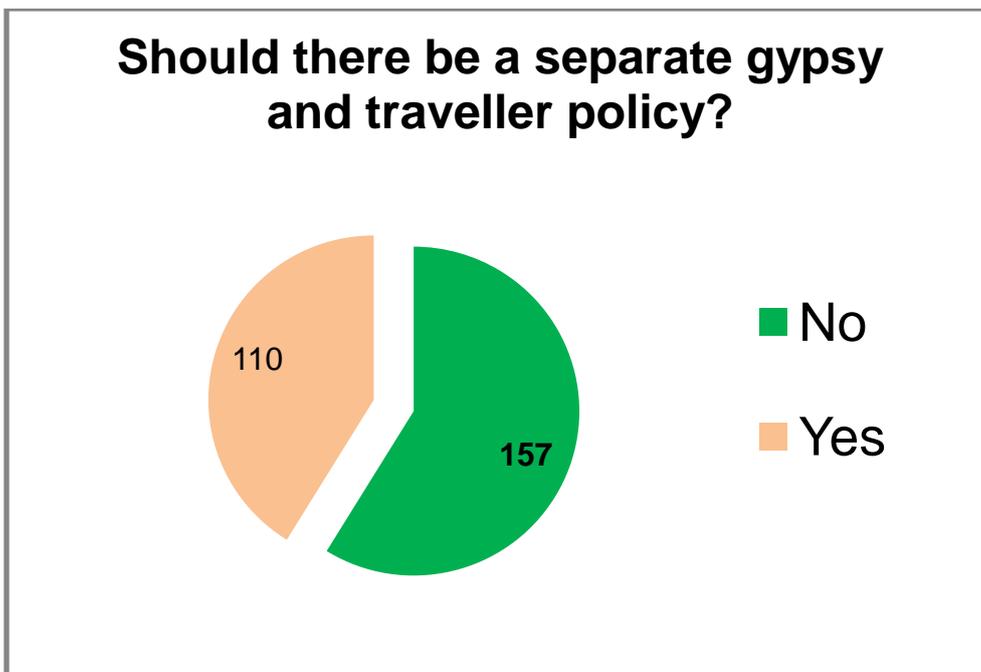


# Boughton & Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

## YOUR COMMUNITY – YOUR FUTURE

**Q4** Do you think that our neighbourhood plan should have a separate section for Gypsy and traveller policies, in the same way as Swale, or should all issues be dealt with under normal planning constraints?

<b>Yes, there should be a separate policy.</b>	110
<b>No, they should be part of the normal planning process.</b>	157



Are there any other comments or suggestions that you would like to make.

**Yes, there should be a separate policy.**

We have one at the back of the Gate Garage.

Gypsies should not get free social housing. They should pay bills just like we do. Not get special treatment or be on TV shows

Although I feel there should be stricter policies, gypsies just ignore, set up camp and then refuse to move. Calling any complaints – “racist”, “civil rights”, “diversity” etc.

Yes and the policy should be none here

They should, under no circumstances, be allowed to settle in the neighbourhood – it would affect relationships between existing inhabitants and put a strain on already limited resources.

Land within the envelopes is not enough for a gypsy and traveller area. There already one at Brotherhood Wood which should be enough

Dunkirk already has a large gypsy / traveller site, so we think there shouldn't be any more sites in the village

Development here should be limited and they should only be given permission if they contribute to Council tax, water rates etc

No gypsy and traveller sites at all as I know the problems it can cause with them

There are quite a few rural wards throughout Swale who are delighted that they have managed to foist an excessive proportion of the Swale gypsy sites / population on to our wards !!!!! We need to fight back

I think that we have got our fair share already. Not too many in Selling or Graveney Mr. Bowles

Gypsy and Travellers pay no charges for local tax or utility usages. Why should tax payers money be spent on them?

Have not lived in the area long enough (6yrs) to make a comment

It would be interesting to know the pros and cons of both approaches. We feel however that a separate policy would reduce the hassle and any controversy for local planners

No travellers, in past were a nuisance

A separate plan for dealing with their removal is essential to reduce the problems they cause

There should be no more expansion of traveller sites as Swale already has sufficient

Nothing has changed in Boughton we have been unable to identify sites in the past

### **No, they should be part of the normal planning process.**

Gypsy issue is national and must remain with SBC. As communities we would not want Gypsy compounds next to our properties as they devalue the properties and the general issue of integration will come up.

Wish gypsy sites were monitored more. They seem to get to do anything they wish. People in authority are not doing their jobs.

Don't really understand the implications of this

Gypsies and Travellers should be treated equally and comply to the same planning rules as everyone else

They already have a site at Gate Services

Nobody discriminated, everyone treated the same. That goes for all societies. Wouldn't we all like land set aside for us to have cheap housing to abuse the system!

Gypsy sites should be controlled by permit also those with permits should pay ground rent, council tax, rates etc as everyone else

There should be **NO** separate section and they should live within the community

No gypsy pitches

They should not be allowed retrospective planning permission

I don't know what a separate policies are, but it seems far too easy for gypsies to get P/P on land that no one else could

It is outrageous that any group (life style) gypsy traveller is treated differently to the rest of us. Planning rules must be the same for all

Gypsy and travellers should not be given special status as we all know where that leads to.

Everyone should abide by the same rules

Proper gypsies not so called travellers

All sections of society should comply in the same way to the planning process

Maybe a site for tourists and holiday makers to bring money to the area. Shorter stays such as caravan club site, not gypsy

Gypsy families shod be treated as everyone else including leaving sites tidy when they move on instead of us rate payers picking up the bill

Why should gypsies be treated any different when they do not contribute to the community as is expected of us

The G & T community is already too high a percentage of the population of Dunkirk

They should pay taxes like the rest of us

In Plumbstead (London) the sites were put in place for a limited traveller facility this degraded into a site of tinkers this equalled rubbish in the countryside

Everyone should follow planning rules to safeguard the place where we live

Vigilance re suspicious planning applications

Better enforcement needed

Not tight enough control over the existing gypsy sites

Gypsies and travellers should comply with the conditions and rules that apply to the public

Leave these people alone and respect them as fellow human beings. Astonished at this question Racism?

We already have sufficient gypsy / traveller sites. A suggestion by certain councillors recently of providing a number of sites on each new estate built would not work. We are sure some councillors would certainly not want them on their patch

I'm afraid I currently don't know enough about what a separate gypsy policy might look like, so have answered according

Gypsies should be subjected to **exactly** the same regulations as anyone else in this country

Same rules should apply as for all other planning applications

Gypsies do not want to be discriminated against. The best way to ensure this is to apply exactly the same rules to them as to anyone else in the community. Where they want to stay in static caravans they are basically giving up the traveller way of life to live like the rest of us and should be treated accordingly.

Don't know, as we don't know the implications of each choice

I'm not sure. Whichever involves the greatest level of local consultation

They shouldn't need permanent sites as they're travellers so that's what they should do travel

Not enough information to comment

Why is so much attention paid to gypsy / traveller sites. Gypsy / travellers seem to have increased immensely during the past few years. Why should they expect and get special treatment?

If permission is given after a traveller has occupied; and then it should have restrictions on the sale of the property if sold within a given time

Local people need to decide relative to local considerations of need

As I have no idea what Swale Council does but would have to give this a lot of consideration

### **General**

AGAIN What is the difference between both policies if it means should there be preferential treatment for gypsies – then NO

Unsure

Not sure how to answer this as my knowledge of the planning process is very limited

I feel that gypsy encampments in our area would not be acceptable

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