

Gloucestershire GTANA 2026 - Cotswold (July 2026)

This note has been prepared by RRR and Cotswold District Council to support the Cotswold Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation and has been published in advance of the wider Gloucestershire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) (RRR, 2026), which was being finalised at the time of writing and will be issued in due course. It provides a summary of the current provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers within Cotswold District and identifies the need for additional permanent residential pitches over the plan period to 2043. The findings are drawn from the Gloucestershire GTANA and are intended to provide the evidence required to inform the Council's approach to meeting identified accommodation needs through the emerging Local Plan.

Gypsies and Travellers

There are 55 pitches with planning permission (43 occupied at the time of the assessment)

Table 1: Assessment of the need for permanent residential site pitches 2026-2031

1) Current occupied permanent residential site pitches	43
<i>Additional residential supply</i>	
2) Number of unused residential pitches available	2
3) Net number of households on sites expected to leave the area	2
4) Number of households on sites expected to move into housing	1
5) Residential pitches planned to be built or brought back into use	10
Total Additional Supply	15
<i>Additional residential need</i>	
6) Seeking permanent permission from temporary sites	0
7) Households (on pitches) seeking residential pitches in the area	0
8) Households on transit pitches requiring residential pitches in the area	0
9) Households on unauthorised encampments requiring residential pitches	0
10) Households on unauthorised developments requiring residential pitches	0
11) Households currently overcrowded (or hidden household members)	10
12) Net new household units expected to arrive from elsewhere	2
13) New household formations expected to arise from within existing households	7
14) Households in bricks and mortar with a cultural preference need a pitch	8
Total Need	27
<i>Balance of Need and Supply</i>	
Total Additional Pitch Requirement	12

Source: GTANA 2026

Table 2: Summary of permanent accommodation needs 2026-43 (pitches)

Period	Pitches
2026-31	12
2031-36	8
2036-41	8
2041-43	4
Total	32

Source: GTANA 2026

Meeting Identified Need

The GTANA identifies a need for 32 additional permanent residential pitches in Cotswold District over the period 2026-2043. The assessment does not identify specific sites to meet this need. In accordance with the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, the Council will need to undertake an assessment of site and land availability through the Local Plan process to identify a supply of deliverable sufficient to

maintain a five-year supply of specific deliverable sites, and developable sites sufficient to meet the identified need across the plan period.

Methodological Notes and Assumptions

The following notes explain key assumptions and methodological approaches used in the assessment of accommodation need. They provide context for the calculation of pitch requirements and should be read alongside the accompanying tables and findings.

Additional need

Households currently residing on highway land (without planning permission) were not considered to have an identified need at the time of the assessment. Accordingly, these households have not been included within the calculation of accommodation need.

This conclusion is contingent upon the assumption that the Council will continue to make appropriate provision for these households should their current circumstances change. If the existing arrangement becomes unavailable and households subsequently require alternative pitch accommodation, an additional need for accommodation would arise. Any such requirement would exceed the need identified in this assessment and would need to be addressed through future monitoring and review processes.

Clarification of steps

NB Step 14: As no reliable Census data is available to identify the number of Gypsy and Traveller households residing in bricks-and-mortar accommodation within Cotswold, a proxy approach has been applied. This assumes a requirement equivalent to 15% of the total authorised residential pitch stock (54 pitches with planning permission), resulting in an estimated need from 8 households. The total authorised pitch stock has been used as it provides a more stable indicator of the size of the resident Gypsy and Traveller community than the number of occupied pitches at a single point in time, which may fluctuate due to temporary vacancies and changes in occupancy.

This approach is consistent with that adopted in the previous assessment, although the underlying rationale has changed. The previous assessment was based on evidence of psychological aversion to conventional housing, whereas this assessment reflects a cultural preference for caravan-based living and a demonstrable need for a pitch, consistent with the requirements of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) 2024.

Another change since the previous assessment is that we no longer include mortality-related supply, either within the first five years or in future growth calculations. This is because the death of an occupant does not necessarily result in the loss of a household or the release of a pitch, as pitches commonly remain occupied by other household members or are subsequently occupied by family members. Accordingly, we have applied the 11.4% household growth rate identified in the previous assessment, but have not deducted a mortality rate from the future accommodation-need calculations.

Needs of Other Groups

Showpeople: No known yards and therefore no known identified need.

Boat dwellers: This need is shared across the wider study area, although the number of residential moorings required has yet to be determined. However, given the absence of navigable waterways in the Cotswold District, residential moorings are not anticipated to be required. Consequently, any identified need is unlikely to have implications for the Council's future provision of accommodation.

Future Monitoring Considerations

The accommodation needs identified in this assessment relate to households for which sufficient evidence was available at the time of the study. Additional accommodation needs may arise during the plan period from households (Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and boat dwellers) not included in the assessment, including households associated with in-migration, unauthorised developments, unauthorised encampments, and some households residing in bricks-and-mortar accommodation. These potential needs have not been included within the identified pitch requirement and should be considered through ongoing monitoring and review and should be considered separately from the need identified in Tables 1 and 2. Any needs arising from such circumstances may be met through future site allocations, planning permissions, or windfall developments, as appropriate.