

SANDWELL LOCAL PLAN 2024-41 EXAMINATION

SCHEDULE OF ACTION POINTS FOR THE COUNCIL

Day 2 – Matter 2

2.10	Explain the reason why G&T sites to 2041 is '+1' on the total in the GTAA to 2039.
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RRR Consultancy have provided methodology for pitch and plot requirements to 2041.

The calculation of additional need for the period 2039–2041 applies the same future growth rate used for the years beyond the initial five-year period, as established in the survey-based assessment.

As presented in the report:

Gypsies and Travellers (chapter 5)

Accommodation needs 2026-39

Paragraph 5.54 Considering future need, only natural population increase, mortality, and movement into and out of the study area need be considered. The base figures regarding the number of pitches on sites at the end of the first 5-year period are shown in Table 5.10 below. Please note that the 2021 base figures include both authorised occupied and vacant plots, whilst the 2026 base figures assume that any potential plots have been developed.

Paragraph 5.55 In relation to this accommodation assessment, analysis of the current population indicates that an annual household growth rate of 2.8% per annum (compound) equating to a 5-year rate of 14.8% is more appropriate. This is based on an analysis of various factors derived from the surveys including current population numbers, the average number of children per household, and marriage rates. It is assumed that these rates are likely to continue during the period 2026-2039.

Travelling Showpeople (chapter 6)

Requirement for residential plots 2026-2039

Paragraph 6.37 Considering future need, only natural population increase, mortality, and movement into and out of the study area need be considered. The base figures regarding the number of plots on sites at the end of the first 5-year period are shown in Table 6.8 below. Please note that the 2021 base figures include both authorised occupied and vacant plots, whilst the 2026 base figures assume that any potential plots have been developed.

Paragraph 6.38 In relation to this accommodation assessment, analysis of the current population indicates that an annual household growth rate of 2.5% per annum (compound) equating to a 5-year rate of 13.1% is more appropriate. This is based on an analysis of various factors derived from the surveys including current population numbers, the average number of children per household, and marriage rates. It is assumed that these rates are likely to continue during the period 2026-2039.

An Addendum to the Black Country GTAA 2022 for Sandwell (May 2025)

The following tables have been updated due to the Local Plan period being changed from 2039 to 2041. Also, Table 5.13 is now only based on the Ethnic definition of need, as this needs category

from the 2022 assessment adheres to PPTS 2024, and the other two needs definitions (PPTS 2015 ‘travel for all’ and PPTS 2015 ‘travel for work’) are no longer applicable.

Table 5.13: Summary of accommodation 2021-41 (pitches)

Period	Need
2021-26	9
2026-31	3
2031-36	3
2036-41	4
Total	19

Source: GTAA 2022

Table 6.11: Summary of accommodation 2021-41 (plots)

Period	Need
2021-26	20
2026-31	4
2031-36	4
2036-41	5
Total	33

Source: GTAA 2022