

North West Plan Partial Review

Newsletter – March 2009

Welcome to the fourth newsletter for the consultation of the North West Plan Partial Review.

CLOSING DATE REMINDER – 27th March 12midnight

For more information about what is going on keep checking the web site, using the registered users link, www.northwestplanpartialreview.org.uk/stakeholders.

The site is frequently changing and being updated.

Consultation Workshops – We really were listening

Thanks to everybody for taking part in the recent dialogue workshops, in each case the workshops proved extremely productive for all sides.

Some of the feedback the consultation team has had from 4NW has included comments from Michael Gallagher telling us that he has taken on board comments from the workshops and will be considering them in the next draft of the policies.

Some local authority officers or members told the consultation team that they found the sessions really helpful. They told us they had received useful information and had been enlightened about the issues affecting the lives of Gypsies & Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

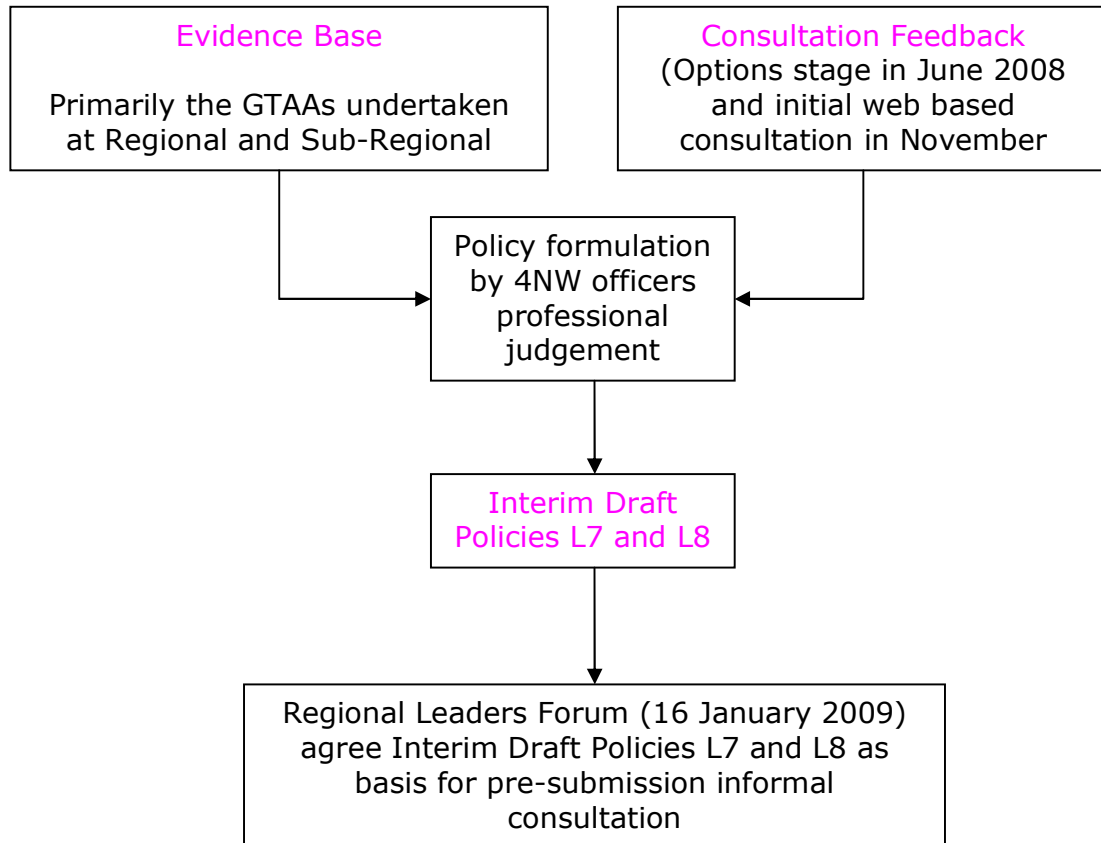
Travelling Showmen gave the team lots of positive feedback and felt that they had had a real opportunity to influence the policy and speak face to face with local policy makers.

Technical Note

As a result of requests at the workshop, 4NW have produced a technical note that provides information on how the Interim Draft Policy Figures for Gypsies and Travellers, and Travelling Showpeople developed.

The technical note is available to download from the consultation web site and it outlines the essential steps that have led to the formulation of the

pitch and plot figures included in the draft policies. These steps are summarised in the figure below.



The technical note also provides further detail on specific aspects of evidence and consultation feedback included at each stage.

Next steps

Following the workshops you have **another chance to shape the policy** through contributing to the consultation through going to the web site and submitting a response online, or (if web use is not possible) email or via the free phone line.

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To further build this policy 4NW need you to tell them how you think the policy, numbers or supporting text need changing, what to and why. It will be especially helpful to have any supporting information or evidence to back up your suggested changes.

Following this stage there will be further chances to comment on the policy as it progresses through more formal stages after July 2009. **However this current extra stage has been arranged by 4NW to give everyone a two way opportunity to shape the policy together in its early stages, so please do contribute as much as you can now.**

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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