

# **Dacorum Citizens' Panel Gypsies and Travellers Potential Site Survey 2009**

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## **Cross-tabulations for Dacorum Borough Council**

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# Project Overview

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## **The Survey**

### Report Contents

This document contains weighted cross-tabulations for the 2009 Dacorum Citizens' Panel Gypsies and Travellers Potential Sites Survey. The data in this volume is also available electronically.

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### Survey Scope

The survey contained questions on the Gypsy and Traveller sites.

The questionnaire was distributed to panel members w/c 15th December 2008. The cut-off date for returned questionnaires was 8th January 2009.

## **Survey Response**

The survey was distributed to 1,090 panel members in total, 402 completed questionnaires were returned, yielding a response rate of 37%.

Although the survey was distributed to all panel members, the returned sample can be unbalanced due to non-response by some members. Therefore, the survey results are, where necessary, weighted to correct any imbalances in the returned sample.

Comparative data was available for gender, age, ethnic group, tenure, and area. Results were checked against these and then subsequently weighted by age, area and housing tenure. The tables on the following pages show the un-weighted and weighted profiles of the responses to the survey.

Please note \* denotes a percentage which is less than 1%

Gender – All Respondents	Un-weighted cases	Un-weighted data (response)	Weighted data
Male	208	52%	47%
Female	189	48%	53%
Not Known	5	-	-

**Figure 1: Gender – All Respondents**  
 Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding

Age – All Respondents	Un-weighted cases	Un-weighted data (response)	Weighted data
18-24	14	4%	10%
25-39	66	17%	28%
40-64	227	57%	41%
65 and over	88	22%	21%
Not Known	7	-	-

**Figure 2: Age – All Respondents**  
 Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding

Employment Status – All Respondents	Un-weighted cases	Un-weighted data (response)	Weighted data
Working - full-time employee	166	42%	45%
Working – part-time employee	53	13%	14%
Working – self-employed	38	10%	9%
Not working – retired	105	27%	22%
Not working – looking after the home	19	5%	6%
Not working – unemployed and available for work	5	1%	2%
Not working – on a government training scheme	0	0%	0%
Not working – full-time student/other	2	1%	1%
Not working – permanently sick/disabled	3	1%	2%
Not working – other	3	1%	1%
Not Known	8	-	-

**Figure 3: Employment Status – All Respondents**

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding

Ethnic Origin – All Respondents	Un-weighted cases	Un-weighted data (response)	Weighted data
White	381	98%	97%
Non-White	9	2%	3%
Not Known	12	-	-

**Figure 4: Ethnic Origin – All Respondents**

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding

Housing Tenure – All Respondents	Un-weighted cases	Un-weighted data (response)	Weighted data
Owner occupied	333	86%	73%
Social Housing	43	11%	22%
Rented privately/other	9	2%	6%
Not Known	17	-	-

**Figure 5: Housing Tenure – All Respondents**

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding

# Interpreting Data - A User's Guide

## 1. General

### 1.1. Valid Data

In a perfect world, respondents to questionnaires would answer every question – but in practice respondents may overlook some questions, decline to answer or say that they “do not know”. Normally, when analysing responses to questionnaires the data primarily to consider is the ‘valid data’ – that is, the views of respondents who expressed an opinion.

#### Q. A1 - Is this your only home?

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
1	Yes	50	50%	50	67%
2	No	25	25%	25	33%
95	Not Answered	25	25%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

In the above example, 100 people returned a questionnaire. For question A1: 50 answered yes; 25 answered no; and the remaining 25 did not answer – yielding a 50%, 25% and 25% split respectively. However, in this case, we are interested primarily in the respondents who gave an answer (Yes or No). This is the ‘valid data’.

If we consider question A1 above, 75 of the 100 responses should be considered ‘valid data’. The percentage splits can then be calculated as 67% for yes (50 out of 75) and 33% for no (25 out of 75).

All analysis including cross-tabulation uses only ‘valid data’. For this reason the population labelled as ‘Count’ should be noted, as when this number drops so would the statistical significance of the result.

## 2. Basic Data Tables

### 2.1. Frequency Tables

For questions requiring a single answer from the respondent, basic analysis is produced in frequency tables – which display the full range of answers given with details of counts and percentages. The percentages are shown in two ways: firstly, as a proportion of the number of returned questionnaires; and secondly as a proportion of the valid responses.

In the following example, reading from left to right, column three shows all the responses which were given and column four shows these as a proportion of returned questionnaires, while the valid counts and percentages are shown in the fifth and sixth columns of the table.

It is also worth noting that in this example the percentages in the valid % column (Column 6) sum to 101% and not 100%. This is because the percentages have been presented to the nearest whole number and not as their exact figures.

#### Q. A2 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your home?

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
VS	Very satisfied	30	30%	30	38%
FS	Fairly satisfied	20	20%	20	25%
NSND	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10	10%	10	13%
FD	Fairly dissatisfied	15	15%	15	19%
VD	Very dissatisfied	5	5%	5	6%
95	Not Answered	20	20%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2.2. Multi-response Tables

Some questions are designed to gather more than one answer from respondents. In such 'multi-response' questions, respondents may select more than one 'answer' from a range of options.

In the following example, the number of respondents who gave at least one valid answer to the question is shown as the 'respondent count' (which in this case was 50). The respondent count does not necessarily match the number of respondents who returned a questionnaire as some may have left this particular question blank, refused to answer, or said don't know. The example shows that all 50 respondents selected good salary; 25 selected good working conditions; and a further 25 selected job security.

All multi-response valid percentages for each option are calculated by dividing the total number of people who selected that option by the number of people who gave at least one valid answer to the question (the respondent count). In this example, the respondent count was 50, and 25 respondents selected good working conditions. Therefore, the valid percentage for this option was 50%. The total number of responses shows how many valid responses were given in total. In this case the 50 respondents who gave at least one valid answer gave 100 responses in total, and therefore on average gave 2 responses each.

#### Q. A3 - What first attracted you to work with this company?

		Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
1	Good salary	50	100%
2	Good working conditions	25	50%
3	Job security	25	50%
Respondent Count		50	
Total Number of Responses		100	

### 3. Cross-tabulations

#### 3.1. General

The purpose of cross-tabulations is to breakdown survey results in order to compare results for the various sub-groups within the population. For example, a cross-tabulation by gender compares the responses of men and women.

In cross-tabulations produced by ORS, the sub-groups are identified down the left-hand side. The range of responses given to the question is shown across the top of the table and the figures directly underneath refer to the overall distribution of valid responses. These figures give a benchmark/average against which to judge each sub-group. By identifying sub-groups on the left, and then reading across the table, the responses of different groups can be compared.

On some occasions there are differences between the total number of valid responses and the summed total of cases in a sub-group. This difference arises when individuals gave a valid answer to the main question, but withheld information concerning their identity or characteristics. In this example there were a total of 2863 valid responses, but the number of cases in the gender sub group totals only 2750 – showing that not everyone who gave a valid response to the main question also answered the question regarding their gender.

		Unweighted Count	VS*	FS*	NSND*	FD*	VD*
		N	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		2863	75	17	5	1	1
<b>By Gender</b>							
M	Male	1349	71	20	6	1	2
F	Female	1401	79	15	4	1	1

\*VS (Very Satisfied), FS (Fairly Satisfied), NSND (Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied), FD (Fairly Dissatisfied), VD (Very Dissatisfied)

#### 3.2. Interpreting the Data

Even simple cross-tabulations often contain important information. For example, in the case above women are three percentage points more likely than men to feel very or fairly satisfied (the results being 91% for males and 94% for females).

Given the sample size for each sub-group in this example (1349 males and 1401 females), and the polarised split in opinion, the difference between the responses of men and women is statistically significant. Applying standard statistical procedures, which we do not need to discuss in detail here, we can be 95% confident that the difference in the responses for men and women is real and not due to chance. So, whilst the difference is apparently numerically small, it is very significant – women are more likely to feel satisfied than men.

In this simplified example, gender defines the only sub-group, but more commonly cross-tabulations would include age, ethnicity, location, household types, and so on.

### 3.3. More Complex Cross-tabulations

In the following table, note that a boxed frequency table is included just above the cross-tabulations.

The boxed frequency table displays the full range of answers given, with details of the counts and percentages. The percentages are shown in two ways: first, as a proportion of the questionnaires returned and, secondly as a proportion of the valid responses.

In the example below cross-tabulations have then been provided for gender, age and employment status. Each row should be first read independently, but can then be compared with results from other rows.

#### **Q. A4 – How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the response you received?**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
VS	Very satisfied	2145	8%	2145	75%
FS	Fairly satisfied	493	2%	493	17%
NSND	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	144	1%	144	5%
FD	Fairly dissatisfied	39	0%	39	1%
VD	Very dissatisfied	42	0%	42	1%
95	Not Answered	143	1%	-	-
99	Question not asked	22900	88%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>25906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2863</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	VS	FS	NSND	FD	VD
		N	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		2863	75	17	5	1	1
<b>By Gender</b>							
M	Male	1349	71	20	6	1	2
F	Female	1401	79	15	4	1	1

#### **By Age**

1	18 to 29	192	72	18	7	2	1
2	30 to 44	744	72	20	5	1	1
3	45 to 59	764	72	19	5	2	1
4	60 to 74	620	80	13	4	1	2
5	75 and over	363	79	15	5	1	1

#### **By Employment Status**

1	Working	1438	71	20	6	2	1
2	Retired	773	78	15	4	1	2
3	Otherwise not working	554	79	13	5	1	2



## 4. Representativeness of Results

### 4.1. General

The extent to which results can be generalised from a sample depends upon how well the sample represents the population from which it is drawn. Although a survey may be distributed to the whole population, the returned sample can still be unbalanced due to non-response by some.

Under these circumstances inferences about the views of the population can be improved by calculating weights for any under or over-sampling of particular groups. Weights are assigned by comparing the sample proportions for particular groups with known population characteristics from other sources for the same groups. Each observation is then multiplied by its weight to ensure that the weighted sample will conform to the known population characteristics.

The weighted data should therefore be representative of the population and should be treated as being so.

If when comparing the profile of respondents to comparative data we find that they are a close enough match (that is within the given margin of error), then the results can be considered representative of the population even though no weight has been applied.

If no comparative data is available then we are unable to determine how representative the respondents to a survey are and the results can only be considered to be the views of respondents and not any particular population.

### 4.2. Further complications

A complication which can occur when weighting data is if the group to whom the questionnaires have been distributed do not necessarily match who the results have been weighted to. As an example, if questionnaires have been sent to household addresses, but anyone aged 16+ could complete the questionnaire we may then weight the data to be representative of all people aged 16+. In this instance if the questionnaire asked 'Has anyone in your household...?' the weighted results would represent the percentage of people aged 16+ and NOT the percentage of households who fell into this category. Under this circumstance great care must be taken when interpreting the results.

Another issue is where exact comparative data is not available. For example if we have asked the head of household/owner/tenant to complete the question, but we only have comparative data for household reference person. We may use those characteristics that are likely to be the same to compare and the weighted data will then be representative of the head of household/owner/tenant NOT the household reference person, even though that is what we compared against.

#### 4.3. Un-weighted counts and weighted percentages

When weights have been applied to the results all percentages will refer to the weighted figures. However, all counts will still refer to un-weighted figures. Therefore as shown in the example below by dividing the count for a particular response by the total number of valid respondents for that question you will not necessarily get the valid percentage (1770/3667=48%).

When using weighted data counts should only be referred to in order to determine the statistical reliability that can be placed on a result and for this purpose un-weighted counts must be used.

#### **Q. A5 – What is your gender?**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
M	Male	1770	42%	1770	45%
F	Female	1897	53%	1897	55%
95	Not Answered	175	5%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>3842</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3667</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Cross-tabulation Notes

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1. The following data may contain some questions where a large percentage of people have not given a valid response. This level of non-response should be taken into consideration when interpreting the results.
2. Furthermore, where results are based on a small number of cases (that is usually less than around 70 respondents) please treat the results with caution as when the number of cases decreases the error margin on the result increases.
3. Cross-tabulation sub-group response options that are significantly higher than the overall figures are shaded red where as sub-group response options that are significantly lower than the overall figures are shaded blue. Statistical significance is at a 95% level of confidence.

**Q. A1AA - The Council needs to establish some principles as a basis for making decisions on which locations or sites to examine more closely. Berkhamsted should not have more than one site**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
A	Agree	247	62%	247	66%
D	Disagree	126	32%	126	34%
95	Not Answered	14	3%	-	-
97	Don't Know	15	3%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	A	D
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>373</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>34</b>

**By Gender**

1	Male	190	72	28
2	Female	179	61	39

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	79	56	44
2	40 to 64	214	70	30
3	65 and over	75	80	20

**By Working Status**

1	Working	245	64	36
2	Not working	122	72	28

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	308	65	35
2	Rented	47	62	38

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	87	69	31
2	No long term illness/disability	286	65	35

**Q. A1AB - The Council needs to establish some principles as a basis for making decisions on which locations or sites to examine more closely. Bovingdon should not have more than one site**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
A	Agree	251	64%	251	71%
D	Disagree	106	27%	106	29%
95	Not Answered	18	3%	-	-
97	Don't Know	27	6%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	A	D
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>357</b>	71	29

**By Gender**

1	Male	181	72	28
2	Female	172	69	31

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	75	63	37
2	40 to 64	205	70	30
3	65 and over	72	85	15

**By Working Status**

1	Working	237	68	32
2	Not working	114	76	24

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	295	70	30
2	Rented	46	68	32

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	81	75	25
2	No long term illness/disability	276	69	31

**Q. A1AC - The Council needs to establish some principles as a basis for making decisions on which locations or sites to examine more closely. Markyate should not have more than one site**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
A	Agree	255	64%	255	71%
D	Disagree	97	26%	97	29%
95	Not Answered	17	3%	-	-
97	Don't Know	33	7%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	A	D
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>352</b>	71	29

**By Gender**

1	Male	178	71	29
2	Female	170	71	29

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	75	61	39
2	40 to 64	201	74	26
3	65 and over	71	86	14

**By Working Status**

1	Working	235	70	30
2	Not working	111	73	27

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	291	72	28
2	Rented	45	63	37

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	81	73	27
2	No long term illness/disability	271	71	29

**Q. A1AD - The Council needs to establish some principles as a basis for making decisions on which locations or sites to examine more closely. Tring should not have more than one site**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
A	Agree	255	62%	255	66%
D	Disagree	113	31%	113	34%
95	Not Answered	13	2%	-	-
97	Don't Know	21	5%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	A	D
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>368</b>	66	34

**By Gender**

1	Male	187	70	30
2	Female	177	64	36

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	76	52	48
2	40 to 64	212	72	28
3	65 and over	75	83	17

**By Working Status**

1	Working	240	63	37
2	Not working	122	74	26

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	307	67	33
2	Rented	44	59	41

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	86	74	26
2	No long term illness/disability	282	64	36

**Q. A1B - Please give your reasons if you disagree with any of the statements in A1a, specifying which statement(s) you disagree with.**

	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
01 They could have more/all areas could have more than one	18	18%
02 Should not be based on area size/should be based on suitability	30	13%
03 Pressure should not all be on Hemel Hempstead	21	14%
04 General disagreement with gypsy sites (gypsies should integrate with normal society)	7	4%
05 Other general (positive)	19	10%
06 Other general (negative)	22	11%
07 Birkhamstead is larger/ has more potential locations	37	24%
08 Birkhamstead other (positive)	10	8%
09 Birkhamstead other (negative)	6	3%
10 Should utilize area near airfield (Bovingdon)	6	4%
11 Bovingdon has more potential sites (eg more rural/more derelict land available)	15	8%
12 Bovingdon other (positive)	8	6%
13 Bovingdon other (negative)	7	5%
14 Markyate other (positive)	14	9%
15 Markyate other (negative)	7	6%
16 Tring has more potential sites/ is large enough to cope with more	30	22%
17 Tring other (positive)	7	4%
18 Tring other (negative)	5	3%
19 Vague/doesn't answer question	3	2%
Respondent Count Unweighted	153	
Total Number of Responses Unweighted	272	

	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	153	18	13	14	4	10	11	24	8	3	4	8	6	5	9	6	22	4	3	2

**By Gender**

1	Male	74	22	23	21	2	13	15	13	2	8	4	6	3	3	10	3	12	3	3	1
2	Female	77	14	6	10	6	8	9	30	12	0	5	9	7	6	8	8	27	5	2	2



**Q. A1B - Please give your reasons if you disagree with any of the statements in A1a, specifying which statement(s) you disagree with... . Continued**

	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	153	18	13	14	4	10	11	24	8	3	4	8	6	5	9	6	22	4	3	2

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	41	23	7	15	6	10	7	28	12	0	4	5	7	4	10	6	26	3	2	1
2	40 to 64	86	11	22	15	3	13	15	15	3	3	6	9	3	5	6	6	15	5	2	2
3	65 and over	23	12	9	10	0	4	16	26	6	19	0	15	8	8	10	6	22	8	7	4

**By Working Status**

1	Working	107	22	14	13	3	8	8	22	10	4	5	7	5	5	5	7	20	5	3	2
2	Not working	42	4	10	18	9	15	21	27	2	1	3	10	8	5	19	3	24	2	1	2

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	126	10	16	17	6	10	14	22	8	3	3	9	5	6	13	8	22	6	4	3
2	Rented	22	35	6	11	1	10	5	27	10	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	21	1	0	0

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	34	5	16	18	0	14	17	20	19	3	15	0	9	11	9	9	11	7	3	3
2	No long term illness/disability	119	21	13	13	5	9	9	24	5	4	1	10	5	3	8	5	25	4	3	2

**Q. A1C - Do you think that as the lowest ranked sites, all those with a scoring of '3' should be eliminated from further consideration?**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
Yes	Yes	269	68%	269	71%
No	No	117	28%	117	29%
95	Not Answered	16	4%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	Yes	No
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>By Gender</b>				
1	Male	197	69	31
2	Female	184	73	27

<b>By Age</b>				
1	18 to 39	79	69	31
2	40 to 64	221	72	28
3	65 and over	80	74	26

<b>By Working Status</b>				
1	Working	251	69	31
2	Not working	128	76	24

<b>By Tenure</b>				
1	Owned	322	71	29
2	Rented	45	69	31

<b>By Illness/Disability</b>				
1	Long term illness/disability	88	68	32
2	No long term illness/disability	298	72	28

**Q. A1D - If no, please give your reasons.**

	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
1 All possible sites need to be looked at	32	28%
2 Generally disagree with scoring (some marked 3 more suitable than those marked 1 or 2)	24	22%
3 Might not be possible to eliminate all 3s due to number of gypsies	5	4%
4 Don't want rural sites eliminated rather than those close to highly populated areas	13	10%
5 Should seek further consultation/local opinions	14	10%
6 Used brownfield sites instead of greenfield sites	2	2%
7 All proposed sites should be eliminated	4	3%
8 Other	56	54%
9 Vague	2	2%
Respondent Count Unweighted	114	
Total Number of Responses Unweighted	152	

	Unweighted Count	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	114	28	22	4	10	10	2	3	54	2

**By Gender**

1 Male	58	20	24	1	14	7	1	5	44	1
2 Female	54	36	20	7	6	13	2	2	62	2

**By Age**

1 18 to 39	24	29	29	5	5	14	3	0	54	0
2 40 to 64	70	26	23	4	12	9	1	7	51	0
3 65 and over	18	30	5	0	16	5	0	0	55	10

**By Working Status**

1 Working	78	25	25	3	8	12	2	4	58	0
2 Not working	32	39	14	5	15	5	0	1	40	7

**By Tenure**

1 Owned	98	28	22	3	14	14	2	3	41	3
2 Rented	11	32	21	5	0	0	0	5	84	0

**By Illness/Disability**

1 Long term illness/disability	31	37	10	12	15	1	0	6	57	0
2 No long term illness/disability	83	24	26	0	8	13	2	2	53	3

**Q. A2A - The Council has listed all locations/sites in Dacorum that are considered to be possible in Appendix 1. Are there any other particular sites or locations in Dacorum you consider to be suitable for Gypsy and Traveller sites?**

		All Responses		Valid Responses	
		Unweighted Count	Weighted Total%	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
Yes	Yes	66	18%	66	19%
No	No	304	76%	304	81%
95	Not Answered	32	6%	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100%</b>

		Unweighted Count	Yes %	No %
		N	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>		<b>370</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>81</b>

**By Gender**

1	Male	189	17	83
2	Female	176	21	79

**By Age**

1	18 to 39	76	17	83
2	40 to 64	211	19	81
3	65 and over	76	22	78

**By Working Status**

1	Working	239	20	80
2	Not working	123	17	83

**By Tenure**

1	Owned	307	19	81
2	Rented	43	24	76

**By Illness/Disability**

1	Long term illness/disability	84	19	81
2	No long term illness/disability	286	19	81

**Q. A2B - If yes, please state the site(s) with your reasons**

	Unweighted Count	Weighted Valid%
1 Incorrectly answered as sites already listed in appendix 1	18	24%
2 No specific location given	9	8%
3 Long Marston	3	5%
4 Buncefield	10	16%
5 Other sites	31	53%
6 Other reasons	28	36%
Respondent Count Unweighted	68	
Total Number of Responses Unweighted	99	

	Unweighted Count	1	2	3	4	5	6
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	68	24	8	5	16	53	36

**By Gender**

1 Male	33	21	19	0	24	46	38
2 Female	34	27	2	8	11	56	33

**By Age**

1 18 to 39	12	20	0	0	13	67	24
2 40 to 64	39	31	12	7	15	36	46
3 65 and over	16	20	15	8	23	56	31

**By Working Status**

1 Working	44	26	5	3	20	52	27
2 Not working	22	22	15	11	7	53	56

**By Tenure**

1 Owned	56	31	8	4	12	49	47
2 Rented	10	13	8	6	24	59	12

**By Illness/Disability**

1 Long term illness/disability	16	35	0	8	26	31	15
2 No long term illness/disability	52	21	11	4	12	59	43

**Q. A3 - The Council must find locations for new sites in Dacorum. Using Appendix 1, please list the 5 most preferable sites in your opinion.**

		<b>Unweighted Count</b>	<b>Weighted Valid%</b>
01	D1 Featherbed Lane	187	52%
02	D2 Felden (Featherbed Lane)	28	10%
03	D15 Highwood (Holtsmere End Lane)	195	51%
04	D19 Cupid Green Lane	76	21%
05	D20 Grovehill	18	5%
06	D21 Polehanger Lane	12	5%
07	D22 Fields End Lane	23	8%
08	D23 Long Chaulden	31	8%
09	D24 Leverstock Green (Bedmond Road)	34	10%
10	D3 Berkhamsted (Swing Gate Lane)	147	42%
11	D4 Ashlyns Hall (Swing Gate Lane)	26	8%
12	D5 Sandpit Green (Swing Gate Lane)	73	22%
13	D6 Dudswell Lane	24	8%
14	D7 Upper Dunsley (London Road)	25	7%
15	D8 Marshcroft Lane (SE Side)	6	1%
16	D9 Marshcroft Lane (NW side)	7	2%
17	D10 Little Tring Road	23	7%
18	D11 Icknield Way (South side)	194	54%
19	D12 Icknield Way (North side)	23	10%
20	D25 Land adjacent Longbridge Close	13	3%
21	D16 Longcroft (Longcroft Flaunden Lane)	27	9%
22	D17 Bovingdon (Green Lane)	31	8%
23	D18 Bovingdon (Airfield)	261	71%
24	D13 Windmill (Windmill Lane)	60	17%
25	D14 The Ridings	29	8%
26	D26 Land adj. Bourne End Industrial Estate	48	16%
	Respondent Count Unweighted	346	
	Total Number of Responses Unweighted	1621	

**Q. A3 - The Council must find locations for new sites in Dacorum. Using Appendix 1, please list the 5 most preferable sites in your opinion... Continued**

	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	346	52	10	51	21	5	5	8	8	10	42	8	22	8	7	1	2	7	54	10	3	9	8	71	17	8	16

**By Gender**

1 Male	175	56	10	54	27	5	2	10	10	11	42	7	22	7	8	0	1	7	53	5	4	9	9	72	13	6	16
2 Female	166	49	10	48	17	5	7	6	6	10	43	9	22	9	7	2	2	6	55	13	2	9	6	70	21	10	17
	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	346	52	10	51	21	5	5	8	8	10	42	8	22	8	7	1	2	7	54	10	3	9	8	71	17	8	16

**By Age**

1 18 to 39	68	53	9	44	18	5	6	6	5	11	49	8	21	7	8	1	1	8	56	13	0	10	8	66	22	12	20
2 40 to 64	203	61	10	55	23	5	4	7	8	11	38	5	23	6	6	1	2	4	55	7	4	7	8	77	14	4	17
3 65 and over	68	31	9	55	24	6	5	13	13	6	39	14	24	15	9	2	3	8	48	9	6	12	5	66	14	9	9
	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	346	52	10	51	21	5	5	8	8	10	42	8	22	8	7	1	2	7	54	10	3	9	8	71	17	8	16

**By Working Status**

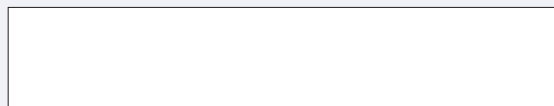
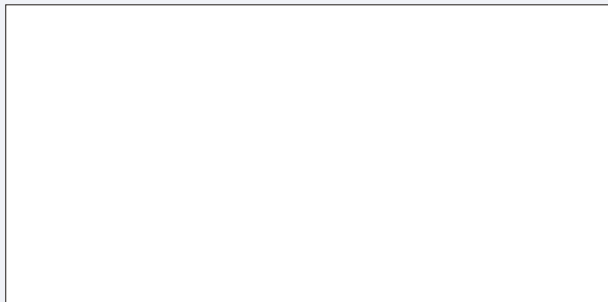
1 Working	233	53	11	52	21	5	5	7	7	11	42	8	23	7	7	1	1	6	56	12	3	7	8	73	15	8	15
2 Not working	106	50	7	49	23	4	4	10	11	9	43	9	20	11	9	1	3	9	51	5	4	14	8	67	22	7	19
	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	346	52	10	51	21	5	5	8	8	10	42	8	22	8	7	1	2	7	54	10	3	9	8	71	17	8	16

**By Tenure**

1 Owned	288	56	6	55	19	5	2	5	10	9	43	9	21	7	9	1	2	6	53	6	4	10	8	77	17	6	17
2 Rented	41	42	23	33	25	3	14	14	0	12	39	8	26	12	5	2	2	10	59	22	0	5	3	61	13	9	17
	Unweighted Count	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	N	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>By Overall Figures</b>	346	52	10	51	21	5	5	8	8	10	42	8	22	8	7	1	2	7	54	10	3	9	8	71	17	8	16

**By Illness/Disability**

1 Long term illness/disability	77	48	13	46	13	7	6	13	11	13	34	14	24	21	2	1	5	11	47	6	7	11	6	59	12	7	10
2 No long term illness/disability	269	53	9	52	24	4	5	7	7	10	45	6	21	4	9	1	1	6	56	11	2	9	8	74	19	8	18



Dear Citizens' Panel Member,

**Re: Potential Sites for Gypsies and Travellers**

Thank you for continuing to be a member of Dacorum Borough Council Citizens' Panel. We have now joined a Public Engagement Partnership with other local authorities in Hertfordshire and, following an extensive tendering process, have awarded a contract to ORS to independently manage our public consultation in the future. We are now writing to confirm you are willing to continue as a member of our Citizens Panel.

The Council is currently carrying out consultation about future development in the Borough (Site Allocations DPD Supplementary Issues and Options Paper (November 2008)).

As part of this work, we are now required to consider the need for new homes for Gypsies and Travellers (in the form of pitches on new sites).

We would value your views on this and enclose a short questionnaire and some background information.

Whilst your opinions on all issues raised would be very helpful, please feel free to select those questions that are most important to you. Please return your form by no later than 5th January 2009.

If you would like help in completing the questionnaire or you would like further details regarding the fuller Site Allocations DPD consultation please contact Jonathan Young at ORS on 01792 535300 or the Spatial Planning team on 01442 228660.

Yours sincerely,

Claire McKnight  
Consultation Officer



## Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The Council is seeking the provision of new homes for Gypsies and Travellers in accordance with their needs. Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers would be in the form of pitches on new sites.

The Government has recognised problems associated with unauthorised sites both from the perspective of local communities, who may have experienced nuisance, and from the perspective of the Gypsies and Travellers themselves who are short of recognised sites and facilities.

Government guidance makes it clear that:

- Local authorities must allocate sufficient sites in their Site Allocations DPDs; and
- sets out advice on the location and design of these sites.

New provision should be in accordance with identified needs.

The East of England regional assembly recommends additional pitches for each district by 2011. Dacorum's allocation is 15 pitches, with a growth rate of 3% thereafter. This will mean 59 pitches in total in Dacorum between now and 2031. If new sites accommodate 15 pitches each, this implies one new site every 5 years (and 4 more in total) The Council has challenged the rate of growth as being too high. A Panel of Inspectors will recommend the policy Government should take early in 2009.

An assessment of the **Accommodation Needs of Gypsies and Travellers in South and West Hertfordshire** was completed by consultants, the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS), in April 2005. The study covered half the county (including Dacorum) and the level of need identified between 2011 and 2021, was thought to exceed 200 pitches. The report recommended a normal site size of about 15 pitches (using about one hectare of land). Recent Government good practice advice and feedback from younger people on Focus Group consultation support this conclusion. Smaller managed sites are favoured because they are:

- easier to operate; and
- easier to integrate with both the surrounding settled community and the environment.

An example of a site of this size is the County Council managed site at Ver Meadow in St Albans. Existing sites in Dacorum are at Long Marston (6 pitches) and at Three Cherry Trees Lane, Hemel Hempstead (30 pitches).

In March 2007 the Council published a report that was prepared by consultants Scott Wilson: **Accommodation Needs of Gypsies and Travellers in South and West Hertfordshire Stage Two Identification of Potential Gypsy and Traveller Sites in the Study Area (September 2006)**. The study concluded that, because of restrictions and the difficulty of delivering sites within urban areas, the Green Belt should not be used in the selection criteria.

The study identified 24 locations in Dacorum (with a further 6 located on the edge of Hemel Hempstead within St Albans district). The locations in Dacorum are listed in Appendix 1 and are shown on the maps to be found in Appendix 2. They are around the following settlements:

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- Hemel Hempstead
- Berkhamsted
- Tring
- Bovingdon
- Markyate

The locations were considered against a variety of criteria, including proximity to specific local services and facilities (e.g. shops, schools and doctors surgeries etc.), access to the road network, achieving a suitable site size, the ability of sites to be landscaped, and the need for a buffer with existing housing.

The study ranked individual locations either 1, 2 or 3 (1 being the most preferable). Five locations were placed in the highest ranking.

In May/June 2008 the Council consulted organisations representing the Gypsy and Traveller communities asking them whether they were aware of other possible locations in the borough. No new sites were identified. However, two additional locations were identified by members of the public following publication of the Scott Wilson Report (and these are included in Appendices 1 and 2).

To help guide commenters there is a Question and Answer information pack available with this consultation.

**NOTE: It is very important that all comments on this subject (and indeed all other subjects) concentrate on the planning issues. All Councils are under a duty under Race Relations law to promote equality of opportunity and good race relations in all that we do. Racial discrimination in carrying out our planning responsibilities is against the law: this applies when we consider comments on planning matters. The duty covers all racial groups, including Gypsies and Irish Travellers who are recognised ethnic groups.**

## Your Views

**For each question put a cross in the appropriate box like this . Mark only one box unless otherwise instructed. If you mark the wrong box, fill in the box  and cross the correct one. Please write clearly and in black ink.**

**A1 a The Council needs to establish some principles as a basis for making decisions on which locations or sites to examine more closely.**

**Because the settlements listed below are smaller than Hemel Hempstead do you agree or disagree with the following...*(Please cross one box in each row)***

	Agree	Disagree
Berkhamsted should not have more than one site . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bovingdon should not have more than one site . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Markyate should not have more than one site . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tring should not have more than one site . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A1b** Please give your reasons if you disagree with any of the statements in A1a, specifying which statement(s) you disagree with. *(Please write in below)*

**A1c** Do you think that as the lowest ranked sites, all those with a scoring of '3' should be eliminated from further consideration? *(Please cross one box only)*

Yes .....  → *Please go to A2a and following*  
No .....  → *Please go to A1d and following*

**A1d** If no, please please give your reasons. *(Please write in below)*

**A2a** The Council has listed all locations/sites in Dacorum that are considered to be possible in Appendix 1. Are there any other particular sites or locations in Dacorum you consider to be suitable for Gypsy and Traveller sites? *(Please cross one box only)*

Yes .....  → *Please go to A2b and following*  
No .....  → *Please go to A3*

**A2b** If yes, please state the site(s) with your reasons. *(Please write in below)*

**A3** The Council must find locations for new sites in Dacorum. Using Appendix 1, please list the 5 most preferable sites in your opinion *(Please write in below only using sites listed in Appendix 1)*

**Site Reference**

**Site Address**