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Dear Policy Team,  
South Lakeland –Development Management Policies

I offer comment on behalf of the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups in response to the above consultation document.

Progress in formulating a strategy to deal with Traveller site provision is disappointing. The absence of an up-to date assessment of need is a cause for concern.

Reliance on policy CS6.5a is simply not good enough, particularly as that policy is non-compliant with National policy as set out in DCLG's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS).

A new policy must be adopted which specifically provides criteria to assess applications which are submitted, even where no need has been identified, as required by Paragraph 10 of PPTS. This requires that Local Plans set out criteria for dealing with applications even where no need has been identified. No such policy is available to deal with planning applications in South Lakeland.

Yours sincerely,

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