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To: Councillor Alun Thomas (leader@ntp.gov.uk)

CC: Rachel Jordan (r.jordan@npt.gov.uk)

28th November 2016

Dear Alun

Thank you for submission of your Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for consideration by the Welsh Ministers. I have now considered the Assessment and approved its content, in accordance with section 102 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. The Council is required to publish its approved Assessment.

The Assessment indicates a surplus of 3 pitches in the period up to 2021 and the need for 4 pitches in the Local Development Plan period. I would urge the Council to exercise caution in relation to addressing the surplus pitches given the longer term identified need.

This round of GTAAs represents the first time that the new methodology for assessing accommodation needs, as set out in the Welsh Government's 'Undertaking Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments Guidance', has been applied. The Guidance will be reviewed in 2018, and in advance of this, an online survey will be undertaken by the Welsh Government in order to gather the views and comments of local authorities and others who were involved in this round of GTAAs. The responses to the survey will inform the review of the Guidance.

I note that in establishing a growth rate figure, for the purpose of estimating future need, the Council had regard to estimated dissolution over a five year period, which is over and above that envisaged by the Guidance. Whilst this has not affected my approval of the Assessment, my officials will further consider the Guidance in this regard as part of its review in 2018.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Council will be required to undertake and submit a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment to the Welsh Ministers by 24 February 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carl Sargeant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'C' and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

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