

(by email)

Our reference: MGLA010926-8475

19 October 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 September 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You requested:

1. Any response or correspondence received from the London Borough of Islington following the Mayor's representation of 30 January 2026, and following the representation of 18 August 2026, in particular on the population growth rate and on Part C of draft Policy GTSP1.
2. All correspondence between the Greater London Authority and the London Borough of Islington concerning the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan since 18 August 2026.
3. Any statement of common ground, memorandum of understanding or other duty to co-operate document concerning Gypsy and Traveller accommodation that has been proposed, drafted or circulated between the Greater London Authority and the London Borough of Islington since 25 August 2026. I ask because a note of a meeting held on that date, disclosed by the London Borough of Camden under reference CAM13665, records that Islington undertook to draft updated statements of common ground.
4. Any recorded information held by the Greater London Authority concerning site GT3, 71 Ronalds Road, beyond the passage in the Regulation 19 representation, including any correspondence with Network Rail or with Transport for London about that site.
5. Any internal advice, note or assessment supporting the conclusion in the Regulation 19 representation that the draft Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *Any response or correspondence received from the London Borough of Islington following the Mayor's representation of 30 January 2026, and following the representation of 18 August 2026, in particular on the population growth rate and on Part C of draft Policy GTSP1.*

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No correspondence has been received from London Borough of Islington relating to Islington draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan following the Mayor's representations of 18 August 2026.

2. *All correspondence between the Greater London Authority and the London Borough of Islington concerning the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan since 18 August 2026.*

Please find attached. Please note that some names of members of staff are exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13 (Personal information) of the EIR. Information that identifies specific employees constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject

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No statement of common ground, memorandum of understanding or other duty-to co-operate document concerning Gypsy and Traveller accommodation has been proposed, drafted or circulated between the GLA and the London Borough of Islington.

4. *Any recorded information held by the Greater London Authority concerning site GT3, 71 Ronalds Road, beyond the passage in the Regulation 19 representation, including any correspondence with Network Rail or with Transport for London about that site.*

The GLA has not had any correspondence with Network Rail regarding site GT3.

Please see below correspondence between TfL and the GLA.

Hi [Regulation 13 – Personal information]

Site GT4 Ronalds Road is located above the tunnel south of Drayton Park National Rail Station, on the existing Moorgate – Finsbury Park rail line, Network Rail should therefore be consulted upon the likely impact to its infrastructure and asset from this site, with adequate protection measures ensuring the continue safe operation of the railway.

Regards

[Regulation 13 – Personal information]

From: [Regulation 13– Personal information]

Sent: 18 August 2026 16:16

To: [Regulation 13– Personal information]

Cc: [Regulation 13– Personal information]

Subject: Re: Draft Islington Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan Review - TfL comments

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

Hi [Regulation 13 – Personal information]

Could you please draft a line re the network rail coordination for Ronalds Road site to be included within GLA response?

Ccing [Regulation 13 – Personal information – GLA Planning] so she is aware before sending the response today. (Attached TfL Reg 18 response)

Many thanks,

[Regulation 13– Personal information]
Principal City Planner | TfL Local Plan Programme Lead
Spatial Planning | [Regulation 13– Personal information]

5. *Any internal advice, note or assessment supporting the conclusion in the Regulation 19 representation that the draft Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan.*

Please see attached briefing to the Deputy Mayor on the proposed response to Islington Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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Agenda item

Jules' Planning Issues Meeting

Prepared by:	
Meeting Date:	6 August 2026
Item:	Mayor's response to London Borough of Islington's Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation
Format:	Meeting paper - written
Purpose:	To provide an update and seek agreement on our proposed response to Islington's Gypsy and Traveller draft Local Plan

Background

- London Borough of Islington (LBI) is consulting on their Regulation 19 Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan (GTLP), closing on 18 August 2026. The draft Plan identifies seven sites to deliver 9 to 12 pitches over the plan period (2026-2041). There are currently no sites or pitches within the borough.
- LBI consulted on a Regulation 18 version of the Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan in January 2026. This identified nine sites to deliver 10 to 13 pitches. Our response welcomed the approach being taken by LBI to meet the identified need for 11 permanent pitches and considered the draft Plan was in general conformity with the London Plan.

Updated evidence and supporting documents

- The July 2026 Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Review: Topic Paper provides justification for the sites and policies proposed in the draft Plan as well as discussion and comment on relevant representations received during previous rounds of consultation. Consistent with the Regulation 18 plan, this confirms that the need is based on the London-wide GTANA.
- Of the nine sites included in the Regulation 18 consultation, the Topic Paper identifies that two sites have not been taken forward:
 - The site at GT1 – Stephen's Ink Estate has been removed due to it being the sole piece of amenity grass space for estate residents and impacts on trees.
 - The site at GT7 – Pleasant Place Garden has been removed because it is designated as public open space which is used by local residents.
- An addendum to the Gypsy & Traveller Site Assessment (June 2026) has been published alongside the draft Plan. This follows the approach of the 2025 site assessment to consider the further 48 sites submitted as part of the Regulation 18 consultation process. No new capacity has been identified from these sites.

- LBI have published an anti-racism engagement statement as part of the supporting documents. This states that inappropriate comments that make use of stereotypes and discriminatory language to characterise the Gypsy and Traveller community will be rejected.

Draft Policies and Sites Proposed for Allocation

- Policy GTSP1 sets out the Councils approach to meeting the identified need for 11 Gypsy and Traveller pitches over the 15 year Plan period. The policy includes a ten year pitch target of 10 pitches, which responds to our comment at Regulation 18 stage and brings the policy into full alignment with LP2021 Policy H14.
- Policy GTSP1 also sets criteria as to what sites will be prioritised for delivery (those with larger site capacities) and safeguards Gypsy and Traveller sites that are delivered from redevelopment unless replacement pitches/sites of equivalent quality and size are provided.
- Policy GTSP2 makes provision to ensure that Gypsy and Traveller sites follow 4 core design principles; they must be contextual, connected, inclusive and sustainable. The supporting text recognises that a pitch would be expected to include a single storey amenity building, space for a static caravan, touring caravan and a parking space.
- Seven site allocations are proposed, with a total estimated capacity of 9 to 12 pitches. The sites are all Council owned, and most are located on Council estates. All are expected to be deliverable within the first five years of the plan period, between 2026/27 to 2030/31.

Ref	Site name	Ward	Potential no. of Pitches	Existing use
GT1	Aubert Court	Arsenal	2-3	Estate amenity space.
GT2	Aberdeen Lane	Highbury	1	Standalone area of car parking serving residents of nearby block.
GT3	Ronalds Road	Highbury	2-3	Car park and vacant land.
GT4	Athenaeum Court	Mildmay	1	Car park
GT5	Mayville Estate	Mildmay	1-2	Estate parking/garages.
GT6	Mora Street	St Peter's and Canalside	1	Standalone car park that is used by residents of the adjacent Gambier House.
GT7	Upper Hilldrop Estate	Tufnell Park	1	Car parking and amenity space

Conclusion and Next Steps

- We are very supportive of LBIs efforts to meet their Gypsy and Traveller accommodation need, especially given the historic undersupply. Our response will confirm that the Regulation 19 plan is in general conformity with the London Plan 2021.

From: [REDACTED]@islington.gov.uk
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Question about late submissions on Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan consultation
Date: 01 September 2026 08:52:56

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We had a flurry of 40 or 50 requests to extend and we decided we would do so informally as a formal extension would have required us to write to everyone again which is a undertaking as with site allocations we write to residents within a 30 metre buffer of each site. Also as you note we're up against it with the hard deadline at the end of December so it's a bit of both.

This is what we sent in response to residents:

Thank you for your email. The Regulation 19 Consultation on the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan is scheduled for six weeks, from 7 July to 18 August 2026. This is in line with Government regulations on statutory consultations and reflect Islington Council's Statement of Community Involvement which provides the approach to consultation for the preparation of the borough's Local Plan. The consultation was scheduled for two full weeks in advance of school holidays to ensure that residents who would be notified of the consultation prior to the end of term.

*In light of the number of requests received to extend the consultation period, we are not able to extend the formal consultation deadline but **the council will accept late submissions to the consultation, if they are submitted by Tuesday 1 September 2026.** We are not able to accept submissions beyond 1 September for the following reasons:*

- 1. Planning and Development Service requires sufficient time to duly consider all responses received once the consultation ends. The draft Local Plan and the associated reports then need to go through internal reporting procedures and be considered by the council Executive and the Full Council, prior to being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by end of December 2026. Extensions to the consultation period reduce the amount of time to thoroughly review consultation comments, finalise any changes and get a formal sign off of the draft Local Plan in time for the December submission deadline.*
- 2. Residents have had previous opportunities to make representations on the proposed strategic policies and sites. The Regulation 19 follows earlier engagement exercises as part of the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Review, including the Regulation 18 consultation on the Draft Local Plan which set out the proposed site allocations. Residents may also have the opportunity to make representations directly to the Planning Inspector during the forthcoming Local Plan Examinations. Kindly note that in order to do this, a submission must be made to the Council during this current Regulation 19 consultation.*

Hope this explains it and congrats on the interim position.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>

Sent: 27 August 2026 15:08

To: [REDACTED]@islington.gov.uk>

Subject: Question about late submissions on Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan consultation

[External]

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope all is going well at Islington. I had a quick question that I hope you wouldn't mind answering – when submitting our response to the Gypsy & Traveller Reg 19 consultation, I noticed that info on the webpage that you'd be accepting late submission up until 1 September.

I was interested in why the wording was that you weren't able to extend the formal consultation, but you'd accept late submissions. Wonding if this was to do with e.g. statutory notice requirements in the Regs (for when launching the draft London Plan I was reminded of the paper notice), or is it more to do with keeping to the original timetable so you can submit by the end of 2026?

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Cheers, [REDACTED]

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