

The Swale 2023 GTAA established the need for pitches from people who identify as Gypsy or Traveller regardless of whether they met the nomadic habit of life test set out in the 2015 PPTS. Therefore, the evidence provides a basis for assessing need for all Gypsy and Traveller households living in Swale.

The updated PPTS 2024 broadened the scope of coverage to 'all other persons with a cultural tradition of nomadism or of living in a caravan'. This can include New Travellers and GTAAAs going forward will need to consider any needs arising from other groups.

The Swale 2023 GTAA focused on the needs of Gypsies and Travellers as set out in national policy at the time the study was prepared. However, it concluded 'To support the wider needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, the Council should also set out criteria-based policies to inform future planning applications for private Gypsy and Traveller sites and Showperson's yards should they arise over the plan period'. This conclusion can be reasonably extended to any additional needs from other nomadic groups who have a cultural need to live in a caravan.

