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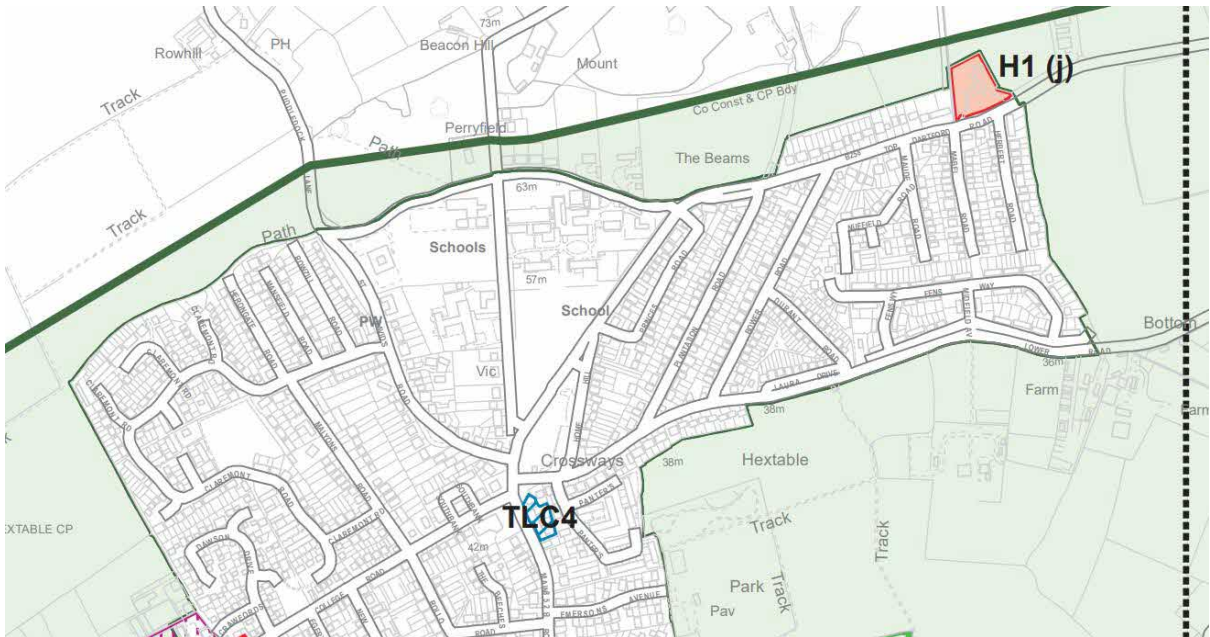
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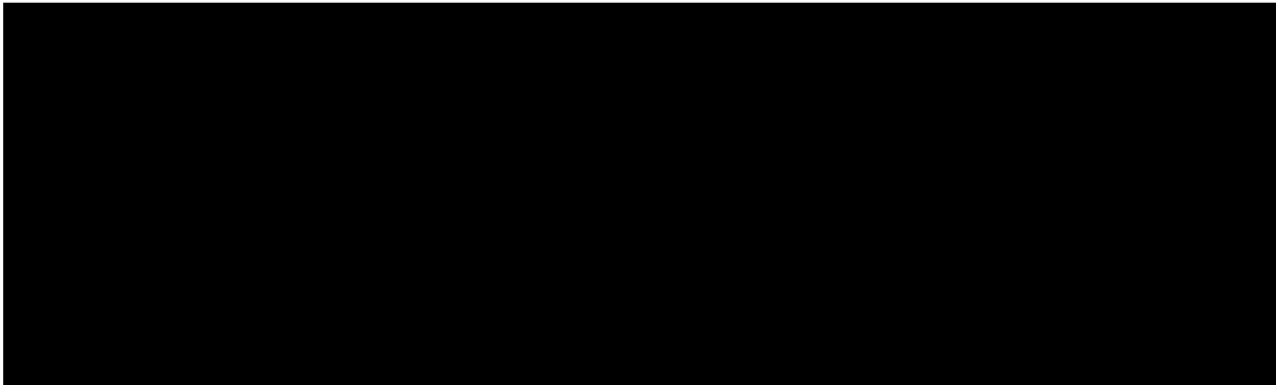
terms of the nature of their design and functional in terms of their appearance. The mobiles would be of an appropriate size relative to the needs of the occupiers. Whilst there would be an adverse impact upon the openness of the Green Belt and slight encroachment into the countryside, this harm would be moderate.

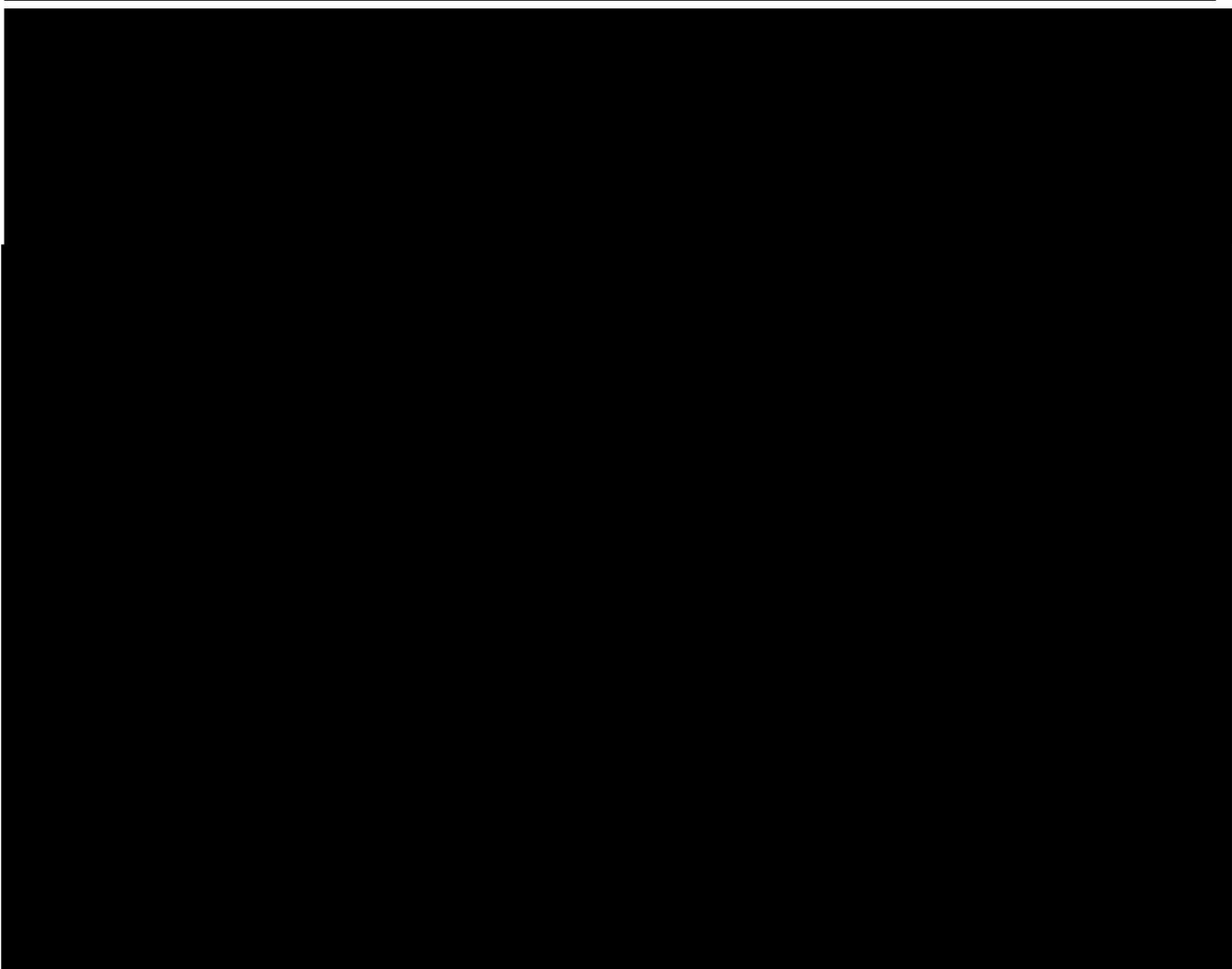
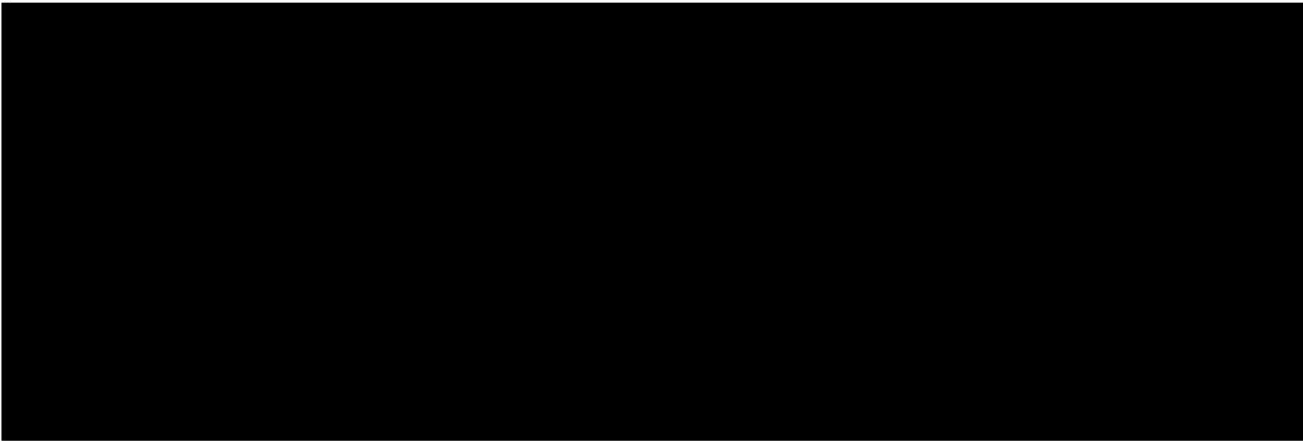
Applicants Gypsy status

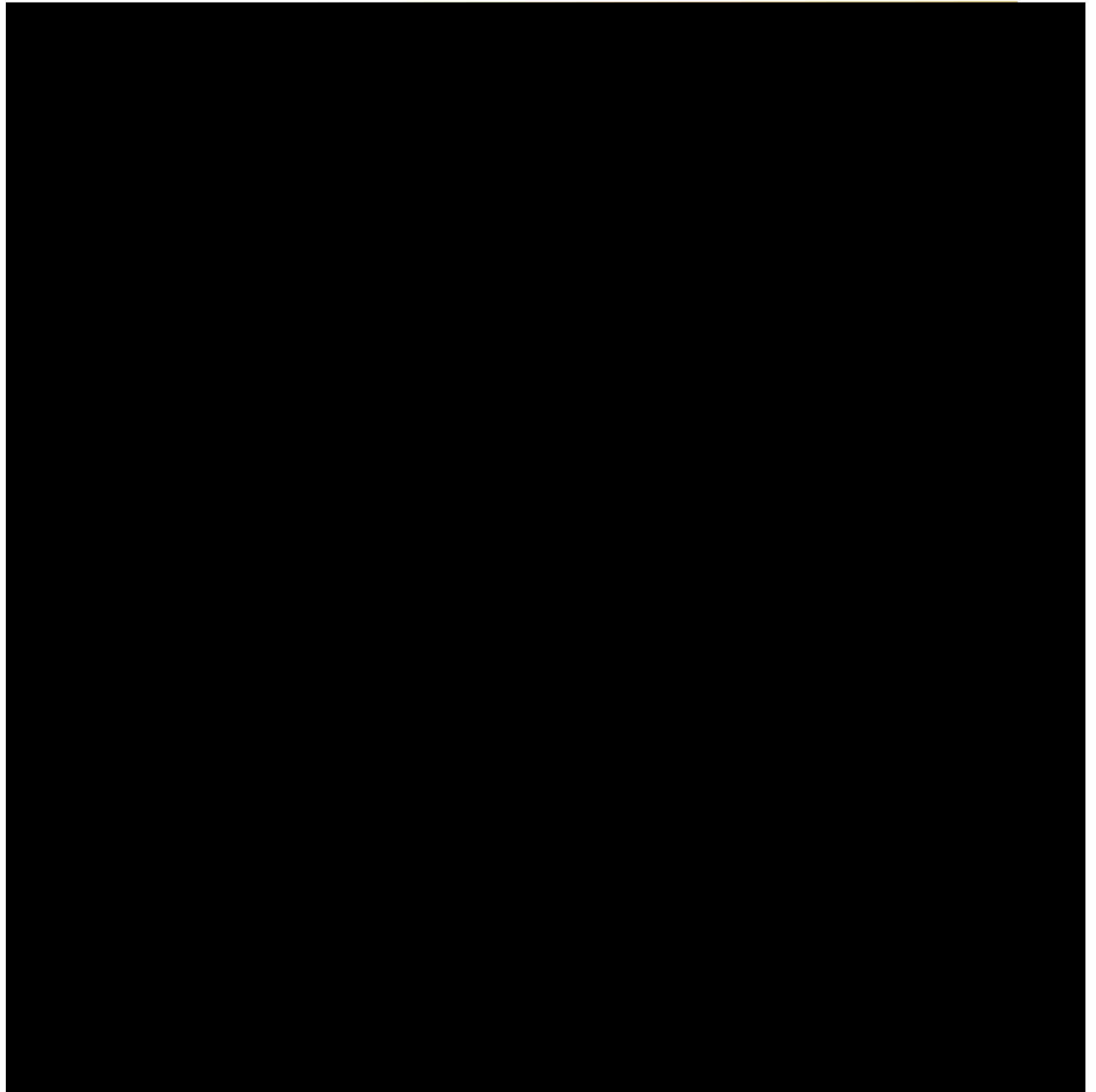
- 6.5 National Planning Guidance for Gypsy and Traveller developments are contained within Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' (PTS). This guidance came into force in August 2015 and amended the planning definition of 'gypsies and travellers' to exclude those who have ceased to travel permanently. This revised definition is as follows;

"Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such."

- 6.6 The definition still includes those who are of a nomadic habit of life who have ceased to travel temporarily because of their own, or their dependant's health or education needs or old age. The previous planning history has confirmed that the Gypsy and Traveller status of Albert Coates, that Mr Coates is 'recognised as being a longstanding member of the Gypsy and Traveller community within the District'. It is understood therefore that the Gypsy status of the applicant is not disputed.
- 6.7 The applicant was awarded custody of four of his grandchildren a result of the death of the children's mother. (Appendix 2)

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- 6.8 Following the traumatic loss of their mother, it is very important for the four siblings to remain together and continue to be supported by the extended family unit. The applicant has been awarded sole care of the children and requires additional accommodation on site to house them and his extended family unit. Albert will be supported in his role as carer by other close family members who will also be living on site. The occupiers of the four additional mobiles will be as follows:





Need for additional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

- 6.18 We understand that the Council acknowledge that they cannot currently demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable Gypsy and Traveller sites. The previous 2017 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) identified a need of 51 pitches up until 2035. More recent evidence that has been prepared as part of the Emerging Local Plan sets out that there is a need for 43 additional pitches between 2022/23 and 2039/40. It is understood that 5 pitches are needed in the first five years to 2026/27. Since the publication of the most recent GTAA it is understood that the need has increased to 48 pitches up to 2040.

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