

## North West Plan Partial Review

### Newsletter – February 2009

Welcome to a special newsletter for the North West Plan Partial Review.

In this newsletter;

- Find out about **new workshop arrangements** and dates
- Find out about new consultation **closing date**
- Catch up on what's been happening in the workshops

For more information about what is going on keep checking the web site, using the registered users link. The site is frequently changing and being updated.

Don't forget to access the current consultation via the web site you need to be registered. It takes a few moments and you will be sent a registered users link within 24 hours.

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### Consultation Workshops – We're listening

#### Gypsy and Traveller workshops

Following feedback from Local Authority Officer, members and members of the Gypsy and Travellers community, 4NW have taken the decision to change the way we are running the workshops.

All Gypsy and Traveller workshops will be open to Local Authority members as well as officers from planning and housing. Please try and ensure that you have one of each of these three groups represented at the meetings.

Date	Time	Venue	Sub Region
23.02.09	9.30am	Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre	Greater Manchester
27.02.09	9.30am	Quaker Meeting House Chester	Liverpool and Cheshire
4.03.09	10.00am	Shakespeare Centre, Kendall	Cumbria
17.03.09 <b>[NEW VENUE]</b>	9.30am	<b>Burnley Football Club, Harry Potts Way, Burnley</b>	Lancashire

Please email [nwppr@cagconsult.co.uk](mailto:nwppr@cagconsult.co.uk) to book a place on these workshops.

Separate meetings will be held for community members and times and dates for these will be arranged with community organisations.

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### **Consultation time frame extended**

Again in response to feedback from workshop participants 4NW have extended the closing date for this current consultation period.

The new consultation end date is **27<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

This applies to;

- Car Parking Standards
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Travelling Showpeople

Don't forget to visit the web site to submit an online response, if you are aware of another organisation or person that should be involved please let the consultation team know on [nwppr@cagconsult.co.uk](mailto:nwppr@cagconsult.co.uk)

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### **Showpeople workshops**

To date three workshops have been held for Showpeople and Local Authority Officers.

The workshops have been very successful in providing an opportunity for community members and officers work through and discuss issues, especially about the allocations and the numbers.

But officers have also had the opportunity to get a real understanding of Showpeople's housing needs and how those needs have come about.

One participant from a Lancashire authority said that the session was "very helpful" and that it was essential to get face to face discussion with members of the Showmen's Guild and understand how they operate and what their requirements are.

Informal feedback has told us that by gaining a real understanding of Showpeople's lives and having the opportunity to ask questions has changed people minds about what showmen are and do and helped them develop local policies that better reflect local needs.

There is only one workshop left for Showpeople; we hope it will be as useful as the others.

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Date	Time	Venue	Sub Region
26.02.09	11.00	Carlisle Cathedral	Cumbria

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### And finally . . .

A few reminders;

- **Since 1999 Gypsies and Irish Travellers have been recognised in English Law as ethnic groups and protected under the Race Relations Act**
  - The timescales are very tight for this consultation; please make sure that your organisation can discuss the options by getting this stage on to agendas very quickly
  - Please also make sure that on line responses are co-ordinated so only one response per theme is submitted by your organisation
  - If you need paper copies – just let us know
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