

## **GYPSY SITE MANAGEMENT - BEST VALUE REVIEW**

### **1.0 The Service**

The aim of the service is to manage two residential gypsy sites on behalf of Surrey County Council. The two sites, Ash Bridge, Ash and Cobbetts Close, Normandy provide accommodation for 30 family pitches.

Management is to be carried out by a lease over a period of ten years. The site management includes the following:

- Letting of pitches.
- Collections of rents.
- Sale of electricity cards.
- Planned Maintenance and dealing with repairs.
- Ensuring the cleanliness and general management of the site including liaison with tenants.

### **2.0 Key Issues**

The review identified the following key issues:-

#### *Cobbetts Close Site*

- Lack of children's play facility.
- Lack of community facilities.
- Need for improved site lighting.
- Need for traffic control measures.

#### *Ash Bridge*

- Need to improve/upgrade the electricity service to amenity blocks.

#### *General Matters*

- Continuity - the need to have a longer term agency agreement to provide certainty and continuity to both the tenants and the Council.

### **3.0 Key Improvements Proposed**

A bid has been made to the Department for the Environment Transport and the Regions by Guildford Borough and Surrey County Council to obtain funding to provide the following improvements.

#### *Cobbetts Close*

- Children's play area.
- A community room.

- Improved site lighting.
- Speed restriction ramps.
- Walls to pitches.

and in a subsequent year to:

*Ash Bridge*

- Upgrade the electrical system by the provision of quarterly electricity meters to each pitch.