
  - 2015 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites

## 1.2 National policy context

- Para 61 of the NPPF recognises the need to assess a range of community needs including Travellers (as set out in PPTS 2015)
- PPTS 2015 sets a series questions about travelling behaviour
- Distinction in policy between ‘travelling Travellers and ‘non-travelling travellers’

# 1.3 National Policy Context

- Confusing
  - Travellers who actively travel
  - Non-travelling travelers are a component of overall housing need
- Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities Act 2010 protects the cultural choice of Gypsies and Travellers to live in mobile accommodation

## 1.4 arc4 response

- Overall 'Cultural need'
- PPTS need: this is a 'policy filter' applied to identify the level of need from those meeting the PPTS definition
- Up to date evidence to inform the preparation of the Central Lancashire Local Plan to 2036

## 2.1 Research method

- Desktop analysis of existing data on sites, unauthorized encampments and census data
- **Site observation** - visiting all sites and confirming number of households living on sites
- **Household interviews** – data obtained for ALL households living on pitches
- **Stakeholder survey** (7 responses)

## 2.2 Sites Pitches and households

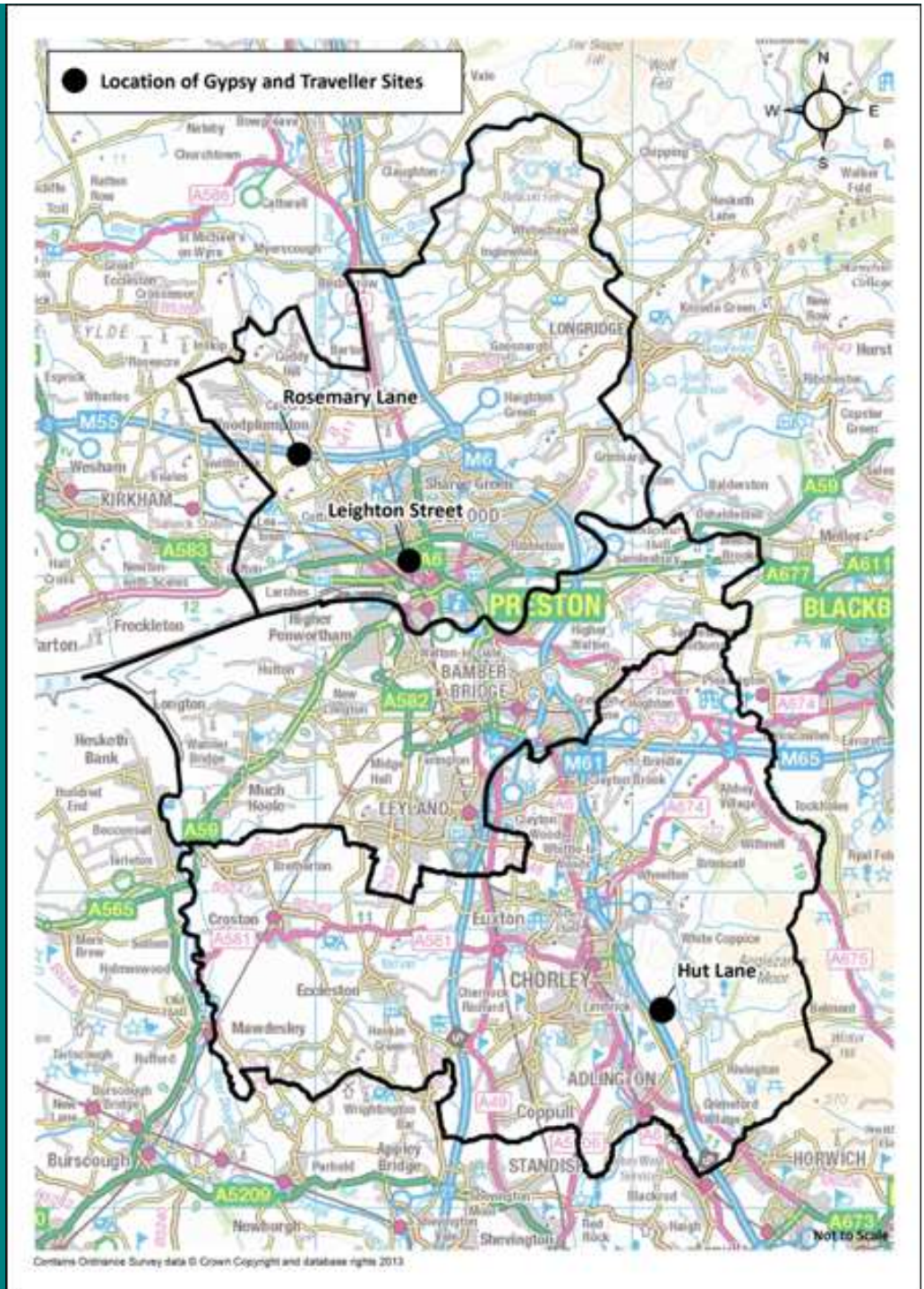
- Pitches
  - Land for amenity block, caravan, vehicles
- Site
  - Can comprise one or more pitches
- Households
  - Pitches can accommodate one or more households (for instance a couple and children or couple/children and other adult children and their families)
  - Careful judgements made on who is living on pitches as part of our analysis



# 3.1 Pitches, sites and households in Central Lancashire

| Gypsies and Travellers: Chorley      |               |              |                  |                   |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Tenure and type of site              | Pitch numbers |              |                  | Household numbers |                     |
|                                      | Total pitches | Total vacant | Occupied pitches | Total households  | Interviews achieved |
| Council (permanent) authorised       | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| Private (permanent) authorised       | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| Private (temporary) authorised       | 2             | 0            | 2                | 5                 | 5                   |
| <b>Total Gypsy and Traveller</b>     | <b>2</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>2</b>         | <b>5</b>          | <b>5</b>            |
| Gypsies and Travellers: Preston      |               |              |                  |                   |                     |
| Tenure and type of site              | Pitch numbers |              |                  | Household numbers |                     |
|                                      | Total pitches | Total vacant | Occupied pitches | Total households  | Interviews achieved |
| Council (permanent) authorised       | 15            | 0            | 15               | 15                | 15                  |
| Private (permanent) authorised       | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| Private unauthorised                 | 5             | 0            | 5                | 6                 | 6                   |
| <b>Total Gypsy and Traveller</b>     | <b>20</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>20</b>        | <b>21</b>         | <b>21</b>           |
| Gypsies and Travellers: South Ribble |               |              |                  |                   |                     |
| Tenure and type of site              | Pitch numbers |              |                  | Household numbers |                     |
|                                      | Total pitches | Total vacant | Occupied pitches | Total households  | Interviews achieved |
| Council (permanent) authorised       | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| Private (permanent) authorised       | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| Private unauthorised                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0                 | 0                   |
| <b>Total Gypsy and Traveller</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>            |

# 3.2 Site locations



# 4.1 Future pitch need: first 5 years (2019/20 to 2023/24)

| Step | Description  | Calculation |
|------|--|-------------|
| 1    | Total no. households living on pitches   |             |
| 2    | Estimate of households living in bricks and mortar   |             |
| 3    | Existing households planning to move (currently on sites, in bricks and mortar, moving in/out) |             |
| 4    | Emerging households needing a pitch (location, tenure)   |             |
| 5    | Total Need   | 1+3+4       |
| 6    | Current supply of authorised pitches (occupied and vacant)                                     |             |
| 7    | Total need for pitches   | 5           |
| 8    | Total supply of pitches  | 6           |
|      | <b>5 year need</b>   | <b>5-6</b>  |

## 4.2 Summary of need and supply 2019/20 to 2023/24

|                      | Chorley | Preston | South Ribble | Central Lancashire |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| Need                 | 9       | 28      | 0            | 37                 |
| Supply               | 0       | 15      | 0            | 15                 |
| Shortfall (cultural) | 9       | 13      | 0            | 22                 |
| Shortfall (PPTS)     | 9       | 11      | 0            | 20                 |

## 4.3 Longer-term need

- Number of children, when they will reach 18 and assume 50% form households and need a pitch
- Tried, tested and successfully defended method at planning inquiries

## 4.3 Longer-term pitch need

- Need over remainder of plan period 2024-2036
- Cultural and PPTS need the same as all children living in households that meet the PPTS definition

|         | Chorley | Preston | South Ribble | Central Lancashire |
|---------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2024-28 | 1       | 5       | 0            | 6                  |
| 2029-33 | 0       | 6       | 0            | 6                  |
| 2034-36 | 0       | 6       | 0            | 6                  |
| Total   | 1       | 17      | 0            | 18                 |

## 4.4 Overall need over plan period 2018/19 to 2034/35

- Overall need before potential supply considered

|          | Chorley | Preston | South Ribble | Central Lancashire |
|----------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| Cultural | 10      | 30      | 0            | 4                  |
| PPTS     | 10      | 28      | 0            | 38                 |

## 4.5 Addressing the need

- Turnover on local authority pitches
  - Expected number coming available as households move off (either die, move into bricks and mortar, move away from area)
- Regularisation of sites
  - Are there unauthorised and temporary authorised that could become permanent authorised sites



# 4.6 Turnover and regularisation :

## Preston

- Turnover
  - Lancashire County Council Site
  - 1.5 pitch turnover each year
  - Turnover expected:
    - 8 pitches over first five years
    - 18 over the remaining plan period to 2036
    - 26 pitches in total over plan period
  - Largely address the needs evidenced
  - Reduces Cultural need to 4 pitches and PPTS need to 2 pitches over plan period
- Regularisation
  - Council unlikely to support regularization of existing unauthorised site

## 4.7 Turnover and regularisation: Chorley

- Turnover not relevant (no Council sites)
- One Temporary Authorised Site
  - 2 pitches
  - 5 households
- Regularisation and intensification of use could address need

## 4.8 Transit need

- Considered evidence of unauthorised encampment activity
- Reported activity over past 3-5 years:
  - Chorley Median 3, Mode 3 (range 1 to 20)
  - Preston Median 4, Mode 2 (range 1 to 13)
  - South Ribble Median 4, Mode 8 (range 1 to 20)
- Transit site recommended
  - 5 pitches (10 caravans) would provide for the vast majority of unauthorised encampments
  - Central Lancashire response

## 5.1 Final comments on need

- **Preston**

- Recognise an overall plan period need for 30 pitches (cultural) and 28 (PPTS)
- Anticipate most of this need will be addressed through turnover
- Residual need for 4 (cultural) and 2 (PPTS) pitches

- **Chorley**

- Recognise an overall plan period need for 10 pitches (cultural) and 10 (PPTS)
- Could be addressed through regularisation and intensification of existing site

## 5.2 Final comments on need

- **South Ribble**
  - No need identified
- **Transit site**
  - Recommendation for 5 pitch transit site (accommodating up to 10 caravans) within Central Lancashire
- **Travelling Showperson**
  - Continue discussions with Travelling Showperson community to identify need