

## ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION AND HEARING DATE MATTER 4 ISSUE 5 – ACCOMMODATION FOR GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

Following the Stage 1 Hearing Sessions of the Examination of the St. Albans City and District Local Plan, the Council consulted on additional evidence relating to gypsy and traveller accommodation. This consultation was held between 4 July and 22 August 2025. The evidence, contained in Examination Document SADC/ED79, included suggested changes to the Local Plan and a list of sites.

Further to the hearing session held on 15 October 2025, the Council has now proposed that additional changes are made to the Local Plan, including the identification of specific sites to meet the identified need for gypsy and traveller accommodation and changes to Policy HOU6. The suggested changes are shown in Examination Document SADC/ED88.

This document can be accessed in the Examination documents or via the link below:-

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/examination-documents-0>

There is no expectation for individuals/organisations to submit comments on SADC/ED88, but should any interested party wish to comment, submissions must be made in writing and sent to my email address [louise@poservices.co.uk](mailto:louise@poservices.co.uk) by **5.00 pm on Friday 28 November**.

Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.

An additional hearing session has also been scheduled to take place on Thursday 11 December to discuss the suggested changes. The hearing will start at 10.00am and will be held in the Council Chamber, St Albans City and District Council, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, AL1 3JE.

Participants should be aware that no further Matters, Issues and Questions will be published by the Inspectors at this stage. The purpose of the additional hearing is to discuss Examination Document SADC/ED88 and for interested parties to make any representations to the Inspectors on that document. Participants should also be aware that written representations carry the same weight as those made orally. Therefore,

participation at the additional hearing session is only necessary if there are specific points that you wish to contribute orally at the hearing.

Should you wish to attend the additional hearing session on 11 December 2025, you must confirm this with me in writing by **5.00 pm on Friday 28 November 2025** at the latest. If I do not receive written confirmation, it will be assumed that you do not wish to participate and that you will be relying on any written submissions.

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