

Appendix 3: Draft Policy RM15: Land adjacent to 'The Retreat', Old Romney

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Land adjacent to 'The Retreat', Old Romney is allocated for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation with capacity for 4 pitches comprising amenity blocks, parking for static and touring caravans, visitor parking; and storage.

Development proposals will be supported where

1. Vehicular access is from Lydd Road (A259) and appropriate space for turning and manoeuvring is provided within the site.
2. Pitches are sensitively sited and located away from the areas of highest flood risk.
3. A surface water drainage and foul sewerage disposal strategy is resolved to the satisfaction of the statutory authority;
4. A Phase 1 Habitat Survey is undertaken by a licensed ecologist to assess the presence of Protected Species on or near to the site. The drainage channels abutting the site should be assessed for their ecological importance and if appropriate mitigation measures introduced that maintain or improve water quality in accordance with CSD5 of the Core Strategy
5. Proposals (including any commercial activities) are compatible with and would not have an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents; and converse and enhance the natural environment in accordance with Policy NE2.
6. There is a landscaping scheme that retains the existing trees and hedgerows along the north, south and western boundaries; and where appropriate enhances the eastern boundary through additional planting.
7. Additional boundary treatments are compatible with the rural setting and wider landscape.
8. The archaeological potential of the land is properly considered and appropriate archaeological mitigation measures are put in place.
9. The development should be occupied by only those that fulfil the definition of a Gypsy or Traveller.