

Proposed Travellers Site-The Uplands Dickens Heath

- This site was not suggested as a suitable site in the LDF July/August 2011 and only suggested now to reduce the number of un-authorised sites in the Borough
- The area already has its fair share of traveller sites nearby
- This site is currently only for 3 pitches but could easily accommodate many more caravans in the future if this site was designated. Even if the Council restricted the number to the existing two units, at Appeal, a strong case for expansion of this site could be made and upheld by an Inspector.
- The site is in the Green Belt and Government Policy is to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development. In this case the Green Belt area is very narrow in this locality which would adversely affect the openness of the area and contribute to coalescence of the settlement of Dickens heath with the outskirts of Shirley.
- Just because this pitch has been an un-authorised site for many years does not mean that it should stay.