

Welcome

Gypsy and Traveller sites consultation

Welcome to this early consultation event.

Monmouthshire County Council has a legal and moral duty to ensure everyone has access to good quality accommodation. The Council recognises that safe, culturally appropriate accommodation is necessary for individuals to flourish in other parts of their lives.

In this drop-in event, you are able to learn more about the Gypsy and Traveller site consultation process, the proposed locations, and why it is important the Council acts.

Feel free to ask any questions you have. You will also get the chance to meet Travelling Ahead, an organisation that supports Gypsy and Traveller communities.



Picture references: Photos of Greenfields Way site in Weston-Super-Mare. Taken from the 'Places We're Proud Of' report published by the National Policy Advisory Board on Gypsy and Traveller Housing, January 2021.

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Process

Gypsy and Traveller sites consultation

The process of allocating Gypsy and Traveller sites is a lengthy process and takes several years before sites can be developed.

The Council's 2021 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) has identified a need for an additional 13 pitches for the Gypsy and Traveller families already living in Monmouthshire.

- Three Council owned sites that have been identified as potentially suitable to meet the current needs for the Gypsy and Traveller community.
- The Council is holding a six-week public consultation on these sites. Cabinet will consider the feedback from this consultation and decide which site(s) will be allocated in the Replacement Local Development Plan 2018 - 2033.
- Monmouthshire County Council has worked closely with Travelling Ahead: Gypsy and Traveller Advice and Advocacy Service to co-design a consultation process to enable the Gypsy and Traveller communities to be well represented during this process.
- This consultation period is the first stage in an ongoing process. Further consultation will be undertaken as part of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2018 - 2033 and Deposit Plan in 2024. There will also be further consultation as part of any future planning applications.
- A strategic site located in Caldicot East has been proposed to be allocated for development within the RLDP Deposit Plan.

Proposed next steps:

9th November 2023

Six-week public consultation begins, ending on 22nd December 2023



Date to be confirmed after consultation

Cabinet decision on which Gypsy and Traveller sites are to be included in the Deposit RLDP

April/May 2024

Deposit Plan to Council for endorsement to consult – the Deposit Plan is the full RLDP containing all site allocations and all policies



September 2024

Deposit Plan to Council following consultation for approval to submit to the Welsh Government for public examination in public by an independent inspector



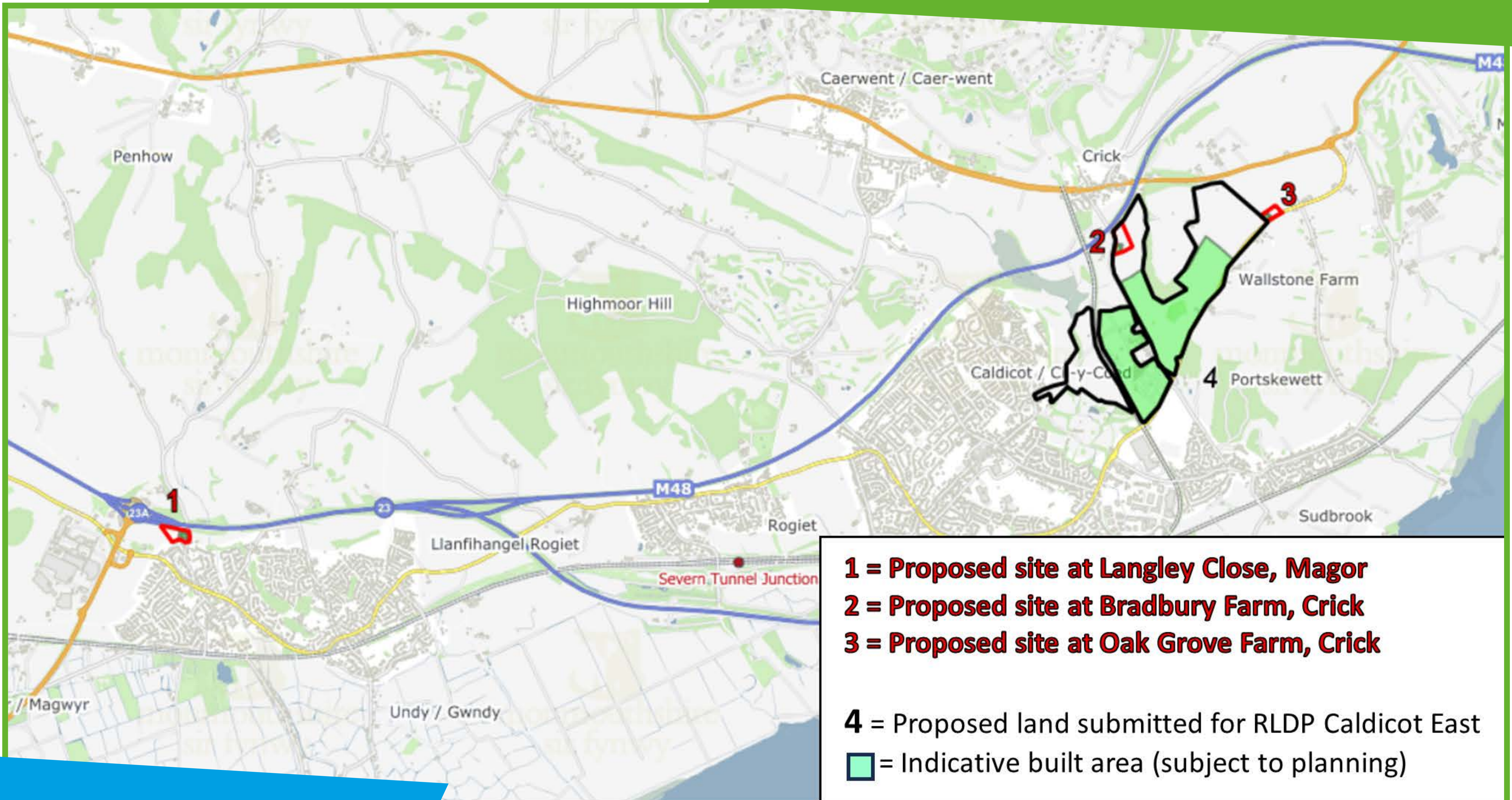
Date to be confirmed
Examination in public



July 2025

RLDP to Council for adoption

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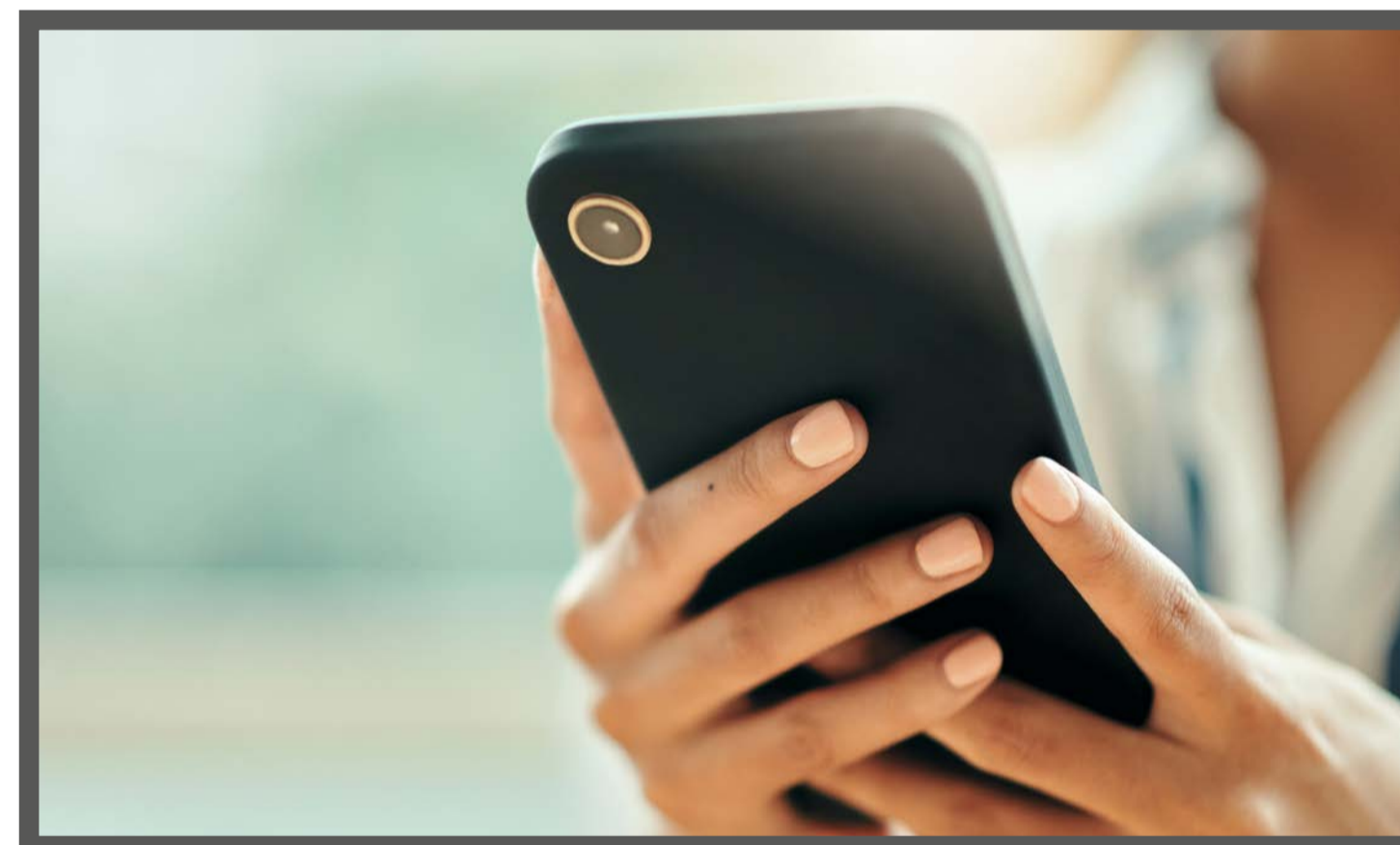
Feedback

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How to provide feedback and get in touch

We will ensure that everyone in the community has an equal and safe space to participate in the consultation process. We will have a zero-tolerance policy to any discriminatory or racist comments or behaviour. Any responses that include discriminatory or racist comments will not be considered.

The Council will listen to all members of the community, feedback will be summarised and reflected in the consultation report.



Please submit your comments electronically via **the MCC website, or the QR code**

Alternatively, forms can be:



emailed to **housingrenewals@monmouthshire.gov.uk**



handed into **Caldicot Hub**

All responses must be received by **22nd December 2023.**

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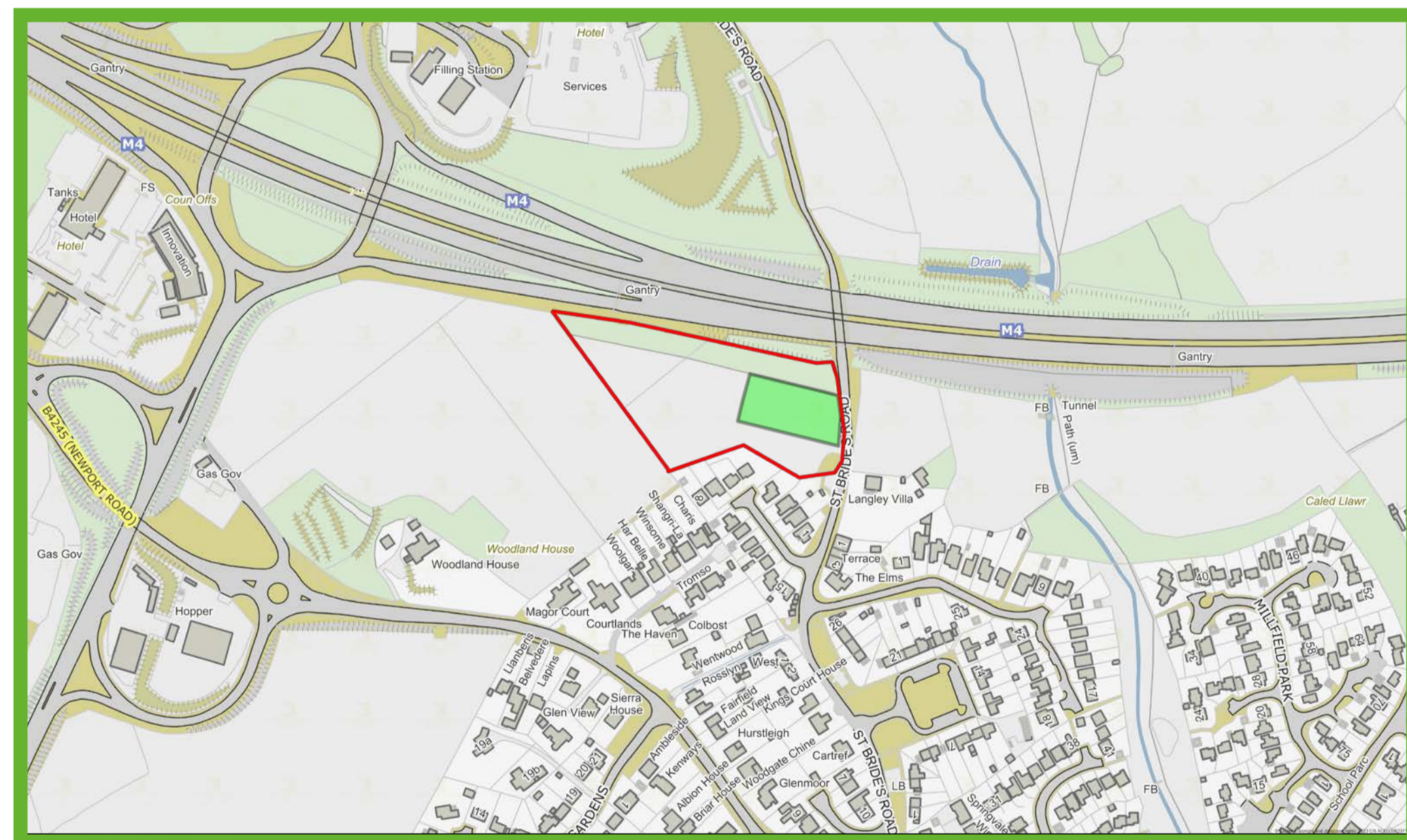


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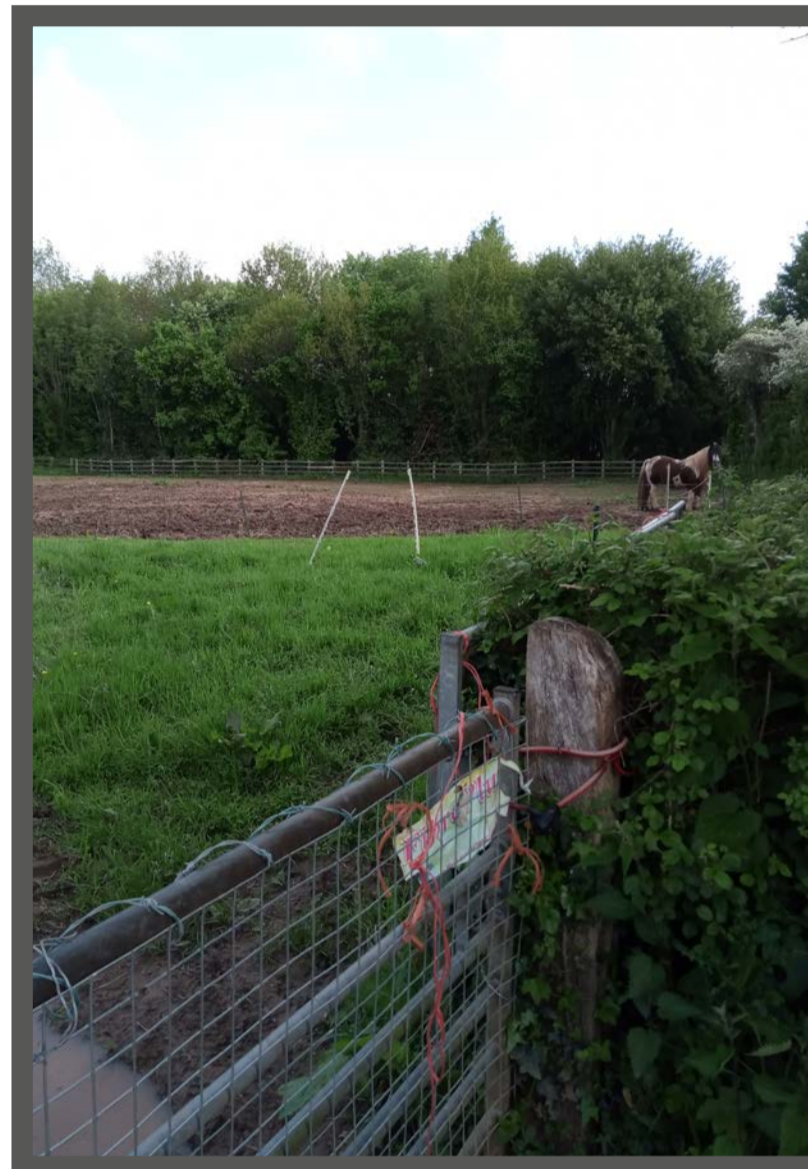
Langley Close

Site Size:
Approx 23,431m²

Pitch Capacity:
Sufficient to meet MCC's pitch needs*
*It is recommended no more than 5 or 6 pitches



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General Description:

- Urban
- Access off St Brides Road
- The land forms part of the Council's County Farms estate and is occupied via a grazing license. It is anticipated this license would need to be terminated/amended should the site be supported for this use
- Residential properties adjoining southern boundary. M4 to the north, open land to east and west
- Tree belt around the site



Profile:

Oakgrove Farm

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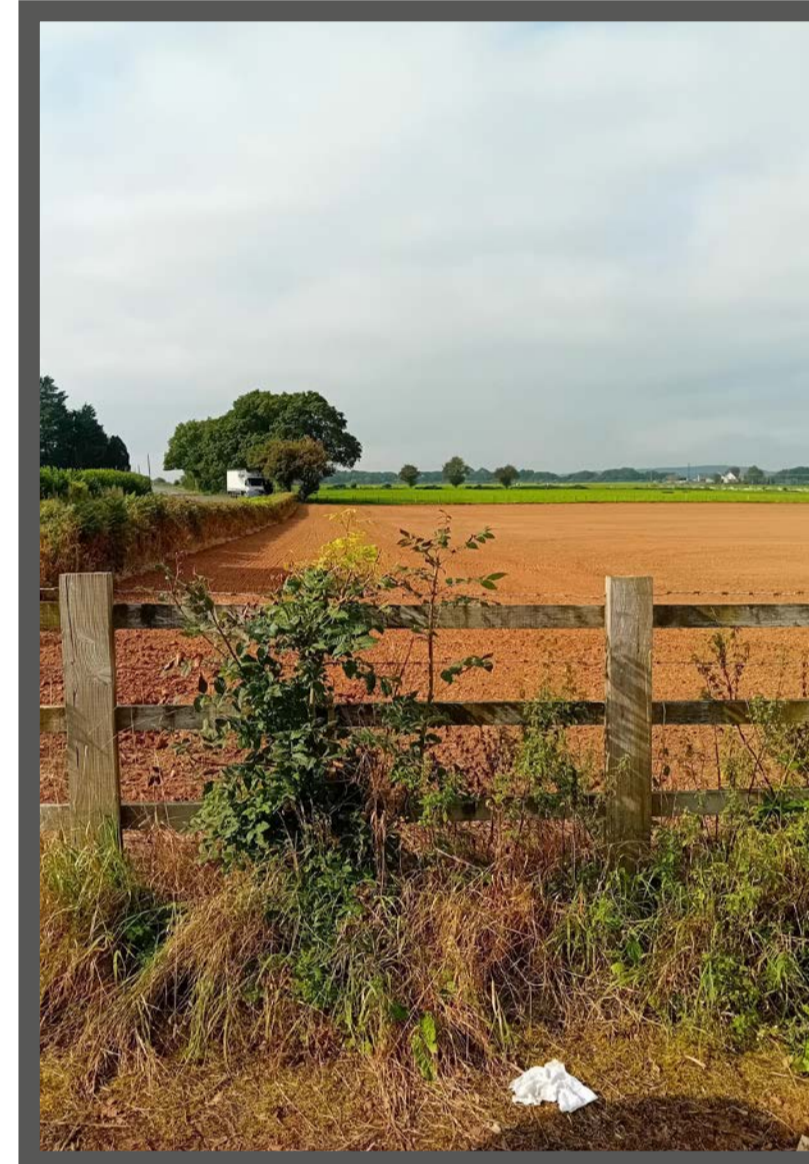
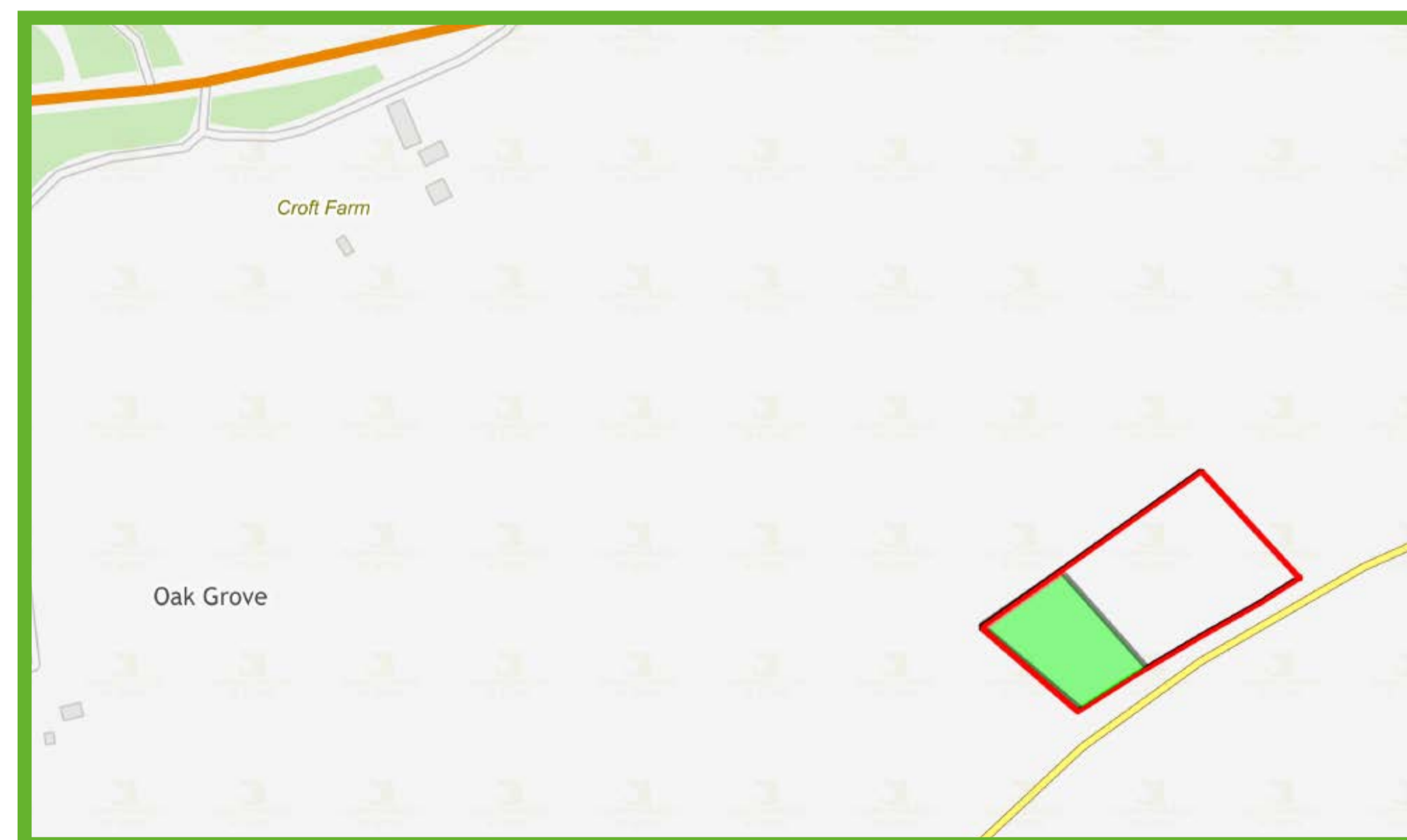
Site Size:

Approx 7,976 m²

Pitch Capacity:

Sufficient to meet MCC's pitch needs*

*It is recommended no more than 5 or 6 pitches



General Description:

- Rural
- Situated on B4245 approximately a mile from the edge of Caldicot
- The land forms part of the Council's County Farms estate and is occupied via an agricultural tenancy. It is anticipated this tenancy would need to be amended should the site be supported for this use
- Land currently used for agriculture



Profile: Bradbury Farm

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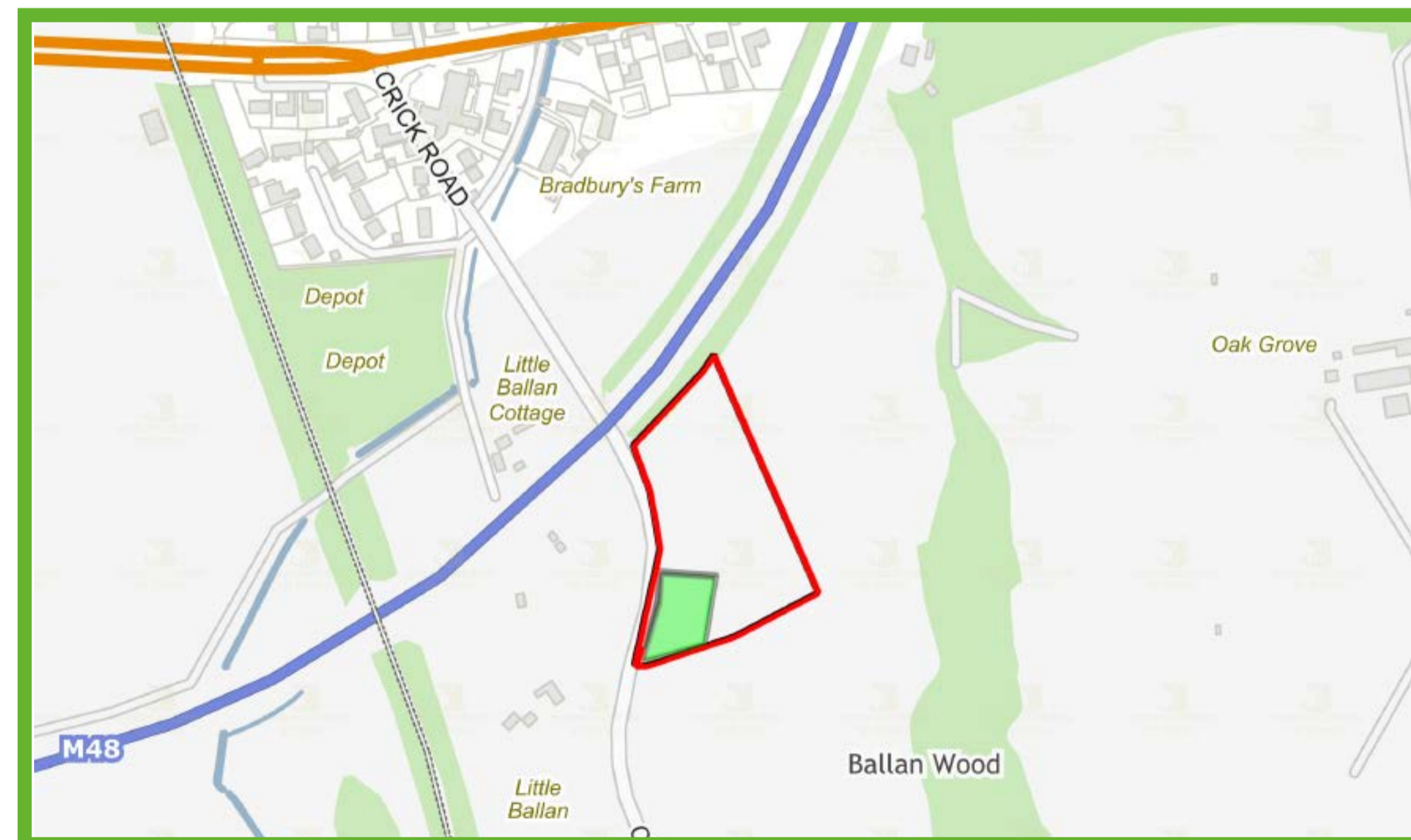
Site Size:

Approx 18,022 m²

Pitch Capacity:

Sufficient to meet MCC's pitch needs*

*It is recommended no more than 5 or 6 pitches



General Description:

- Rural
- Situated directly off Crick Road
- The land forms part of the Council's County Farms estate and is occupied via an agricultural tenancy. It is anticipated this tenancy would need to be amended should the site be supported for this use
- M48 to the north elevation of the land
- Hedgerow and fencing to east, west and south elevation



Vision

Gypsy and Traveller sites consultation

The Council has a legal and moral duty to meet the pitch needs of Gypsy & Travellers living in Monmouthshire. The Council is looking to identify land in sustainable locations where Gypsy & Traveller households can establish homes.

The Council's vision for meeting its duty and providing sites is:



The Council recognises that safe, culturally appropriate accommodation is necessary for individuals to flourish in other parts of their lives.

Small Gypsy and Traveller sites, ideally occupied by only one family or household.

Each site will be a maximum of six pitches and be well designed and landscaped.

To provide places for families who are already living and well-integrated in local life in Monmouthshire and have an identified need.

Only a small amount of land has been proposed to be allocated from each of the three sites.



Key documents for download

Gypsy and Traveller sites consultation



RAG, updated on 26th July 2023

Monmouthshire County Council uses RAG (Red, Amber, Green) reports to measure the progress of a given project which would influence their next phases.



Frequently Asked Questions



The Gypsy and Traveller Assessment 2021



Consultation Website



Welsh Government – Guidance and Planning



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