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# The development of a Gypsy and Traveller Transit site

Environment and Regeneration  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
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Working for a *brighter future* together



# The aim of the presentation is to:



Advise Members of the process taken so far to bring forward a transit site



Advise Members on the next steps



Consult Members on the recommendation to be put to Cabinet in December



Other Matters not related to specific Cabinet Decision




The submission of a planning application to be submitted for the site



To determine the allocation of the site under the SADPD

The  
development of  
a Gypsy and  
Traveller Transit  
site.

The presentation  
will cover 

- Assessing the need for a Gypsy and Traveller Transit site.
- Current levels of Unauthorised encampments
- The role of the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team
- Identifying a suitable site
- Next steps



# Assessing the need for a Gypsy and Traveller Transit site

- **Requirements under the:**
  - Housing Act 2004
  - National Planning Policy Framework 2019
  - Planning Policy for Traveller Sites 2015for Local Authorities to identify accommodation needs for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show people and to establish a five year land supply in order to address these needs
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) - updated in August 2018

# Assessing the need for a Gypsy and Traveller Transit site

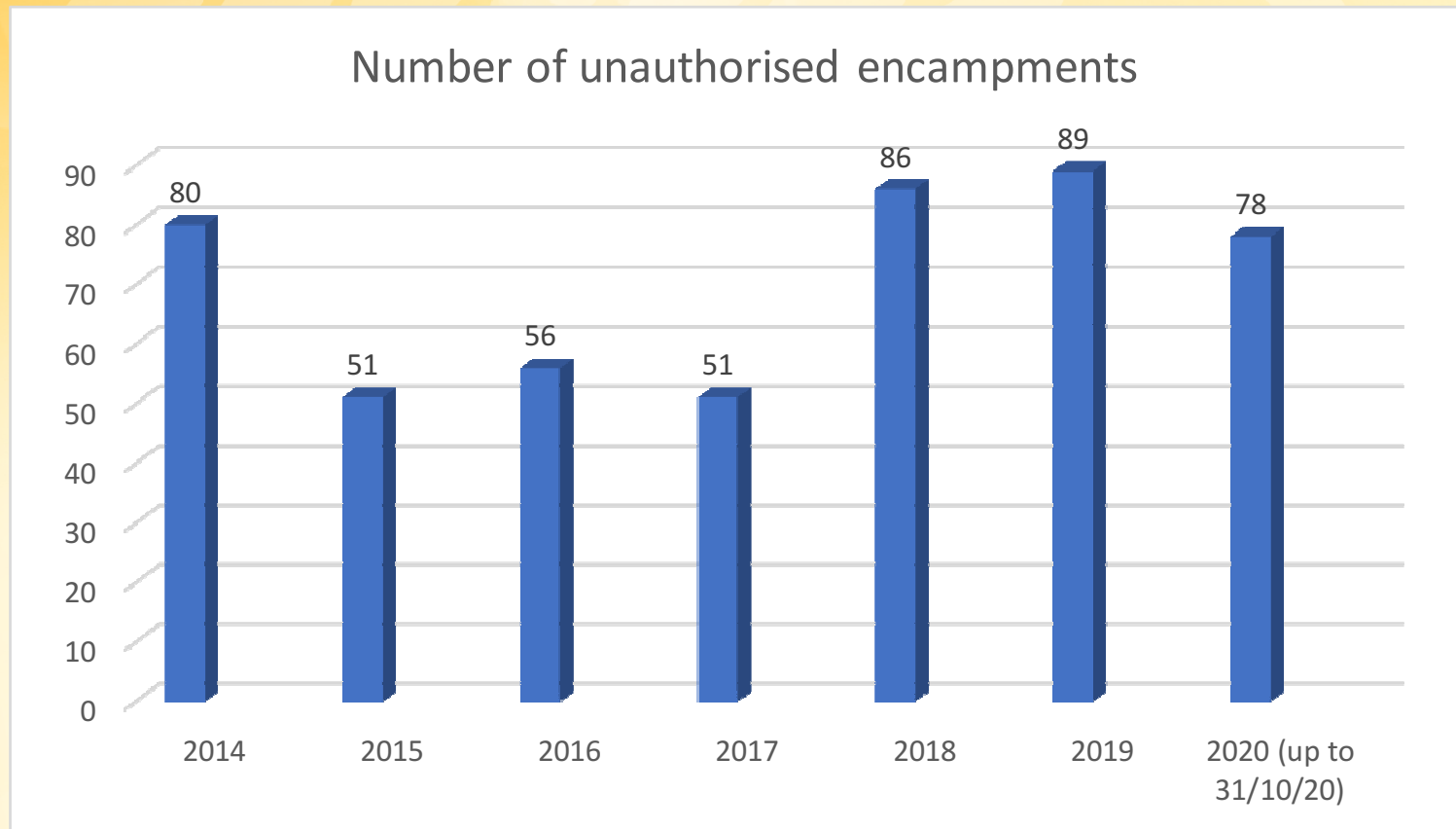
- GTAA identified the need for:

	Total
Gypsy and Traveller residential pitches	32
Transit site pitch provision	5-10
Travelling Showperson Plots	5

# Unauthorised encampments

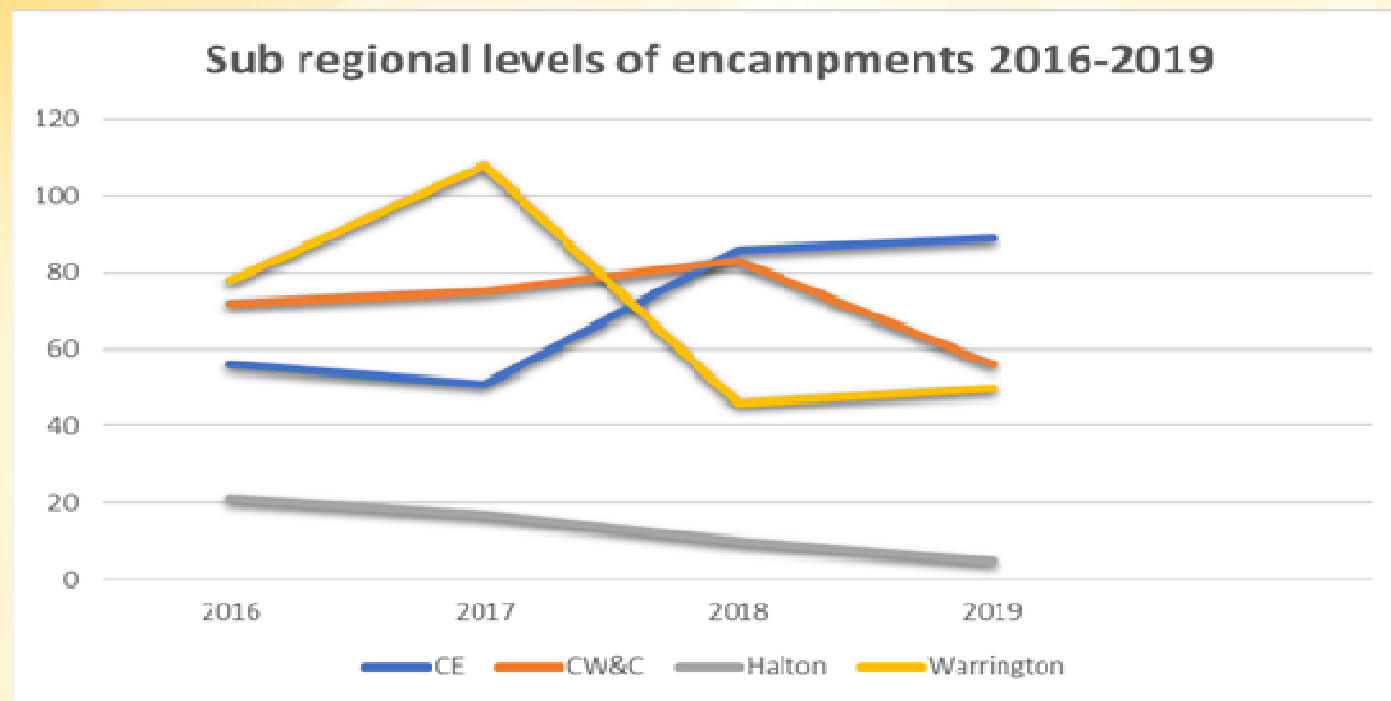
- Gypsy and Traveller culture is to travel – nomadic lifestyle
  - Work
  - Lack of Transit site provision leads to unauthorised encampments
  - Residing in unsafe, unhealthy environments at the roadside
  - Frequently asked questions -  
[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/housing/strategic\\_housing/gypsies\\_and\\_travellers.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/housing/strategic_housing/gypsies_and_travellers.aspx)

# Unauthorised encampments



# The role of the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team

- Manage unauthorised encampments across the sub region





# The role of the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team

G&T policy & strategy development

Manage unauthorised encampments  
across the sub region

Manage council site provision

Raise awareness

Strategic Partnership

# Identifying a suitable site – Cledford Hall, Middlewich

- Granted planning permission as a transit site in 2015, now expired
- Proposed allocation for 10 transit pitches in the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD)
- Following Cabinet decision 6 October, the SADPD has been published for representations (Monday 26 October to 5pm Monday 7 December)
- Next stage after this will be the examination of the SADPD by a Planning Inspector in 2021
- The rationale for allocating the Cledford Hall site is set out in evidence accompanying the SADPD

## Next steps towards the delivery of a Transit site

- Manchester and Cheshire Construction were appointed to undertake pre-construction services to carry out surveys, develop the design, prepare an application for Planning Permission and tender the work packages.
- Planning application is to be submitted December 2020.
- Cabinet report – December 2020 to seek approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder of Environment and Regeneration to award a construction contract to a preferred bidder should planning permission be granted.







**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**

