

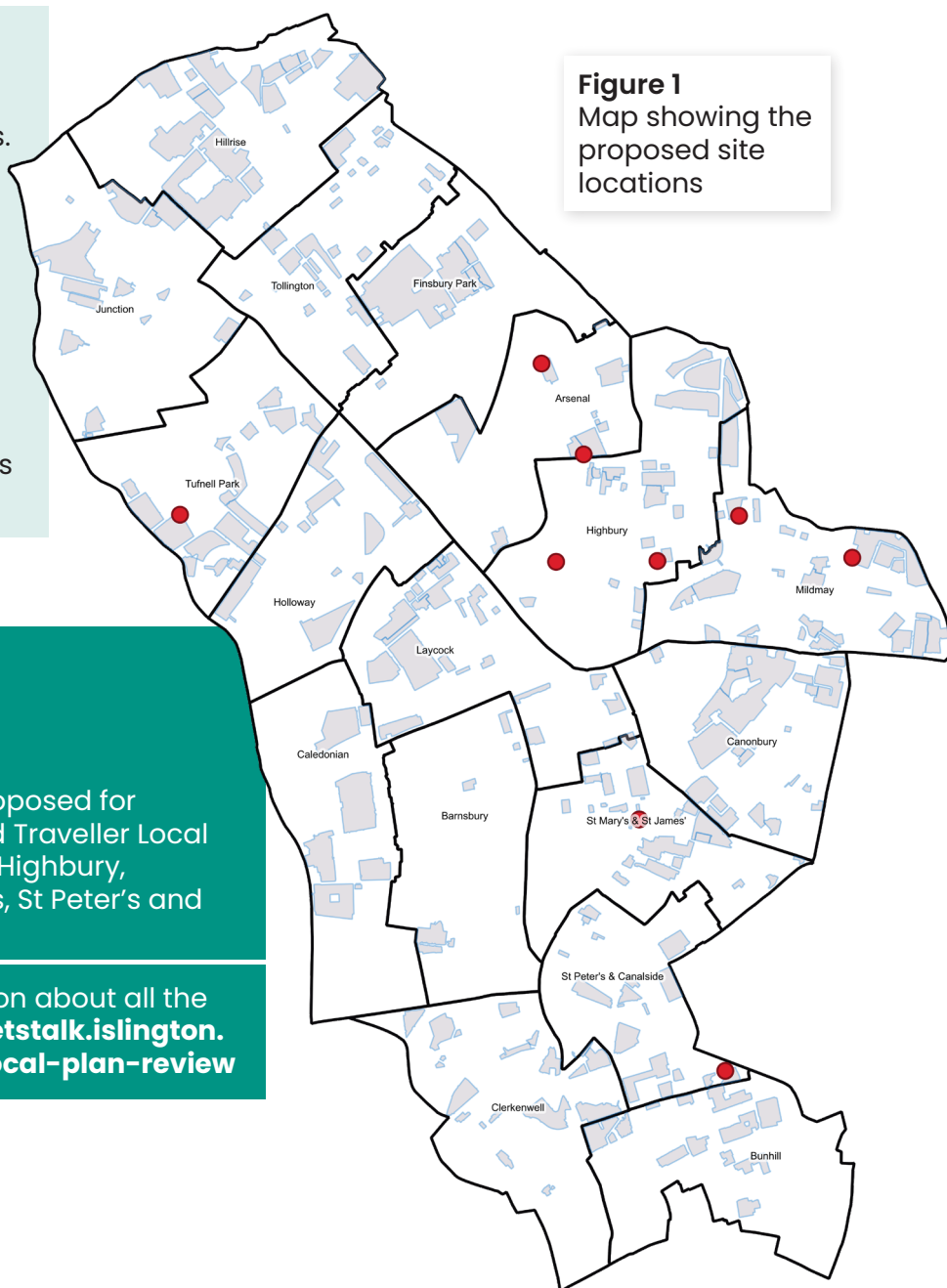
Have your say on proposals for Gypsy and Traveller homes

Share your feedback by 1 February 2026

National planning rules require councils to meet the housing needs of all residents – including pitches for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Gypsy and Traveller residents have been part of Islington's diverse communities for generations.

Islington Council is asking for your views on plans to create high-quality, affordable homes for Gypsy and Traveller residents. A number of sites have been identified across the borough, which could provide between 10 and 13 pitches. One of the sites is in your neighbourhood. These proposals aim to provide permanent homes for families who already live in Islington, often in social housing, but need accommodation that better suits their way of life.

Figure 1
Map showing the proposed site locations



Where are the proposed sites?

There are nine potential sites proposed for allocation in the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan across six wards – Arsenal, Highbury, Mildmay, St Mary's and St James, St Peter's and Canalside and Tufnell Park.

You can find out more information about all the sites on the consultation page letstalk.islington.gov.uk/gypsy-and-traveller-local-plan-review



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Proposal for a Gypsy and Traveller site at Ronalds Road

The site is owned by the council, and it includes vacant land above the railway line and a car parking area.



Figure 2
Map showing the existing site



Figure 3
View of the existing site

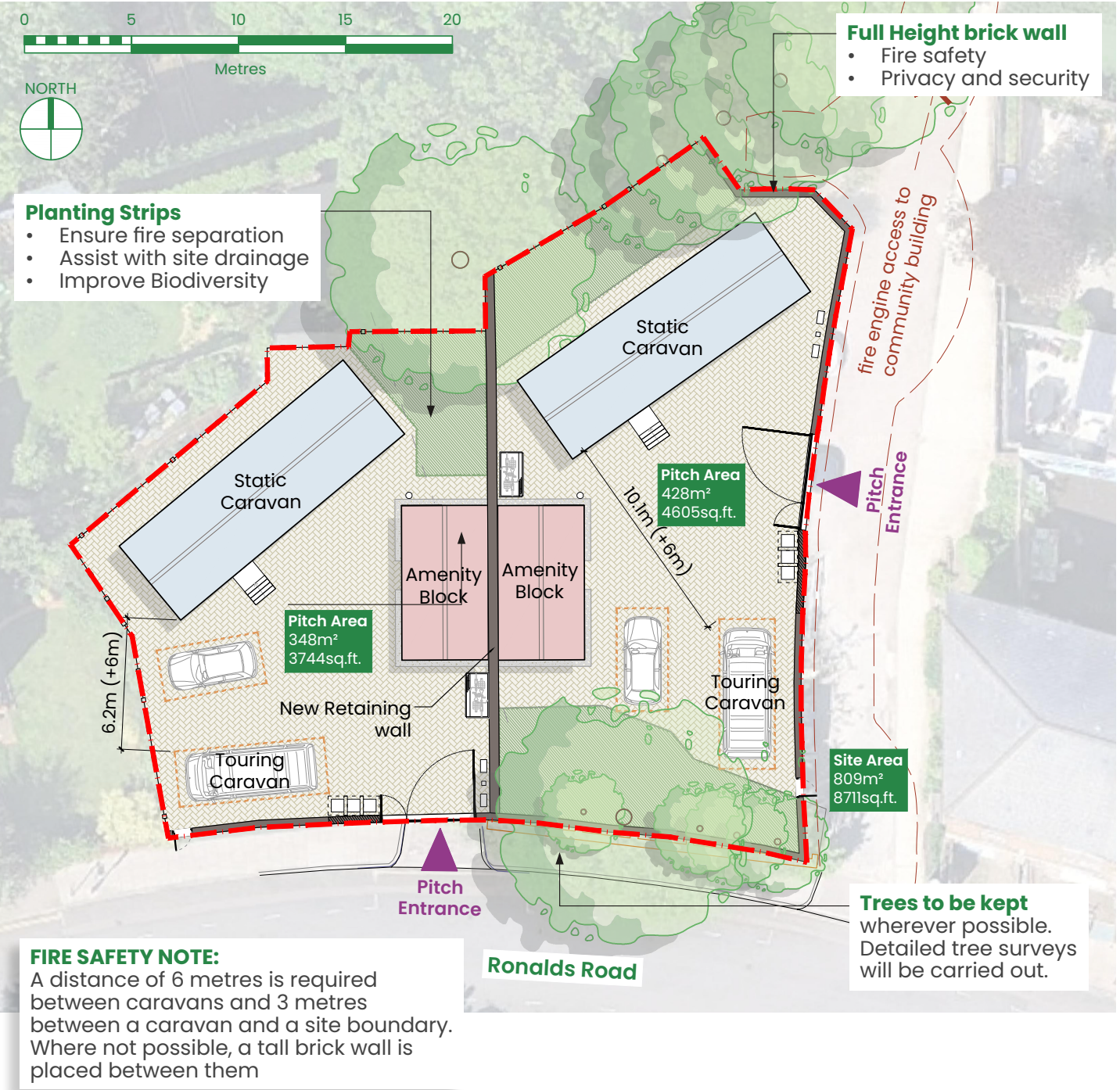
What is being proposed?

It is proposed that the site at Ronalds Road is allocated in principle for being suitable as a Gypsy and Traveller site. It would have the capacity for **two pitches**, accommodating two Gypsy and Traveller households.

Gypsy and Traveller sites provide culturally suitable homes for Gypsy and Traveller residents. A site can have one or more pitches.

A pitch is equivalent to one family home. Each home will include space for one static caravan, one touring caravan, and a single-storey amenity building with kitchen, bathroom and utilities. The sites will be designed to a high quality and meet inclusive and sustainable design principles.

Access to the community centre would be maintained.



FIRE SAFETY NOTE:
A distance of 6 metres is required between caravans and 3 metres between a caravan and a site boundary. Where not possible, a tall brick wall is placed between them

Figure 4
Initial site layout example. There may be changes to the layout following the consultation and further design work.

Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan consultation

Deadline for comments 1 February 2026

Please read the consultation documents available on Let's Talk Islington. The documents can also be viewed in hard copy form at the reception of Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 1UD (9am–5pm Monday to Friday).

There are three ways to respond:

-  Complete the consultation survey on Let's Talk Islington letstalk.islington.gov.uk/gypsy-and-traveller-local-plan-review; or
-  Email your response to planningpolicy@islington.gov.uk; or
-  Respond via post by writing to the following address: **Freepost RTXU-ETKU-KECB, Planning Policy, Islington Council 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD.**

Please note that to be considered, all comments must be made in writing.

Inappropriate comments that make use of stereotypes and discriminatory language to characterise the Gypsy and Traveller community will be rejected.

Information sessions

We are holding information sessions where you can ask council officers questions and find out more about all the proposed sites. The information sessions will take place at Islington Town Hall on the following dates:

10 December 2025, between 6–8pm
16 December 2025, between 12:30–2:30pm
17 December 2025, between 6–8pm

12 January 2026, between 6–8pm
13 January 2026, between 12:30–2:30pm
20 January 2026, between 6–8pm



To sign up for a 30-minute slot on one of these dates, please scan the QR code which will take you to the Let's Talk page where you can register for a session. If you do not have digital access, you can register in person at the Islington Town Hall reception (9am–5pm from Monday–Friday). Please note you can only attend one of the information sessions if you have signed up.

What happens next?

Responses to this consultation will be carefully considered and changes may be made to the initial proposals to reflect the feedback received. Following this, there will be another round of public consultation on the final Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan (under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act) in Summer 2026 before it is submitted for an independent examination by Planning Inspectors.

If you would like this information in another language or reading format, such as Braille, large print, audio or Easy Read, please contact 0800 307 7554.