

**Summary of Evidence, Appraisals, Assessments and Consultations Supporting
The Interim Policy Statements**

(a) Technical Evidence

The following Background Technical Reports have been prepared to support the Interim Policy Statements:

- Communities for the Future – Provision for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople (June 2009 – currently being updated)
- Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates Provision in the West Midlands Region 2005 – 2020 - Draft Final Report (March 2010)

(b) Sustainability Appraisals

The following Sustainability Appraisals has been completed for the Interim Policy Statements:

- Sustainability Appraisal of WMRSS Phase Three Options Consultation Document (June 2009)
- Sustainability Appraisal of WMRSS Phase Three Policy Recommendations and Interim Policy Statement for the Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople (March 2010)
- Sustainability Appraisal for the Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates (March 2010)

(c) Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

A following HRAs have been completed for the Interim Policy Statements:

- HRA of WMRSS Phase Three Options Consultation Document (June 2009)
- HRA of WMRSS Phase Three Policy Recommendations and Interim Policy Statement for the Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople (March 2010)
- HRA for the Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates (March 2010)

(d) Rural Proofing

The following Rural Proofing assessments have been completed for the Interim Policy Statements:

- Rural Proofing of WMRSS Phase Three Options Consultation Document (June 2009)
- Rural Proofing of WMRSS Phase Three Policy Recommendations and Interim Policy Statement for the Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople (March 2010)
- Rural Proofing for the Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates (March 2010)

(e) Consultations

Development of the Interim Policy Statements has involved extensive public and technical consultation including:

- Public consultation on Project Brief – November – December 2007
- Consultation with Section 4(4) authorities on Options Consultation Document – May - July 2008
- Consultation with RSS Reference Groups on Draft Options Consultation Document – July 2009
- Public consultation on Options – June to August 2009
- Workshop events with gypsy and traveller groups on the Options Consultation Document - June to August 2009
- Consultation with RSS Reference Groups on Draft Interim Policy Statements – January 2010

Additionally, the following technical consultations have been undertaken in relation to the Interim Policy Statements:

- Consultation with Local Planning Authorities and Gypsy and Traveller RSS Reference Group on Draft Interim Policy Statement for the Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople – October – November 2009
- Consultation with Local Planning Authorities and Gypsy and Traveller RSS Reference Group on Draft Interim Policy Statement for the Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople – January – February 2010
- Consultation with West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP) and Minerals Planning Authorities on Draft Interim Policy Statement for Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates – December 2009 – January 2010
- Consultation with West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP) and Minerals Planning Authorities on Draft Interim Policy Statement for Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates – February 2010

A copy of all relevant material can be found on the Regional Assembly website at:

http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Planning_and_Regional_Spatial_Strategy/RSS_Revision/RSS_Revision_Phase_3.aspx