GTANA

What next?

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Context - Background

- One in four Gypsy and Traveller caravans are on unauthorised sites
- A shortfall of ca 4000 pitches
- Tensions with the settled community - £18m spent annually on enforcement
- Gypsies and Travellers are the most socially excluded group in the country

Context - HMG

- Housing Act 2004
- ODPM Circular 1/2006

Context – Local Authorities

- Accommodation Needs Assessment
  - Still not completed by all LA's
- Regional Spatial Strategy
  - Timescales?
  - Allocation?
    - Where need exists?
    - To equal out distribution
- Local Development Framework
  - Before 2011?
  - Why wait?
  - Only 20% have Core Strategies for G & T's

The Solution

- Why wait?
- Money Available
- Control
- Moral case

The Solution

- 4000 pitches represents 10 per authority
- Allocate land NOW

Community Leadership

- Treat everybody equally
- Stand up and be counted
- Site provision & Management

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