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Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Travellers debate

Hi Cllr Burfoot,

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The procurement and appointment of consultants may not take a long time given that the Council has previously used consultants for this purpose in recent years. However, the timeframe for them to undertake their work, report it to the Working Group and then for the Working Group to formulate recommendations and report them to Council will be tight. Of course, the process doesn't end with a decision at a Council meeting. There will need to be discussions with the landowners and their legal representatives, which experience would suggest will not be concluded rapidly. I think it will be extremely challenging even if everything goes smoothly to identify and allocate a temporary site outside of the Council's ownership for occupation by the specific Traveller family from 31 January. I'm aware that the family moved from Ashbourne yesterday, which was a voluntary move, but that only took place 7 and half weeks after the decision on 29 September that they should move to Harrison Way. So, we know that this process is rarely straightforward with sites in the Council's ownership.

My personal view is that a decision would be needed by the Council during week commencing 12 December in order for various processes to be followed in order for the Matlock Bath site to be vacated by 31 January. If no site is allocated then it is very unlikely that a court will grant an eviction order.

Thank you for your kind remarks which I will share with colleagues. We remain committed to assisting Members in finding solutions although we recognise that it is not a straightforward process.

Best wishes,
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James McLaughlin
Director of Corporate & Customer Services and Monitoring Officer

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: 22 November 2022 13:08

To: McLaughlin, James <James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk>

Subject: Travellers debate

Hi James

In Sue's absence, with Covid, can I ask a question she would have asked on Thursday?

The report states (somewhere?) that the Council will consider charging travellers for services provided on approved sites. Is that suggestion only on any permanent sites or also on 'temporary tolerated' sites ?

Should charging go ahead, how would officers collect payment and enforce charges, given the possibility that traveller families, who rarely pay the council for anything, might well default? Could they be evicted for non-payment, in which case would they be 'intentionally homeless', and no longer the responsibility of the Council to accommodate?

Can I also ask another question concerning the timing of our imminent decision making? Given the natural break over the Christmas period, how can consultants be procured and given time to investigate sites, and report on them in time for officers to produce a meeting report in January? Of course, further sites must be agreed in January, prior to termination of the proposed temporary designation of Matlock Bath's Station Car Park at the end of the month.

Finally, Sue and I very much sympathise with yours, Tim's and other officers' dilemma and extra workload on this subject, and regret the evident intransigence of some members towards finding a solution.

Many thanks

Martin

Cllr Martin Burfoot

Matlock All Saints

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McLaughlin, James

From: McLaughlin, James
Sent: 23 November 2022 09:36
To: Wilson, Paul
Subject: FW: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

Paul,

For info from Cllr Allison.

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Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

Thanks for the detailed response James, it's much appreciated. I presuming that from approval of the recommendations there will be 11 working days for a decision to be made on the privately owned sites by week commencing 12th December. Given the other dependencies in this scenario we should be managing everyone's expectations, it's actually unfair on the family, residents and businesses in Matlock Bath to give them a date that is unattainable. To approve a deadline is unrealistic, it should be a hope and no more than that.

Best, Jacqui
Jacqui Allison
Doveridge and Sudbury

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On 21 Nov 2022, at 17:56, McLaughlin, James <James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Cllr Allison,

Thanks for your email.

This is not an easy question to answer as there are a number of issues to consider.

In order to secure an eviction order, the Council must have demonstrated that the Traveller family has not complied with a Direction to Leave by the Council. Having designated the land at Matlock Bath as a temporary site until 31 January, the Council will need to have identified an alternative site for the Traveller family to go to well in advance of that date and have given direction to leave Matlock Bath. The best option will be to secure a voluntary move by the family, which necessitates engagement with them or their representatives, to an alternative site. If that isn't achieved then it will be difficult to envisage that the family will have left the Matlock Bath site by 31 January.

After the Council meeting on Thursday, there will be 21 working days before Christmas and 42 working days until 31 January. There is no delegated authority to make any decisions on the designation of another site, so at least five clear days need to be subtracted immediately to accommodate the organisation and holding of a Council meeting. If a recommendation on one or both of the two privately owned sites is forthcoming, there will need to be a decision at the Council.

If a decision is made (and there is no guarantee that there will be a positive decision by the Council) it will require the completion of legal agreements with the landowner(s). With the best will in the world, this will take a number of days to resolve even if our own legal services give it immediate and urgent attention, but as there is no guarantee that lawyers acting on behalf of landowners will do the same. We may find that they move with pace, but experience would suggest will be unlikely given their other caseloads.

I would anticipate that a decision on alternative sites will be needed by the Council no later than week commencing 12 December. If no sites are agreed for designation, then (as Tim has outlined below) there is little chance of securing an eviction order from the site at Matlock Bath because of the homelessness duty that the Council has to this specific Traveller family. The absence of a fall-back position will remain a concern until such time as the Council makes a decision on an alternative site(s).

Best wishes,
James

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Dear Paul , James

In Tim's absence , if a date needs to be put against occupation of the site at Matlock Bath , what do officers consider is achievable and will alleviate some of the concerns you have ?

Best, Jacqui

Jacqui Allison
Doveridge and Sudbury

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Nov 2022, at 15:32, Braund, Tim <tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk>
wrote:

Cllr Allison

Thanks for your email. Again it's difficult to give a definitive reply to the question. I think it would be fair to say though that the question is causing Paul, James and me some real concern.

Regards

Tim

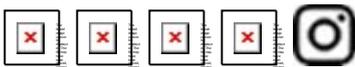
PS I am away from work for 2 weeks after today, but James and Paul will pick up on any queries about this work stream.

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Thanks Tim , that's really helpful .

Given that the process will take weeks, and there is the Christmas period to consider in the middle of this timeframe , will moving the family by 31st Jan be achievable ?

Best , Jacqui

Jacqui Allison
Doveridge and Sudbury

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Nov 2022, at 11:51, Braund, Tim <tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk> wrote:

Cllr Allison

Thanks for your email. There is no exact answer to your question, but I will explain as best I can.

There are 2 routes that officers use to secure the movement of the Traveller family from one site to another: informal agreement and formal legal action. There have been times when the informal route has worked very well and we have secured an agreed move on the day that all parties agreed to. However, it also carries significant uncertainties, usually manifesting themselves as the last minute failure to move by the family. This is currently the situation at Ashbourne.

The formal legal route provides more certainty, but often takes a number of weeks to bring to a conclusion. The main reason for this is that whilst colleagues in the Environmental Health and Legal teams here at DDDC are well practised and very efficient at producing the required evidence and undertaken the necessary paperwork, we are reliant on the Courts finding a date to hear our case – to a large extent we are in their hands on this and although we can and do stress urgency, this does not always mean that they can fit our claim in very promptly.

To try and get the best out of both these routes, we often run both approaches in parallel, as we are doing now in relation to Ashbourne.

In my view, in order to have any real chance of a successful voluntary move, we will need to have identified an alternative site that the family considers to meet their needs some weeks in advance. It would be very unlikely that officers would be able to persuade the family to move to a site that they considered to be unsuitable. Equally, if we are applying to the Courts we would need the same arrangements in place, firstly to avoid the possibility of legal challenge and secondly to ensure that the Court looked favourably on our application.

Whilst I can't give an exact number of days, I hope that this reply gives some idea of the types of timescales required.

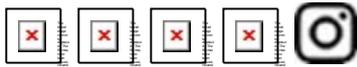
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Good morning James/Tim

Having read the report, can you clarify the following for me

For the family to be removed from the Matlock Bath station road car park by the 31st January when will the council need to instigate the process of removal ?

And to start the process what needs to be in place, do we need to have identified a site to direct them to ?

Best , Jacqui

Jacqui Allison
Doveridge and Sudbury

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On 16 Nov 2022, at 16:04, McLaughlin, James
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wrote:

Good afternoon Cllr Allison,

Thanks for your email.

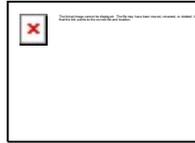
There are two sites recommended by the Working Group for designation as temporary sites:

- Derwent Way Car Park in Matlock
- Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park – until 31 January 2023.

We haven't established likely costs for independent consultancy yet, but will have a figure in time for next week's Council meeting.

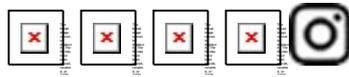
Best wishes,
James

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Good afternoon James,

Couple of questions -
What sites are being recommended ?
How much will it cost to engage consultants ?

Best , Jacqui
Jacqui Allison
Doveridge and Sudbury

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On 16 Nov 2022, at 10:57,
McLaughlin, James
<James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning Members,

Please find attached the draft report of the Working Group that is proposed to be submitted to Council and summarises the recommendations that came out of the meeting held on 2 November 2022, which was attended by 9 of the 11 Members of the Working Group.

For ease of reference the recommendations listed in the report are:

Recommendations

These recommendations were endorsed for submission to Council by 9 Members of the Working Group (Councillors Jacqui Allison and Steve Flitter were not present at the meeting where these proposals were agreed and have not indicated their consent).

- 1. That the Council formally endorse and support the Urgent Decision taken by the Director of Corporate and Customer Services, on the recommendation of the Working Group and with the consent***

of the Chairman of the Council and the Leader of the Council, to designate the land at Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family until 31 January 2023.

2. **That the Council formally designate the land at north of Derwent Way Car Park in Matlock as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family with an accepted local connection to the Derbyshire Dales.**
3. **That, subject to the designation of the site at Derwent Way Car Park, officers be authorised to install appropriate utilities for use by the specific Traveller family at that site.**
4. **That the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate and Customer Services or Director of Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to instruct specific Traveller families to vacate designated temporary sites and direct to alternative temporary sites (as identified and approved by the full Council) and that Ward Members be**

notified of any such instructions and directions.

- 5. That the Working Group be authorised to continue its work to investigate and evaluate other sites that have been identified in the southern and central areas of the Derbyshire Dales that are not in the ownership of the District Council, engage with the specific Traveller families and report its findings and recommendations to a meeting of the Council in January 2023.***

- 6. That authority be delegated to officers to appoint consultants for the purpose of supporting the working group in determining whether other sites outside of the Council's ownership in the southern and central areas of the Derbyshire Dales are viable and suitable for recommendation to the Council for development as temporary sites for use by Gypsies and Travellers.***

- 7. That the need for the Council to identify an additional temporary site to be utilised from 31 January 2023 and the legal***

implications of failing to designate an additional temporary site within that timeframe be noted.

8. That, having considered the views of Town/Parish Councils, local residents, businesses and Ward Members, the following sites not be considered as suitable for designation by the Council as potential temporary sites for Gypsies and Travellers with a local connection to the Derbyshire Dales:

- i. Auction Close Car Park, Ashbourne**
- ii. Leisure Way Car Park, Ashbourne**
- iii. Clifton Road Coach and Car Park, Ashbourne**
- iv. Cokayne Avenue Recreation Ground, Ashbourne**
- v. Cokayne Avenue Car Park**
- vi. Shawcroft Car Park, Ashbourne**
- vii. Fish Pond Meadow Overspill Car Park, Ashbourne**

- viii. **Fish Pond Meadows Playing Fields, Ashbourne**
- ix. **Playing Field, Ashes Avenue, Hulland Ward**
- x. **Old Station Close Car Park, Rowsley**
- xi. **Land north west of Middleton Cemetery, New Road, Middleton**
- xii. **Land adjacent to 26 Griggs Gardens, Wirksworth**
- xiii. **Land to South East of Hopton Works, Middleton Road, Wirksworth**
- xiv. **Arc Leisure Car Parks, Morledge**
- xv. **Temple Walk Car Park, Matlock Bath**
- xvi. **Artist Corner Car Park, Dale Road, Matlock Bath**
- xvii. **Huntsbridge Recreation Ground, Alfreton Road, Tansley**
- xviii. **Town Hall Rear Car Park, Edgefold**

- xix. **Road,
Matlock
High Tor,
Matlock**
- xx. **Land at
Harrison
Way,
Northwood**
- xxi. **Monsal Head
Car Park,
Ashford**
- xxii. **Land to the
south of 59
Yeld Close,
Bakewell**
- xxiii. **Car Park at
Agricultural
Way,
Bakewell**
- xxiv. **Nether End
Car Park,
Baslow**
- xxv. **Hawkhill
Road Car
Park, Eyam**
- xxvi. **Parsons
Croft Car
Park, Mill
Lane,
Hartington**
- xxvii. **Land to the
rear of Edge
View, Stoney
Middleton**

****This would not preclude third parties from approaching the Council in respect of these sites or submitting planning applications for the development of these sites. This decision would not indicate predetermination in respect of any future deliberation in respect of these landholdings of the Council.***

If the Council agrees to the recommendation for the Working Group to continue its work to investigate and evaluate those sites outside of the Council's ownership, then it will be necessary to reconvene for meetings at an early point as the deadline of 31 January 2023 to evict the specific Traveller family from Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park can only be realised if officers are given an alternative site to direct the family to.

I have been asked to put this report on the Council agenda for 24 November 2022, which will be published later today. If you have any urgent comments please relay them to me by email at your earliest convenience.

Finally, whilst I have drafted this report, it is not my report – it is the report of the working group. Officers have provided information and data and arranged site visits, but this is the work of Members as the Council required in establishing this working group at its previous meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in this review to date.

Best wishes,
James

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