

## Additional information for the DC Committee 25 May 2021

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**Show persons site including the erection of a 3-bed bungalow, 3 no caravans and an area for parking and maintenance of fairground vehicles and equipment. Deerplay**

### **Need**

Reason for refusal No 1 is that there is no need for a show person's site in Rossendale. This is based on the 'Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show person Accommodation Assessment 2016'. This states that *'there are currently no travelling show people living in Rossendale and on this basis there is no need for plots'*. The report is out of date and clearly there is a show person family living in the Borough. Moreover, Councils are required to identify and update annually a 5-year supply of available sites. There are none in Rossendale.

So, the reason for refusal based on need cannot be sustained.

(The proposed traveller site at Sharnerord is not a site suitable for show persons where it is recognised they need a yard for the parking and maintenance of their showground equipment)

### **Character and appearance**

Reason for refusal no 2

The area, while certainly attractive, has no special landscape protection.

A landscaping condition can control appearance.

Moreover, the site is largely hidden from the road and from which the vast majority of people will view it.



In this respect it would be less visible than the proposed traveller site at Sharneyford and would be more sustainably located.

### **Highway and access**

Reason for refusal no 3

LCC highways have objected that stationary vehicles turning into Bacup Old Road from the Burnley direction cannot be seen by approaching vehicles. This is clearly not the case as the following photo indicates: -



Sight lines to and from the Bacup direction are now good following the demolition of broken- down walls near the junction which previously interfered with visibility towards Bacup.

The junction is used regularly by agricultural machinery with trailers.