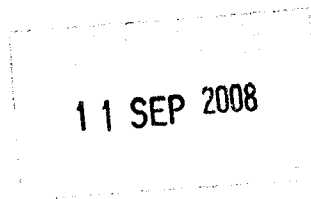


PT12 ITEM 17(a)



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1 September 2008

Dear Colleague,

**PARTIAL REVIEW OF THE SOUTH EAST PLAN:
GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

The Regional Assembly is seeking your views on providing places to live for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East. We are updating the South East Plan, our 20 year plan for the region, to see how many camping spaces should be provided in each council area. We are doing this work in response to new Government requirements.

The main issues for comment are:

- The proposed number of new spaces for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East; council advice suggests that in the South East to 2016 we need 1,064 new places for Gypsies and Travellers, and up to 274 for Showpeople
- The number of spaces that should be provided in each council area; we want views on four possible options for allocating spaces.

Enclosed for your consideration is a consultation pack. Further information and our online response form are available at: www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/consultations.html. Contact us (telephone 01483 555 202 or email secretariat@southeast-ra.gov.uk) for extra copies of the consultation pack.

Responses must be received by the Regional Assembly by 5pm on **21 November 2008**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Moira Gibson'.

Moira Gibson
Regional Planning Committee Chairman

Tel: (01424) 787600 (Customer Services)

Your ref:

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Mrs. T. Thom

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29th September 2008

PT12 ITEM 77(b)



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Mr. R. Farhall
Clerk to Rye Town Council
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TN31 7LA

Dear Mr. Farhall,

RE: SEERA Exhibition on Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East, De La Warr Pavilion 14th October 2.30pm - 7.30pm

In response to new Government requirements, the South East of England Regional Assembly (SEERA) is updating the South East Plan - a 20 year planning framework - to identify how many new spaces for Gypsies and Travellers should be provided in each Council area. New spaces will cut homelessness among Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and help reduce unauthorised encampments.

You may have already been contacted by SEERA regarding this consultation. SEERA has asked councils to host a public event where people can review the consultation material, ask questions and discover more about the process of updating the South East Plan and the implications for local planning.

The District Council will be hosting a **public exhibition** on the **14th October 2008** from **2.30pm-7.30pm** at the **De La Warr Pavilion**, Marina, Bexhill on Sea, TN40 1DP and you are invited to attend. This will be run as a 'drop-in' event; there will be a 10 minute film to watch and exhibition boards introducing the consultation. The Consultation Booklet and a summary of the Sustainability Appraisal will be available to take away and an officer of the Regional Assembly will be available to answer questions. Officers from Rother District Council will also be in attendance.

The Regional Assembly wants your views on providing new accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East and hope you will be able to attend this event. If you are unable to attend please feel free to send a representative in your place. For further general information on the consultation please visit: www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/gt or call 01483 555202.

Yours sincerely,

Tondra Thom
Planning Strategy and Environment