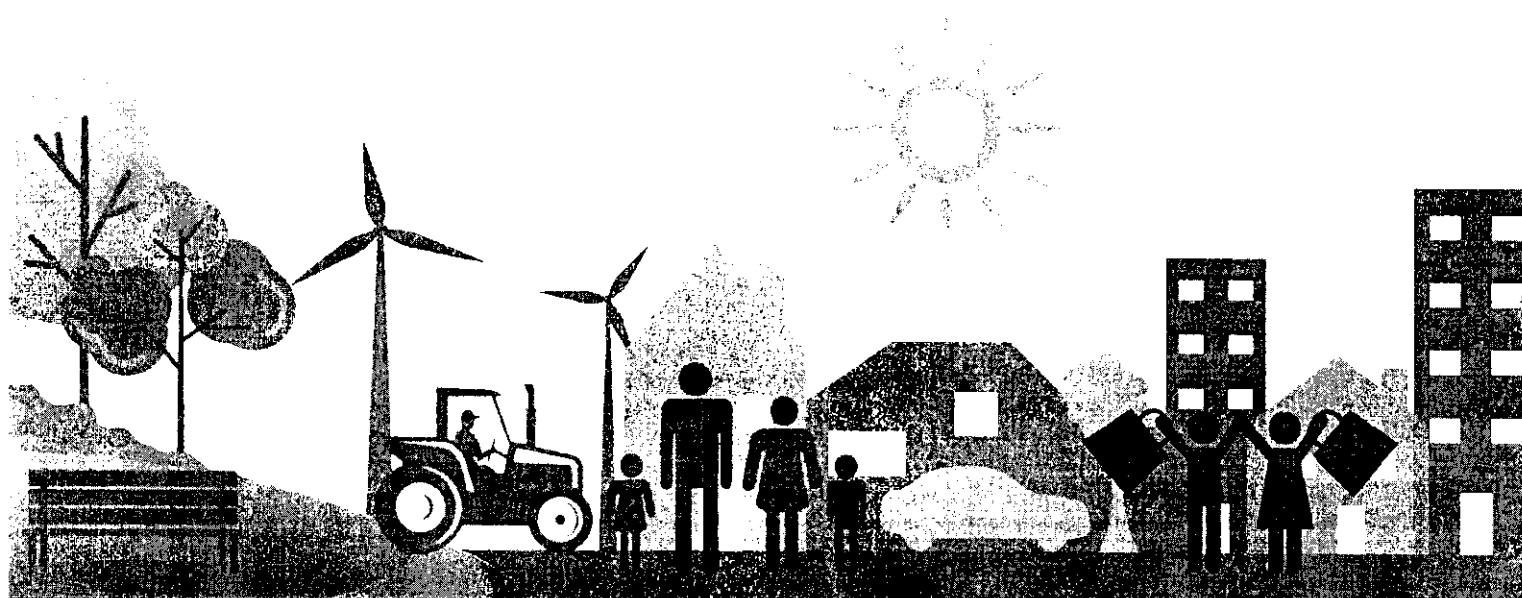
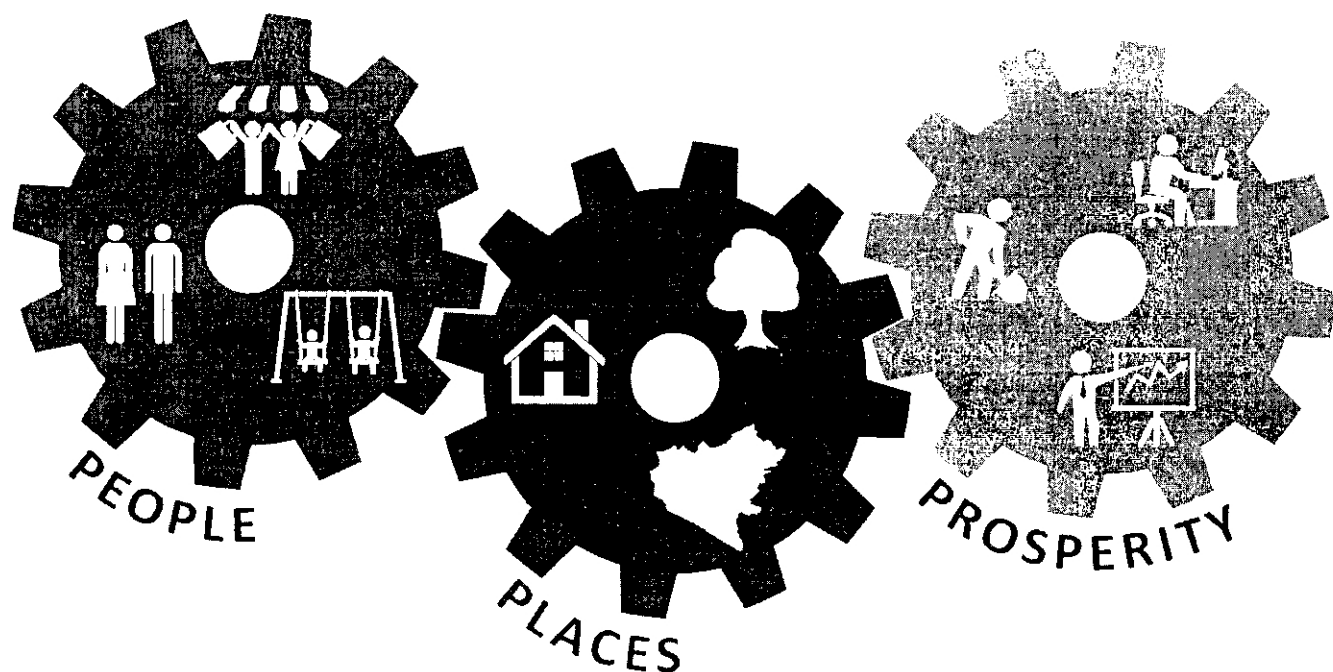


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2. Safe and Inclusive Communities

10. Positive Planning

11. Land for Development

Which Policy from the Local Plan 2006-2026 will this Policy replace?

This policy is a new policy for this Local Plan.

HO07 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

Proposals for new gypsy, traveller and travelling show people pitches, plots or sites will be supported where:

They are located within or adjacent the settlement boundary of Hinckley, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Barwell, a Key Rural Centre or Rural Village, or are extensions to existing gypsy, traveller and travelling show people sites, and:

- a. Provide a safe and convenient pedestrian and vehicular access to the site and sufficient space for parking and vehicle manoeuvring and storage;***
- b. Provide for convenient access to schools, shops, healthcare and other local facilities, preferably by walking, cycling or by public transport;***
- c. Provide appropriate landscaping to maintain visual amenity and provide privacy for occupiers;***
- d. Provide a safe and healthy environment for residents;***
- e. Include an appropriate level of essential services including access to drinking water, electricity, refuse storage and collection and sewage disposal;***
- f. Are sympathetic to its surroundings and do not have an unacceptable adverse effect on the character or appearance of the locality; and***
- g. Plots for Travelling Show People are of sufficient size to enable the storage, repair and maintenance of equipment.***

The Council will prepare a Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Development Plan Document (DPD) and will work with partners to identify and allocate suitable sites to meet the identified pitch needs as contained in the latest Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.

7.24 It is important to ensure that provision is made for the housing needs of a range of specific groups including gypsies and travellers and travelling show people.

7.25 The Government's Planning Policy for Gypsy and Traveller Sites (PPTS 2015) sets out that in preparing their local plan, local planning authorities should set pitch targets for gypsies and travellers, and plot targets for travelling show people, which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in their area.

7.26 Local planning authorities should:

- Identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide 5 years' worth of sites against their locally set targets;
- Identify a supply of specific, developable sites, or broad locations for growth, for years 6 to 10 and where possible for years 11-15;
- Relate the number of pitches or plots to the circumstances of the specific size and location of the site and the surrounding population's size and density; and
- Protect local amenity and environment.

7.27 The criteria will be applied to all applications for new gypsy, traveller and travelling show people pitches plots and sites. This includes applications for temporary stopping places and transit sites, which will still be required to meet all of the criteria, although the level of facilities provided on site should be appropriate to the type of site proposed.

7.28 It is important that accommodation for gypsies and travellers and travelling show people provides a suitable living environment with access to important services and facilities. Sites should be designed in such a way as to minimise its impact on the local area whilst ensuring sufficient provision is made for the storage of vehicles and equipment with particular regard to the needs of Travelling Show People.

7.29 A Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment has been prepared to provide a robust assessment of the current and future need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People accommodation in Hinckley & Bosworth. The Study identifies a need for 53 households that meet the planning definition to 2039. Through development of the Local Plan, there have been 3 formal call for sites exercises to seek land for a variety of uses including sites for Gypsy or Traveller households. Unfortunately this has not identified any suitable sites. The Council have commissioned some further work to look at pitch delivery opportunities such as the extensions to or expansion of existing sites in the borough. The potential for either of the allocated SUEs to accommodate pitches was also explored but consideration of the SUEs and what they can deliver is at an advanced stage. In order to identify suitable sites to meet these identified needs, the Council will need to work with partners across Leicestershire and with its neighbours along its Warwickshire border and produce a separate Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Development Plan Document.

7.30 Neighbourhood plans can also play a role in identifying land for gypsy, traveller and travelling show people plots and pitches, particularly where this would help meet identified local needs.

What evidence has informed the Policy?

Hinckley and Bosworth Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2021

Which spatial objectives will the Policy help deliver?

1. Healthy Communities and Places

2. Safe and Inclusive Communities

10. Positive Planning

11. Land for Development

Which Policy from the Local Plan 2006-2026 will this Policy replace?

Policy HO07 replaces Policy 18 in the Local Plan 2006-2026.

HO08 New Housing in the Countryside

In the countryside, new residential development will only be supported where it is for:

- a) *Housing to meet the needs of a rural worker(s), providing that:***
 - i. It is essential for one or more workers to live at, or be in close proximity to, their place of work to ensure they are readily available at most times for the effective operation of an agricultural, forestry or similar land-based rural enterprise;***
 - ii. There is evidence the rural enterprise is viable and has a clear prospect of remaining so for the foreseeable future;***
 - iii. There are no available existing dwellings or buildings suitable for conversion to residential use on the site of the enterprise or within close proximity of the enterprise;***
 - iv. The proposed dwelling is of a size and scale appropriate to the proper functioning and needs of the rural enterprise; and***
 - v. The permitted dwelling is subject to an occupancy condition restricting its occupation to a person who is directly employed by the rural enterprise on a permanent full time basis;***
- b) *The rebuilding or replacement of an existing dwelling where it leads to an enhancement of the character and appearance of the area and is proportionate to the size, scale, mass and footprint of the original dwelling and situated within the original curtilage;***
- c) *Housing in accordance with Policy HO10 Rural Exception Sites;***
- d) *The subdivision of an existing dwelling;***
- e) *The re-use of redundant or disused buildings which enhances the immediate setting, in accordance with Policy PMD04 Redundant Rural buildings; or***
- f) *A dwelling of exceptional design quality in that it is truly outstanding, reflecting***