

Newark Town Council have previously commented in relation to the GRT allocation in the amended allocations plan. Since that comment was submitted, the Council has seen significant changes in its political make up with almost all of the current Councillors having been elected to the Council since the original comment was made.

Newark Town Council's planning committee met on the 30th October 2024 and further reviewed the GRT element of the amended allocations plan ahead of the examination process. The committee resolved as follows:

1. To declare their support for the GRT Housing Need assessment.
2. To express broad support for Tolney Lane being utilised as a location for accommodating a large proportion of the pitch requirements required during the life of the amended plan, provided that flood alleviation plans for the Tolney Lane area can be realistically delivered, especially having regard to the significant costs associated with such scheme.
3. To restate objections already raised in response to the planning application for the Bowbridge Lane site albeit it recognised that those objections have been made through the planning process and not the amended plan consultation process. If appropriate mitigation measures for difficulties on this site cannot be overcome, NTC is willing to support NSDC in seeking to identify an alternative suitable site.
4. To affirm the Council's support for the GRT community generally and support for them having provision of suitable and sustainable sites that allow the local GRT community to meet their housing needs in Newark and the District.
5. To note the advantage in having a formally adopted plan so as to regulate the location of new sites during the life of the plan, and to provide policy that can help to resist applications for sites that are considered to be unsuitable for GRT allocation.