



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices • Ebley Mill • Ebley Wharf • Stroud • GL5 4UB
Telephone 01453 766321 • Facsimile 01453 750932
www.stroud.gov.uk

Email: tom.ridley@stroud.gov.uk

By Email: [Charlotte Glancy bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com](mailto:Charlotte.Glancy.bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com)

14th November 2022

Dear Victoria Lucas and Yvonne Wright

Thank you for your query regarding the implications of the recent case *Lisa Smith v SSLUHC [2022] EWCA Civ 1391* and the interpretation of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS).

The Council have reviewed the implications of the above case with our consultant RRR Consultancy Ltd and the other Gloucestershire authorities who make up the joint commission. The Gloucestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2022 (shortly to be published) used a methodology which provides first, an accommodation need figure based on ethnic identity; second, a figure based on the PPTS (August 2015), and a third which relates to the work interpretation (where accommodation need only takes account of those who travel in a caravan for work purposes).

Different GTAA's reach differing conclusions on which approach / definition to adopt and it is for local authorities to decide individually which approach to take for planning purposes. The consultants recommend that this be kept under review in the light of evolving appeal decisions and case law. That said the emerging GTAA recommends adopting the 'ethnic' definition accommodation needs figures i.e. meeting the accommodation needs of all households who ethnically identify as Gypsies and Travellers. This will not only demonstrate knowledge of the overall accommodation need of all Gypsies and Travellers, but also how the accommodation needs in relation to households not meeting the PPTS definition are being addressed. The Council will therefore look to satisfy the ethnic needs figure for this District, once the final report dated November 2022 has been agreed and signed off by the relevant Gloucestershire Authorities

Yours sincerely

Tom Ridley

Interim Planning Strategy Manager