

# **Tees Valley Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment**

## **Survey Instruments**

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# Tees Valley Gypsy & Traveller Study Site Accommodation Questionnaire

## Introduction

My name is [ ] and I work for the University of Salford in Manchester [show badge]. We have been asked by the local councils in this area (**Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees**) to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and other Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies and Travellers need and would like the help of Gypsies and Travellers to do this. We're looking to speak with a number of people staying in the local area, in houses, on council sites, on private sites and on the roadside, to get a range of views. The views that we collect may help plan and improve accommodation, sites, planning and other services in the future.

We are completely independent of any local council or the government. Would you be willing to talk to me? If you agree it will probably about 20 minutes. I have a number of questions I would like to ask but I would like to hear about anything else you feel is relevant. I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be confidential and no one will be identified in any report that we write, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you.

So, would you be willing to talk to me? If it's not a good time I could arrange to come back later if that suits you better.

**CHECK!** Have you already been interviewed for this survey before? Do you have one of these (show pink sheet)?

Address/Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or nearest village, postcode, Landmarks, etc...)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

If, during the interview a question comes up that you don't want to answer just say so and I'll move on

## SECTION A: Current Site/Encampments

The first set of questions is about where you are living at present and your views about it. Can I ask you first about the living accommodation you have for yourself and your family?

Q1. Type of site/encampment

(Please tick ✓ which type of site it is – one box only)

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Unauthorised encampment              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unauthorised development             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Residential Local authority/RSL site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Residential Private site – owned     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Residential Private site – rented    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q2. How many caravans/trailers/buses do you have at present? \_\_\_\_\_

Q3. Does this give you enough space?

- |            |                          |                  |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 6</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 4</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 6</b> |

Q4. If **NO**, is this because:-

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| You need more/bigger caravans/trailers/buses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You need a bigger pitch                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q5. If you need a bigger pitch/place, why do you need a bigger pitch/place (i.e. for storage, to have visitors, family growth, etc)?

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Q6. How would you rate the following aspects of your current site?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each aspect**

Aspect	Very good	Good	Neither good nor poor	Poor	Very poor
Size of pitch					
Design of site					
Neighbours on site					
Location					
Facilities on site					
Management of site					

Q7. Do you have access to:

	Yes	No
Water supply		
Electricity supply		
Rubbish storage and collection		
Shed/amenity building		
WC		
Bath		
Shower		
Kitchen facilities		
Laundry facilities		
Space for eating or sitting		
Heating in shed		
Postal delivery		
Fire precautions		
Somewhere for children to play		

Q8. You've told me you don't have access to water/WC/mains electric.  
How do you overcome this?

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Q9. Is this a problem for you?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q10. Do you have any concerns about health and safety, or security, at this site?

- Yes  **Go to Q 11**  
No  **Go to Q 12**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 12**

Q11. If **YES**, please describe your concerns below:

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Q12. What one or two things would most improve this site for you?

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Q13. How long have you been here on this site/encampment?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Up to 1 week   
2-4 weeks   
More than 1 month but less than 3   
3 months or more but less than 6   
6 months or more but less than 12   
1 years or more but less than 3   
3 years or more but less than 5   
5 or more years   
Don't know

Q14. How long do you think you will stay on this site/encampment?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Up to 1 week                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 2-4 weeks                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| More than 1 month but less than 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 3 months or more but less than 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 6 months or more but less than 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 1 years or more but less than 3   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 3 years or more but less than 5   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| 5 or more years                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 15</b> |
| Indefinitely                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 22</b> |
| Don't know                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 22</b> |

Q15. Why are you going to leave this site?

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Q16. Would you like to stay in this area?

- |            |                          |                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 17</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 19</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 22</b> |

Q17. If **YES**, which specific area? (**Interviewer: need to be as specific as possible**)

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Q18. If **YES**, what type of accommodation are you looking for?

	Yes	No
Roadside/informal stopping place		
Own site with planning permission		
Site owned by council		
Private site owned by someone else		
Piece of land to buy (without planning permission)		
Bricks and mortar		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q19. If **NO** (they don't want to stay in the area), where would you like to live?

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Q20. Why do you want to live in that place?

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Q21. Why do you not currently live there?

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## SECTION B: Travelling

If it's ok I'd like to talk about your experiences of travelling in general and how it has changed.

Q22. Would you say you are local to this area (i.e. town they are in/nearest town)?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q23. Are there particular reasons for stopping in this area?

	Yes	No
Place of birth		
Have family living in area		
Work opportunities		
Schools		
Holiday		
Family or community event		
Only place I could find		
Other (please specify below)		

Q24. Do you have a base somewhere else?

Yes  **Go to Q 25**

No  **Go to Q 26**

Don't know  **Go to Q 26**

Q25. If **YES**, where is it and what type of site?

A: Where is it?

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B: What type of accommodation (i.e. LA, House, private, etc)?

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Q26. How often do you travel at present? (Travelling whilst living in a caravan, trailer or bus?) **Please tick ✓ one box only**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Every week             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28</b>                      |
| Every month            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28</b>                      |
| Every couple of months | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28</b>                      |
| Seasonally             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28</b>                      |
| Once per year only     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28</b>                      |
| Never                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 27-28 (then go to Q 39)</b> |

Q27. If **NEVER**, why is this?

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Q28. Is this typical, or has it changed over the past few years?

- |            |                          |                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Typical    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 30</b> |
| Changed    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 30</b> |

Q29. If **CHANGED**, why?

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Q30. The last time you travelled, who did you mostly travel with?

	Yes	No
By self		
Own household		
Other family members		
Friends		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q31. Which places do you like to go? - **List 3 main areas**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)

Q32. How many trailers/caravans/buses do you normally travel with?

\_\_\_\_\_

Q33. How many people are usually in the group you travel with?

\_\_\_\_\_

Q34. In the last 12 months, did you travel for any of the following reasons?

	Yes	No
Work opportunities		
A holiday		
Attend a fair		
To visit relatives		
To attend family events		
To attend community events		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q35. What was your main reason for travelling in the last 12 months?

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Q36. In the last 12 months have you stayed at any of the following?

	Yes	No
Roadside (countryside)		
Roadside (town/city)		
Caravan park		
With family/relatives on private sites		
With family/relatives on council/public sites		
Public or private transit sites		
Hotels		
Farmer's fields		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q37. Were you ever forced to leave a site while you were travelling in the last 12 months?

- Yes  **Go to Q 38**  
 No  **Go to Q 39**  
 Don't know  **Go to Q 39**

Q38. What were the reasons for leaving?

	Yes	No
Eviction		
Harassment		
Fears over personal safety		
Site closure		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q39. In the future, do you think you are likely to travel more than now, less than now or about the same? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- More than currently   
 Less than currently   
 About the same as currently   
 Don't know

Q40. In the next 12 months, do you anticipate travelling:

	Yes	No
Within the same local area		
Within Tees Valley		
Other parts of the UK		
Abroad		

Q41. In the future, when travelling, where would you like to pull on to/stay?

	Yes	No
Roadside		
Caravan park		
With family/relatives on private sites		
With family/relatives on council/public sites		
Public or private transit sites		
Farmer's fields		
Hotels		
Other (please specify below)		

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## SECTION C: Previous Housing and Site Experiences

Is it ok now to move onto talking about some of the places you have lived in the past?

Q42. What type of accommodation did you live in/on immediately before you came here?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Roadside                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caravan park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site – land owned by you | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site – rented pitch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL site                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private transit site             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL transit site         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bricks and mortar (house)           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Farm land/farm                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Q43. Where was this? (i.e. location)

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Q44. Why did you leave there and come here?

	Yes	No
Health reasons/illness		
Eviction		
Harassment		
Fears over personal safety		
Site closure		
Wanted independence		
Work reasons		
For children's schooling		
To travel		
Site/accommodation conditions		
Get married/live with partner		
No particular reason		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q45. Have you ever lived in a house?

- Yes  **Go to Q 46**
- No  **Go to Q 53**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 53**

Q46. What type of house? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Council rented
- Housing Association/RSL rented
- Private rented
- Privately owned
- Other (please specify below)
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Q47. What type of property was it? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| House                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bungalow                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q48. Where was it? (i.e. location)

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Q49. What was the main reason for moving to this property?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Moved there with parents/family | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Born/raised there               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health reasons (explain below)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lack of sites                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For children's schooling/education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homeless                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q50. How would you rate your experience of living in a house?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Very good             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |
| Good                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |
| Neither good nor poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |
| Poor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |
| Very poor             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 52</b> |

Q51. Why do you give this rating?

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Q52. Why did you leave the house?

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Q53. Would you ever consider moving to a house (again)?

- Yes  **Go to Q 54**  
No  **Go to Q 55**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 55**

Q54. If **YES**, is this because of:

	Yes	No
Work reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health reasons (please explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lack of sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For children's schooling/education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Want a change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dislike travelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Want stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Q55. Are you on the waiting list for a house?

- Yes  **Go to Q 56**
- No  **Go to Q 57**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 57**

Q56. If **YES**, which list? where?

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Q57. Have you ever bought your own land?

- Yes  **Go to Q 58**
- No  **Go to Q 61**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 61**

Q58. If **YES**, did you apply for planning permission?

- Yes  **Go to Q 59**
- No  **Go to Q 61**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 61**

Q59. If **YES**, do you apply before or after you bought the land?

- Before  **Go to Q 60**
- After  **Go to Q 60**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 60**

Q60. Do you mind telling us a bit about what happened with the planning process?

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Q61. Thinking back, can you tell me about the best place you have ever lived? What was it like? Why was it so good?

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Q62. What about the worst place you have ever lived? What was it like? Why was it so bad?

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## SECTION D: Household Details

If it's ok I'd like now to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you?

Q63. How many people are there in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q64. How many adults are there in your household aged 60 or over \_\_\_\_\_

Q65. How many children are there in your household aged:

- |         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| None    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 0 – 4   | _____                    |
| 5 – 10  | _____                    |
| 11 – 16 | _____                    |

Q66. Thinking about just the adults that live with you (in the immediate family) can you tell me, their ages, whether they are male or female and their relationship to you? **Please begin with yourself as ‘number 1 family member’**

**Please put a tick ✓ in the appropriate boxes**

AGE	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER (ADULTS ONLY)										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
17 – 24 years											
25 – 39 years											
40 – 49 years											
50 – 59 years											
60 – 74 years											
75 – 84 years											
85 years +											
<b>GENDER</b>											
Male											
Female											
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>											
Married											
Single											
Living together											
Widowed											
Divorced											
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>											
Partner											
Son or daughter											
Sister/brother											
Uncle/aunt											
Cousin											
Grandparent											
Grandchild											
Other											

Q67. Is there anyone in your household who is **currently** in need of their own accommodation?

Yes  **Go to Q 68**

No  **Go to Q 72**

Don't know  **Go to Q 72**

Q68. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q69. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q70. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q71. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

House

Flat

Trailer/caravan/bus

Up to them

Don't know

Q72. Is there anyone in your household (e.g. son or daughter) who is likely to want their own separate accommodation **in the next 5 years**?

Yes  **Go to Q 73**

No  **Go to Q 77**

Don't know  **Go to Q 77**

Q73. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q74. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q75. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

- Yes   
No   
Don't know

Q76. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

- House   
Flat   
Trailer/caravan/bus   
Up to them   
Don't know

Q77. Does anyone in your household experience any of the following?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each condition**

Type of condition	None	One person	Two people	Three+ people
Mobility problems				
Visual impairment				
Hearing impairment				
Mental health problems				
Learning disability				
Communication problems				

Q78. Does anyone in your household suffer from any other health problems?

- Yes  **Go to Q 79**  
No  **Go to Q 80**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 80**

Q79. If **YES**, please describe the health problem:

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Q80. How do you think of yourself? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Romany/Gypsy (English)   
Welsh Gypsy/Traveller   
Scottish Gypsy/ Traveller   
Irish Traveller   
New Traveller   
Traveller (not specified)   
Showmen/Circus person   
Roma   
Bargee/Boat dweller   
Other (please specify below)   

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Don't know   
Refused

Q81. Do you keep any animals/birds?

**(Interviewer: please find out how many of each, if possible)**

Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ (number)
Horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Chickens	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_

Q82. Where do you keep them and do you have any issues with regards to keeping animals/birds?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you mind telling me a bit about the work you and your family do?**

Q83. Firstly, do you and your family work: **Please tick ✓ one box only**

Mostly in this area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 84</b>
Travel for work (outside the area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 84</b>
Work in and out of the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 84</b>
Work only seasonally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 84</b>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 84</b>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don't work  **Go to Q 92**

Q84. Are you and your family employed/self employed?

**(Please write the number in if appropriate)**

Self employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Q85. Do you mind telling me what type of work do you and your family do?  
(i.e. main trade)

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Q86. Does your travelling lifestyle impact on your work at all?  
(If they don't travel you don't need to ask this)

- Yes  Go to Q 87  
No  Go to Q 88  
Don't know  Go to Q 88

Q87. If YES, in what ways?

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Q88. Does work ever impact on your travelling lifestyle?  
(If they don't travel you don't need to ask this)

- Yes  Go to Q 89  
No  Go to Q 90  
Don't know  Go to Q 90

Q89. If YES, in what ways?

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Q90. Do you have any site needs relating to your work?

- Yes  **Go to Q 91**  
No  **Go to Q 92**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 92**

Q91. If **YES**, what needs?

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Q92. Have you ever been on any training courses for work?

- Yes  **Go to Q 93**  
No  **Go to Q 94**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 94**

Q93. If **YES**, was this:

- A local college or similar   
Training provided by family or friends?   
An apprenticeship/on the job training

Q94. Would you like to take part in some training in the future?

- Yes  **Go to Q 95**  
No  **Go to Q 96**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 96**

Q95. If **YES**, what type of training?

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## SECTION E: Services

I'd like to talk to you a little bit about what you think of the local services.

Q96. Access to services:

A: Do you or your family feel that you have sufficient access to the following services?

B: How important are these services to you?

Service	A		B				
	Have access		Very important	Quite important	Not so important	Not important at all	Don't know
	Yes	No					
Public transport							
GP/health centre							
Health visitor							
Social worker							
Maternity care							
A&E							
Dentist							
Sports & leisure services							
Local shops							
Banks							
Post office							
Nursery schools & children's service							
Services for older people							
Youth clubs							

Q97. Is there anything that stops you from accessing any of the above?

- Yes  **Go to Q 98**
- No  **Go to Q 99**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 99**

Q98. If **YES**, what?

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Q99. Are there any ways in which you think services could be improved?

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Q100. Do you think that the people working in the different services need to be more aware of issues affecting Gypsies and Travellers?

- Yes  **Go to Q 101**
- No  **Go to Q 102**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 102**

Q101. If **YES**, why and in what ways?

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Q102. If you need help with something and you don't know where to go, who do you normally ask?

- Parents/relatives
  - Friends
  - Other people on site
  - Site owner/warden/manager
  - No one
  - Other (please specify below)
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Q103. I am going to read out a list of things which people sometimes want help or support with. Please can you tell me if you would definitely use, might use, or would never use services offering help with the following things:

<b>Support need</b>	<b>Would never use</b>	<b>Might use</b>	<b>Would definitely use</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Finding accommodation				
Settling into new accommodation				
Budgeting				
Meeting people				
Accessing a GP				
Accessing legal services				
Harassment				
Claiming benefits				
Finding a job				
Accessing training (for adults)				
Pregnancy				
Parenting				
Filling in forms				
Guidance on planning issues				

Q104. Are there any other services you would like help with?

- Yes  **Go to Q 105**
- No  **Go to Q 106**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 106**

Q105. If **YES**, what?

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Q106. Have you experienced harassment or discrimination in this area because you are a Gypsy or Traveller?

- Yes  **Go to Q 107**
- No  **Go to Q 108**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 108**

Q107. If **YES**, what happened?

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Q108. What are your experiences of Policing in this area?

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Q109. (**Check back to see if they have school aged children then ask**) Do the children attend school regularly? (**If they don't have children ask Q 113 and Q 117**)

- Yes  **Go to Q 110**
- No  **Go to Q 112**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 112**

Q110. Overall, how would you rate your children's schools?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                       |                          |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Very good             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 111</b> |
| Good                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 111</b> |
| Neither good nor poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 111</b> |
| Poor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 111</b> |
| Very poor             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 111</b> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 113</b> |

Q111. Why do you give this rating?

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Q112. Do the children receive home education?

- |            |                          |                    |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 113</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 113</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 113</b> |

Q113. How easy or difficult do you think it is for Gypsies and Travellers to access schools/education in this area?

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very easy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neither easy nor difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficult                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very difficult             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q114. Do you have contact with the Traveller Education Service?

- Yes  **Go to Q 115**  
No  **Go to Q 117**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 117**

Q115. How would you rate this service? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Very good  **Go to Q 116**  
Good  **Go to Q 116**  
Neither good nor poor  **Go to Q 116**  
Poor  **Go to Q 116**  
Very poor  **Go to Q 116**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 117**

Q116. Why do you give this rating?

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Q117. What is your highest level of educational qualification?

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## SECTION F: Future Accommodation

Finally I'd like to ask some questions about the future.

Q118. Would you move to a/another long-stay residential site?

- Yes  **Go to Q 119**  
No  **Go to Q 121**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 121**

Q119. How long would you like to stop at a long-stay residential site?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Less than 3 months   
3 months or more but less than 6   
6 months or more but less than 12   
1 years or more but less than 3   
3 years or more but less than 5   
5 or more years   
Don't know

Q120. Where would you like the site to be?

	Yes	No
Within the same local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within Tees Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other parts of the UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Interviewer please write down specific location, if given:**

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Q121. Would you be interested in stopping on any of the following and how long would you stop at each?

**Please tick ✓ all that apply and write length of time**

- |   |                          |       |
|---|--------------------------|-------|
| Private transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Council transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit pitch on a residential private site | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit pitch on a residential council site | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Designated stopping places                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other (please specify below)                | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
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Q122. What is your preference from these options?

**Interviewer: please ✓ one box only**

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Private transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit pitch on a residential private site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit pitch on a residential council site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Designated stopping places                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q123. What do you think about sites that incorporate long stay/permanent plots/chalets with short stay/transit facilities?

- |            |                          |                    |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Good idea  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 124</b> |
| Bad idea   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 124</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 125</b> |

Q124. Why?

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Q125. What do you think should be the maximum number of pitches on:

**Please write the number in**

A residential site \_\_\_\_\_

A transit site \_\_\_\_\_

Q126. Are you currently on a waiting list(s) for a site?

Yes  **Go to Q 127**

No  **Go to Q 128**

Don't know  **Go to Q 128**

Q127. If **YES**, which site(s)? Where? Is it LA/private/RSL? How many?

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Q128. Thinking about all the things we've talked about, we would like you to give your opinion about the following ways of living, and rate them on a scale of **1** to **10** (**1 being worst option, 10 being best option**):

<b>Way of living</b>										
A private site owned and lived on by you/your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by another Gypsy/Traveller	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by a private landlord (not a Gypsy/Traveller)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by the local council	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house owned by you and your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house rented from the local council or housing association	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Travelling around and stopping on authorised transit sites/pitches/stopping places	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site incorporating long stay/permanent plots/housing with short stay/transit facilities	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

Q129. Finally, are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**Thank you very much for your time**

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# Tees Valley Gypsy & Traveller Study

## Bricks & Mortar Questionnaire

### Introduction

My name is [ ] and I work for the University of Salford in Manchester [show badge]. We have been asked by the local councils in this area (**Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees**) to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and other Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies and Travellers need and would like the help of Gypsies and Travellers to do this. We're looking to speak with a number of people staying in the local area, in houses, on council sites, on private sites and on the roadside, to get a range of views. The views that we collect may help plan and improve accommodation, sites, planning and other services in the future.

We are completely independent of any local council or the government. Would you be willing to talk to me? If you agree it will probably about 20 minutes. I have a number of questions I would like to ask but I would like to hear about anything else you feel is relevant. I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be confidential and no one will be identified in any report that we write, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you.

So, would you be willing to talk to me? If it's not a good time I could arrange to come back later if that suits you better.

**CHECK!** Have you already been interviewed for this survey before? Do you have one of these (show pink sheet)?

Address/Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or nearest village, postcode, Landmarks, etc...)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

If, during the interview a question comes up that you don't want to answer just say so and I'll move on

## SECTION A: Current accommodation

The first set of questions is about where you are living at present and your views about it. Can I ask you first about the living accommodation you have for yourself and your family?

Q1. Type of house: **(Please tick ✓ one box only)**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| House                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bungalow                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat/Maisonette              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q2. Do you own the house/flat or rent it? **(Please tick ✓ one box only)**

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Owner-occupier                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council tenant                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RSL/HA tenant (please specify which if known) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Private tenant               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 

Q3. How many bedrooms do you have here?  
**(Please tick ✓ one box only)**

- |              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| One          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Four or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q4. Does this give you enough space?

- Yes  **Go to Q 6**  
No  **Go to Q 5**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 6**

Q5. If **NO**, why?

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Q6. How would you rate the following aspects of your current house?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each aspect**

Aspect	Very good	Good	Neither good nor poor	Poor	Very poor
Size of house					
Design of house					
Neighbours					
Location					
Facilities at the house					
Condition/state of repair					

Q7. Do you have access to:

	Yes	No
Water supply		
Electricity supply		
Rubbish storage and collection		
WC		
Bath		
Shower		
Kitchen facilities		
Laundry facilities		
Space for eating or sitting		
Postal delivery		
Fire precautions		
Somewhere for children to play		

Q8. Do you have any concerns about health and safety, or security, at this house?

- Yes  **Go to Q 9**  
No  **Go to Q 10**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 10**

Q9. If **YES**, please describe your concerns below:

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Q10. What one or two things would most improve this house/flat for you?

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Q11. How long have you been in this house?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Up to 1 week
- 2-4 weeks
- More than 1 month but less than 3
- 3 months or more but less than 6
- 6 months or more but less than 12
- 1 years or more but less than 3
- 3 years or more but less than 5
- 5 or more years
- Don't know

Q12. How long do you think you will stay in this house?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Up to 1 week  **Go to Q 13**
- 2-4 weeks  **Go to Q 13**
- More than 1 month but less than 3  **Go to Q 13**
- 3 months or more but less than 6  **Go to Q 13**
- 6 months or more but less than 12  **Go to Q 13**
- 1 years or more but less than 3  **Go to Q 13**
- 3 years or more but less than 5  **Go to Q 13**
- 5 or more years  **Go to Q 13**
- Indefinitely  **Go to Q 20**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 20**

Q13. Why are you going to leave this house?

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Q14. Would you like to stay in this area?

- Yes  **Go to Q 15**  
No  **Go to Q 17**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 20**

Q15. If **YES**, which specific area?

**(Interviewer: need to be as specific as possible)**

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Q16. If **YES**, what type of accommodation are you looking for?

	Yes	No
Roadside/informal stopping place		
Own site with planning permission		
Site owned by council		
Private site owned by someone else		
Piece of land to buy (without planning permission)		
Another house		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q17. If **NO** (they don't want to stay in the area) where would you like to live?

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Q18. Why do you want to live in that place?

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Q19. Why do you not currently live there?

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Q20. Do you still own trailers/caravans/buses?

Yes  **Go to Q 21**

No  **Go to Q 23**

Don't know  **Go to Q 23**

Q21. How many trailers/caravans/buses do you have at present? \_\_\_\_\_

Q22. Where do you keep them?

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## SECTION B: Travelling

If it's ok I'd like to talk about your experiences of travelling in general and how it has changed.

Q23. Would you say you are local to this area (i.e. town they are in/nearest town)?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q24. Are there particular reasons for living in this area?

	Yes	No
Place of birth		
Have family living in area		
Work opportunities		
Schools		
Holiday		
Only place I could find		
Family or community event		
Other (please specify below)		

Q25. Do you have a base somewhere else?

Yes  **Go to Q 26**

No  **Go to Q 27**

Don't know  **Go to Q 27**

Q26. If **YES:**, where is it and what type of site?

A: Where is it?

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B: What type of site (i.e. LA, House, private, etc)?

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Q27. How often do you travel at present? (Travelling whilst living in a caravan, trailer or bus?) **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                        |                          |   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Every week             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b>                         |
| Every month            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b>                         |
| Every couple of months | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b>                         |
| Seasonally             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b>                         |
| Once per year only     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 29</b>                         |
| Never                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 28-29 (then go to to Q 40)</b> |

Q28. If **NEVER**, why is this?

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Q29. Is this typical, or has it changed over the past few years?

- |            |                          |                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Typical    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 31</b> |
| Changed    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 30</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 31</b> |

Q30. If **CHANGED**, why?

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Q31. The last time you travelled, who did you mostly travel with?

	Yes	No
By self		
Own household		
Other family members		
Friends		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q32. Which places do you like to go? - **List 3 main areas**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_)

Q33. How many trailers/caravans/buses do you normally travel with?

\_\_\_\_\_

Q34. How many people are usually in the group you travel with?

\_\_\_\_\_

Q35. In the last 12 months, did you travel for any of the following reasons?

	Yes	No
Work opportunities		
A holiday		
Attend a fair		
To visit relatives		
To attend family events		
To attend community events		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q36. What was your main reason for travelling in the last 12 months?

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Q37. In the last 12 months have you stayed at any of the following?

	Yes	No
Roadside (countryside)		
Roadside (town/city)		
Caravan park		
With family/relatives on private sites		
With family/relatives on council/public sites		
Public or private transit sites		
Hotels		
Farmer's fields		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q38. Were you ever forced to leave a site while you were travelling in the last 12 months?

- Yes  **Go to Q 39**  
 No  **Go to Q 40**  
 Don't know  **Go to Q 40**

Q39. What were the reasons for leaving?

	Yes	No
Eviction		
Harassment		
Fears over personal safety		
Site closure		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q40. In the future, do you think you are likely to travel more than now, less than now or about the same?

- More than currently   
 Less than currently   
 About the same as currently   
 Don't know

Q41. In the next 12 months, do you anticipate travelling:

	Yes	No
Within the same local area		
Within Tees Valley		
Other parts of the UK		
Abroad		

Q42. In the future, when travelling, where would you like to pull on to/stay?

	Yes	No
Roadside		
Caravan park		
With family/relatives on private sites		
With family/relatives on council/public sites		
Public or private transit sites		
Farmer's fields		
Hotels		
Other (please specify below)		

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## SECTION C: Previous Housing and Site Experiences

Is it ok now to move onto talking about some of the places you have lived in the past?

Q43. What type of accommodation did you live in/on immediately before you came here?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Roadside                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caravan park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site – land owned by you | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site – rented pitch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL site                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private transit site             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL transit site         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bricks and mortar (house)           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Q44. Where was this? (**i.e. location**)

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Q45. Why did you leave there and come here?

	Yes	No
Health reasons/Illness		
Eviction		
Harassment		
Fears over personal safety		
Site closure		
Wanted independence		
Work reasons		
Children's schooling		
To travel		
Site/accommodation conditions		
Get married/live with partner		
No particular reason		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q46. Besides this one, have you ever lived in a house before?

- Yes  **Go to Q 47**
- No  **Go to Q 52**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 52**

Q47. What type of house? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Council rented
- RSL rented
- Private rented
- Privately owned
- Other (please specify below)
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Q48. What type of property was it? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| House                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bungalow                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q49. Where was it? (i.e. location)

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Q50. What was the main reason for moving to this property?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Moved there with parents/family | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Born/raised there               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health reasons (explain below)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lack of sites                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For children's schooling/education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homeless                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q51. Why did you leave this previous house?

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Q52. Are you on the waiting list for another house?

- |            |                          |                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 53</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 54</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 54</b> |

Q53. If **YES**, which list? where?

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Q54. Have you ever bought your own land?

- Yes  **Go to Q 55**  
No  **Go to Q 58**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 58**

Q55. If **YES**, did you apply for planning permission?

- Yes  **Go to Q 56**  
No  **Go to Q 58**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 58**

Q56. If **YES**, do you apply before or after you bought the land?

- Before  **Go to Q 57**  
After  **Go to Q 57**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 58**

Q57. Do you mind telling us a bit about what happened with the planning process?

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Q58. Thinking back, can you tell me about the best place you have ever lived? What was it like? Why was it so good?

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Q59. What about the worst place you have ever lived? What was it like?  
Why was it so bad?

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## SECTION D: Household Details

If it's ok I'd like now to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you?

Q60. How many people are there in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q61. How many adults are there in your household aged 60 or over \_\_\_\_\_

Q62. How many children are there in your household aged:

- |         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| None    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 0 – 4   | _____                    |
| 5 – 10  | _____                    |
| 11 – 16 | _____                    |

Q63. Thinking about just the adults that live with you (in the immediate family) can you tell me, their ages, whether they are male or female and their relationship to you? **Please begin with yourself as ‘number 1 family member’**

**Please put a tick ✓ in the appropriate boxes**

AGE	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER (ADULTS ONLY)										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
17 – 24 years											
25 – 39 years											
40 – 49 years											
50 – 59 years											
60 – 74 years											
75 – 84 years											
85 years +											
<b>GENDER</b>											
Male											
Female											
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>											
Married											
Single											
Living together											
Widowed											
Divorced											
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>											
Partner											
Son or daughter											
Sister/brother											
Uncle/aunt											
Cousin											
Grandparent											
Grandchild											
Other											

Q64. Is there anyone in your household who is **currently** in need of their own accommodation?

Yes  **Go to Q 65**

No  **Go to Q 69**

Don't know  **Go to Q 69**

Q65. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q66. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q67. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q68. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

House

Flat

Trailer/caravan/bus

Up to them

Don't know

Q69. Is there anyone in your household (e.g. son or daughter) who is likely to want their own separate accommodation **in the next 5 years**?

Yes  **Go to Q 70**

No  **Go to Q 74**

Don't know  **Go to Q 74**

Q70. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q71. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q72. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q73. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

- House
- Flat
- Trailer/caravan/bus
- Up to them
- Don't know

Q74. Does anyone in your household experience any of the following?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each condition**

Type of condition	None	One person	Two people	Three+ people
Mobility problems				
Visual impairment				
Hearing impairment				
Mental health problems				
Learning disability				
Communication problems				

Q75. Does anyone in your household suffer from any other health problems?

Yes  **Go to Q 76**

No  **Go to Q 77**

Don't know  **Go to Q 77**

Q76. If **YES**, please describe the health problem:

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Q77. How do you think of yourself? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

Romany/Gypsy (English)

Welsh Gypsy/Traveller

Scottish Gypsy/ Traveller

Irish Traveller

New Traveller

Traveller (not specified)

Showmen/Circus person

Roma

Bargee/Boat dweller

Other (please specify below)

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Don't know

Refused

Q78. Do you keep any animals/birds?

**(Interviewer: please find out how many of each, if possible)**

Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ (number)
Horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Chickens	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_

Q79. Where do you keep them and do you have any issues with regards to keeping animals/birds?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you mind telling me a bit about the work you and your family do?**

Q80. Firstly, do you and your family work: **Please tick ✓ one box only**

Mostly in this area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 81</b>
Travel for work (outside the area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 81</b>
Work in and out of the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 81</b>
Work only seasonally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 81</b>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to Q 81</b>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don't work  **Go to Q 89**

Q81. Are you and your family employed/self employed?

**(Please write the number in if appropriate)**

Self employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Q82. Do you mind telling me what type of work do you and your family do?

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Q83. Does your travelling lifestyle impact on your work at all?  
**(If they don't travel you don't need to ask this)**

- Yes  **Go to Q 84**  
No  **Go to Q 85**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 85**

Q84. If **YES**, in what ways?

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Q85. Does work ever impact on your travelling lifestyle?  
**(If they don't travel you don't need to ask this)**

- Yes  **Go to Q 86**  
No  **Go to Q 87**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 87**

Q86. If **YES**, in what ways?

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Q87. Do you have any accommodation needs relating to your work?

- Yes  **Go to Q 88**  
No  **Go to Q 89**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 89**

Q88. If **YES**, in what ways?

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Q89. Have you ever been on any training courses for work?

- Yes  **Go to Q 90**  
No  **Go to Q 91**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 91**

Q90. If **YES**, was this:

- A local college or similar   
Training provided by family or friends?   
An apprenticeship/on the job training

Q91. Would you like to take part in some training in the future?

- Yes  **Go to Q 92**  
No  **Go to Q 93**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 93**

Q92. If **YES**, what type of training?

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## SECTION E: Services

I'd like to talk to you a little bit about what you think of local services.

Q93. Access to services:

A: Do you or your family feel that you have sufficient access to the following services?

B: How important are these services to you?

Service	A		B				
	Have access		Very important	Quite important	Not so important	Not important at all	Don't know
	Yes	No					
Public transport							
GP/health centre							
Health visitor							
Social worker							
Maternity care							
A&E							
Dentist							
Sports & leisure services							
Local shops							
Banks							
Post office							
Nursery schools & children's service							
Services for older people							
Youth clubs							

Q94. Is there anything that stops you from accessing any of the above?

- Yes  **Go to Q 95**
- No  **Go to Q 96**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 96**

Q95. If **YES**, what?

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Q96. Are there any ways in which you think services could be improved?

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Q97. Do you think that the people working in the different services need to be more aware of issues affecting Gypsies and Travellers?

- Yes  **Go to Q 98**
- No  **Go to Q 99**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 99**

Q98. If **YES**, why and in what ways?

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Q99. If you need help with something and you don't know where to go, who do you normally ask?

- Parents/relatives
  - Friends
  - Landlord/owner of the property
  - No one
  - Other (please specify below)
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Q100. I am going to read out a list of things which people sometimes want help or support with. Please can you tell me if you would definitely use, might use, or would never use services offering help with the following things:

<b>Support need</b>	<b>Would never use</b>	<b>Might use</b>	<b>Would definitely use</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Finding accommodation				
Settling into new accommodation				
Budgeting				
Meeting people				
Accessing a GP				
Accessing legal services				
Harassment				
Claiming benefits				
Finding a job				
Accessing training (for adults)				
Pregnancy				
Parenting				
Filling in forms				
Guidance on planning issues				

Q101. Are there any other services you would like help with?

- Yes  **Go to Q 102**
- No  **Go to Q 103**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 103**

Q102. If **YES**, what?

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Q103. Have you experienced harassment or discrimination in this area because you are a Gypsy or Traveller?

- Yes  **Go to Q 104**
- No  **Go to Q 105**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 105**

Q104. If **YES**, what happened?

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Q105. What are your experiences of Policing in this area?

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Q106. (**Check back to see if they have school aged children then ask**) Do the children attend school regularly?

**(If they don't have school aged children ask Q 110 and Q 114)**

- Yes  **Go to Q 107**
- No  **Go to Q 109**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 109**

Q107. Overall, how would you rate your children's schools?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                       |                          |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Very good             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 108</b> |
| Good                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 108</b> |
| Neither good nor poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 108</b> |
| Poor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 108</b> |
| Very poor             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 108</b> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 110</b> |

Q108. Why do you give this rating?

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Q109. Do the children receive home education?

- |            |                          |                    |
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| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 110</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 110</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 110</b> |

Q110. How easy or difficult do you think it is for Gypsies and Travellers to access schools/education in this area?

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very easy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neither easy nor difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficult                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very difficult             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q111. Do you have contact with the Traveller Education Service?

- Yes  **Go to Q 112**  
No  **Go to Q 114**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 114**

Q112. How would you rate this service? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Very good  **Go to Q 113**  
Good  **Go to Q 113**  
Neither good nor poor  **Go to Q 113**  
Poor  **Go to Q 113**  
Very poor  **Go to Q 113**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 114**

Q113. Why do you give this rating?

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Q114. What is your highest level of educational qualification?

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## SECTION F: Future Accommodation

Finally I'd like to ask some questions about the future.

Q115. Would you move to a/another long-stay residential site?

- Yes  **Go to Q 116**  
No  **Go to Q 118**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 118**

Q116. How long would you like to stop at a long-stay residential site?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Up to 1 week   
2-4 weeks   
More than 1 month but less than 3   
3 months or more but less than 6   
6 months or more but less than 12   
1 years or more but less than 3   
3 years or more but less than 5   
5 or more years   
Don't know

Q117. Where would you like the site to be?

	Yes	No
Within the same local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within Tees Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other parts of the UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Interviewer please write down specific location, if given:**

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Q118. Would you be interested in stopping on any of the following and how long would you stop at each?

**Please tick ✓ all that apply and write length of time**

- |   |                          |       |
|---|--------------------------|-------|
| Private transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Council transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit pitch on a residential private site | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit pitch on a residential council site | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Designated stopping places                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other (please specify below)                | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
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Q119. What is your preference from these options?

**Interviewer: please ✓ one box only**

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Private transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council transit site                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit pitch on a residential private site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit pitch on a residential council site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Designated stopping places                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q120. What do you think about sites that incorporate long stay/permanent plots/chalets with short stay/transit facilities?

- |            |                          |                    |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Good idea  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 121</b> |
| Bad idea   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 121</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 122</b> |

Q121. Why?

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Q122. What do you think should be the maximum number of pitches on:

**Please write the number in**

A residential site \_\_\_\_\_

A transit site \_\_\_\_\_

Q123. Are you currently on a waiting list for a site?

Yes  **Go to Q 124**

No  **Go to Q 125**

Don't know  **Go to Q 125**

Q124. If **YES**, which site? Where? Is it LA/private/RSL?

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Q125. Thinking about all the things we've talked about, we would like you to give your opinion about the following ways of living, and rate them on a scale of **1** to **10** (**1 being worst option, 10 being best option**):

<b>Way of living</b>										
A private site owned and lived on by you/your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by another Gypsy/Traveller	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by a private landlord (not a Gypsy/Traveller)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site owned by the local council	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house owned by you and your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house rented from the local council or housing association	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Travelling around and stopping on authorised transit sites/pitches/stopping places	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A site incorporating long stay/permanent plots/housing with short stay/transit facilities	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

Q126. Finally, are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**Thank you very much for your time**

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# Tees Valley Gypsy & Traveller Study Showpeople Questionnaire

## Introduction

My name is [ ] and I work for the University of Salford in Manchester [show badge]. We have been asked by the local councils in this area (**Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees**) to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and other Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies, Travellers and Showpeople need and would like the help of Gypsies, Travellers and Showpeople to do this. We're looking to speak with a number of people staying in the local area to get a range of views. The views that we collect may help plan and improve accommodation, sites/yards, planning and other services in the future.

We are completely independent of any local council or the government. Would you be willing to talk to me? If you agree it will probably about 20 minutes. I have a number of questions I would like to ask but I would like to hear about anything else you feel is relevant. I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be confidential and no one will be identified in any report that we write, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you.

So, would you be willing to talk to me? If it's not a good time I could arrange to come back later if that suits you better.

**CHECK!** Have you already been interviewed for this survey before? Do you have one of these (show pink sheet)?

Address/Site/yard: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or nearest village, postcode, etc...)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

If, during the interview a question comes up that you don't want to answer just say so and I'll move on

## SECTION A: Current Yard

The first set of questions is about where you are living at present and your views about it. Can I ask you first about the living accommodation you have for yourself and your family?

Q1. Type of yard

**(Please tick ✓ which type of site it is – one box only)**

Residential Private yard – owned

Residential Private yard – rented

Unauthorised development (own land but no planning permission)

Residential local authority/RSL yard

Other (please specify below)

\_\_\_\_\_

Q2. How many living units (i.e. caravans/trailers/chalets) do you have at present? \_\_\_\_\_

Q3. How many vehicles do you have at present (i.e. vans, lorries) \_\_\_\_\_

Q4. What equipment do you have at present? **(Please list main items)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Q5. Do you have enough space in terms of living quarters?

Yes  **Go to Q 7**

No  **Go to Q 6**

Don't know  **Go to Q 7**

Q6. If **NO**, why is there not enough space? How much space do you need?  
What are the main issues?

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Q7. Do you have enough space for vehicles and equipment?

- Yes  **Go to Q 9**  
 No  **Go to Q 8**  
 Don't know  **Go to Q 9**

Q8. If **NO**, why is there not enough space? How much space do you need?  
What are the main issues?

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Q9. How would you rate the following aspects of your current yard?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each aspect**

Aspect	Very good	Good	Neither good nor poor	Poor	Very poor
Size of plot					
Design of yard					
Neighbours					
Location					
Facilities on yard					
Management of yard					

Q10. Do you have access to:

	Yes	No
Water supply		
Electricity supply		
Rubbish storage and collection		
Shed/amenity building		
WC		
Bath		
Shower		
Kitchen facilities		
Laundry facilities		
Space for eating or sitting		
Heating in shed/amenity building		
Postal delivery		
Fire precautions (i.e. hose)		
Somewhere safe for children to play		

Q11. Do you have any concerns about health and safety, or security, at this yard?

- Yes  **Go to Q 12**
- No  **Go to Q 13**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 13**

Q12. If **YES**, please describe your concerns below:

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Q13. What one or two things would most improve this yard for you?

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Q14. How long have you lived here?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 1 week                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2-4 weeks                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More than 1 month but less than 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 months or more but less than 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 months or more but less than 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 years or more but less than 3   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 years or more but less than 5   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 or more years                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q15. How long do you think you will stay at this yard?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                                   |                          |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Up to 1 week                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 2-4 weeks                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| More than 1 month but less than 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 3 months or more but less than 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 6 months or more but less than 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 1 years or more but less than 3   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 3 years or more but less than 5   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| 5 or more years                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 16</b> |
| Indefinitely                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 24</b> |
| Don't know                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 24</b> |

Q16. Why are you going to leave this yard?

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Q17. Would you like to stay in this area?

- Yes  **Go to Q 18**  
No  **Go to Q 20**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 24**

Q18. If **YES**, which specific area? (**Interviewer: need to be as specific as possible**)

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Q19. If **YES**, what type of accommodation are you looking for?

	Yes	No
Own yard with planning permission		
Yard owned by council		
Renting a plot in a private yard owned by someone else		
Piece of land to buy (without planning permission)		
Bricks and mortar		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q20. If **NO** (they don't want to stay in the area), where would you like to live?

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Q21. Why do you want to live in that place?

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Q22. Is there a yard available for you to move to?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q23. Why do you not currently live there?

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## SECTION B: Travelling

If it's ok I'd like to talk about your experiences of travelling in general and how it has changed.

Q24. Would you say you are local to this area (i.e. town they are in/nearest town)?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q25. Are there particular reasons for living in this area?

	Yes	No
Place of birth		
Have family living in area		
Work opportunities		
Schools		
Only place I could find		
Always have done		
Other (please specify below)		

Q26. How often do you travel for work at present? (Travelling whilst living in a caravan/trailer?)

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Q27. Is this typical, or has it changed over the past few years?

Typical  **Go to Q 29**

Changed  **Go to Q 28**

Don't know  **Go to Q 29**

Q28. If **CHANGED**, why?

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Q29. Which areas do your fairs take place in? -

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Q30. How many trailers/caravans do you normally travel with? 

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Q31. How many people are usually in the group you travel with? 

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Q32. How many, and what type of, other vehicles do you travel with?

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Q33. What types of sites do you stay on when working (**i.e. council, private, transit, residential, designated stopping places, land which fairs take place on**)?

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Q34. Do you have any comments about the facilities or location of the sites you stay on when working?

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Q35. What would be your preferences for accommodation while you are working but between fairs? (i.e. travel to and from your yard, stay on a short term basis in a yard in the area of work)

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Q36. Do you travel for any other reasons? (**Please tick all that apply**)

- Holidays
- Family events (i.e weddings, funerals)
- Visit relatives
- Cultural/traditional events
- Never travel for other reasons  **Go to Q 39**
- Other (please specify below)

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Q37. If you do travel for other reasons, how often do you travel? (**Please write down how often for each of the reasons ticked above**)

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Q38. What are the three main places you like to go?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Q39. What type of sites/accommodation do you stay on?

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Roadside (countryside)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roadside (town/city)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caravan parks                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hotel/B & B                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| With family/relatives on private sites        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| With family/relatives on council/public sites | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public or private transit sites               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Farmer's fields                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

\_\_\_\_\_

Q40. In the future, do you think you are likely to travel more than now, less than now or about the same? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| More than currently         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Less than currently         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| About the same as currently | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## SECTION C: Previous Housing and Site Experiences

Is it ok now to move onto talking about some of the places you have lived in the past?

Q41. What type of accommodation did you live in/on immediately before you came here?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Roadside                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caravan park                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site/yard – land owned by you | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private site/yard – rented pitch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL site                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On private transit site                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On council/RSL transit site              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bricks and mortar (house)                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Farm land/farm                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q42. Where was this? (i.e. **specific location**)

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Q43. Why did you leave there and come here?

	Yes	No
Health reasons/illness		
Eviction		
Harassment		
Fears over personal safety		
Site closure		
Wanted independence		
Work reasons		
For children's schooling		
To travel		
Site/accommodation conditions		
Get married/live with partner		
No particular reason		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q44. Have you ever lived in a house?

- Yes  **Go to Q 45**  
 No  **Go to Q 52**  
 Don't know  **Go to Q 52**

Q45. What type of house? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Council rented   
 Housing Association/RSL rented   
 Private rented   
 Privately owned   
 Other (please specify below)
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Q46. What type of property was it? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| House                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bungalow                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q47. Where was it? (i.e. location)

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Q48. What was the main reason for moving to this property?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Moved there with parents/family | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Born/raised there               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health reasons (explain below)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lack of sites                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For children's schooling/education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homeless                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Q49. How would you rate your experience of living in a house?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                       |                          |                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Very good             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 50</b> |
| Good                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 50</b> |
| Neither good nor poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 50</b> |
| Poor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 50</b> |
| Very poor             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 50</b> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 51</b> |

Q50. Why do you give this rating?

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Q51. Why did you leave the house?

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Q52. Would you ever consider moving to a house (again)?

- Yes  **Go to Q 53**  
No  **Go to Q 56**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 56**

Q53. If **YES**, is this because of:

	Yes	No
Work reasons		
Health reasons (please explain below)		
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Lack of sites		
For children's schooling/education		
Retirement		
Want a change		
Dislike travelling		
Want stability		
Other (please specify below)		

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Q54. Are you on a waiting list for a house?

- Yes  **Go to Q 55**  
No  **Go to Q 56**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 56**

Q55. If **YES**, which list? where?

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Q56. Have you ever bought your own land?

- Yes  **Go to Q 57**  
No  **Go to Q 60**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 60**

Q57. If **YES**, did you apply for planning permission?

- Yes  **Go to Q 58**  
No  **Go to Q 60**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 60**

Q58. If **YES**, did you apply before or after you bought the land?

- Before  **Go to Q 59**  
After  **Go to Q 59**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 60**

Q59. Do you mind telling us a bit about what happened with the planning process?

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Q60. Thinking back, can you tell me about the best place you have ever lived? What was it like? Why was it so good?

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Q61. What about the worst place you have ever lived? What was it like? Why was it so bad?

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## SECTION D: Household Details

If it's ok I'd like now to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you?

Q62. How many people are there in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q63. How many adults are there in your household aged 60 or over \_\_\_\_\_

Q64. How many children are there in your household aged:

- None
- 0 – 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 – 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 – 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Q65. Thinking about just the adults that live with you (in the immediate family) can you tell me, their ages, whether they are male or female and their relationship to you? **Please begin with yourself as ‘number 1 family member’**

**Please put a tick ✓ in the appropriate boxes**

AGE	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER (ADULTS ONLY)										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
17 – 24 years											
25 – 39 years											
40 – 49 years											
50 – 59 years											
60 – 74 years											
75 – 84 years											
85 years +											
<b>GENDER</b>											
Male											
Female											
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>											
Married											
Single											
Living together											
Widowed											
Divorced											
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>											
Partner											
Son or daughter											
Sister/brother											
Uncle/aunt											
Cousin											
Grandparent											
Grandchild											
Other											

Q66. Is there anyone in your household who is **currently** in need of their own accommodation?

- Yes  **Go to Q 67**  
No  **Go to Q 71**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 71**

Q67. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q68. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q69. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

- Yes   
No   
Don't know

Q70. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

- House   
Flat   
Trailer/caravan   
Up to them   
Don't know

Q71. Is there anyone in your household (e.g. son or daughter) who is likely to want their own separate accommodation **in the next 5 years**?

- Yes  **Go to Q 72**  
No  **Go to Q 76**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 76**

Q72. How many members of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Q73. Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Q74. Are they likely to want to stay near you?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q75. What sort of accommodation are they likely to want?

- House
- Flat
- Trailer/caravan
- Up to them
- Don't know

Q76. Does anyone in your household experience any of the following?

**Please tick ✓ one box only for each condition**

Type of condition	None	One person	Two people	Three+ people
Mobility problems				
Visual impairment				
Hearing impairment				
Mental health problems				
Learning disability				
Communication problems				

Q77. Does anyone in your household suffer from any other health problems?

- Yes  **Go to Q 78**  
No  **Go to Q 79**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 79**

Q78. If **YES**, please describe the health problem:

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## SECTION E: Services

I'd like to talk to you a little bit about what you think of the local services.

Q79. Access to services:

A: Do you or your family feel that you have sufficient access to the following services?

B: How important are these services to you?

Service	A		B				
	Have access		Very important	Quite important	Not so important	Not important at all	Don't know
	Yes	No					
Public transport							
GP/health centre							
Health visitor							
Social worker							
Maternity care							
A&E							
Dentist							
Sports & leisure services							
Local shops							
Banks							
Post office							
Nursery schools & children's service							
Services for older people							
Youth clubs							

Q80. Is there anything that stops you from accessing any of the above?

- Yes  **Go to Q 81**
- No  **Go to Q 82**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 82**

Q81. If **YES**, what?

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Q82. Are there any ways in which you think services could be improved?

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Q83. Do you think that the people working in the different services need to be more aware of issues affecting Showpeople?

- Yes  **Go to Q 84**
- No  **Go to Q 85**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 85**

Q84. If **YES**, why and in what ways?

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Q85. If you need help with something and you don't know where to go, who do you normally ask?

- Parents/relatives
  - Friends
  - Other people on site/yard
  - Site/yard owner
  - No one
  - Other (please specify below)
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Q86. I am going to read out a list of things which people sometimes want help or support with. Please can you tell me if you would definitely use, might use, or would never use services offering help with these things:

<b>Support need</b>	<b>Would never use</b>	<b>Might use</b>	<b>Would definitely use</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Finding accommodation				
Settling into new accommodation				
Budgeting				
Meeting people				
Accessing a GP				
Accessing legal services				
Harassment				
Claiming benefits				
Finding a job				
Accessing training (for adults)				
Pregnancy				
Parenting				
Filling in forms				
Guidance on planning issues				

Q87. Are there any other services you would like help with?

Yes  **Go to Q 88**

No  **Go to Q 89**

Don't know  **Go to Q 89**

Q88. If **YES**, what?

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Q89. Have you experienced harassment or discrimination in this area because you are a Showperson?

Yes  **Go to Q 90**

No  **Go to Q 91**

Don't know  **Go to Q 91**

Q90. If **YES**, what happened?

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Q91. What are your experiences of Policing in this area?

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Q92. (**Check back to see if they have school aged children then ask**) Do the children attend school regularly? (**If they don't have children ask Q 96 and Q 100**)

Yes  **Go to Q 93**

No  **Go to Q 95**

Don't know  **Go to Q 95**

Q93. Overall, how would you rate your children's schools?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- |                       |                          |                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Very good             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 94</b> |
| Good                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 94</b> |
| Neither good nor poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 94</b> |
| Poor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 94</b> |
| Very poor             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 94</b> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 96</b> |

Q94. Why do you give this rating?

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Q95. Do the children receive home education?

- |            |                          |                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 96</b> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 96</b> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Go to Q 96</b> |

Q96. How easy or difficult do you think it is for Showpeople to access schools/education in this area?

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very easy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neither easy nor difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficult                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very difficult             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q97. Do you have contact with the Traveller Education Service?

- Yes  **Go to Q 98**  
No  **Go to Q 100**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 100**

Q98. How would you rate this service? **Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Very good  **Go to Q 99**  
Good  **Go to Q 99**  
Neither good nor poor  **Go to Q 99**  
Poor  **Go to Q 99**  
Very poor  **Go to Q 99**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 100**

Q99. Why do you give this rating?

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Q100. Have you ever been on any training courses for work?

- Yes  **Go to Q 101**  
No  **Go to Q 102**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 102**

Q101. If **YES**, was this:

- A local college or similar   
Training provided by family or friends?   
An apprenticeship/on the job training

Q102. Would you like to take part in some training in the future?

- Yes  **Go to Q 103**  
No  **Go to Q 104**  
Don't know  **Go to Q 104**

Q103. If **YES**, what type of training?

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Q104. What is your highest level of educational qualification?

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**SECTION F: Future Accommodation**

Finally I'd like to ask some questions about the future.

Q105. Would you move to another yard?

- Yes  **Go to Q 106**
- No  **Go to Q 108**
- Don't know  **Go to Q 108**

Q106. How long would you like to stay at another yard?

**Please tick ✓ one box only**

- Less than 3 months
- 3 months or more but less than 6
- 6 months or more but less than 12
- 1 years or more but less than 3
- 3 years or more but less than 5
- 5 or more years
- Don't know

Q107. Where would you like this yard to be?

	Yes	No
Within the same local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within Tees Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other parts of the UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Interviewer please write down specific location, if possible, or highlight which local authority (i.e. Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees :**

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Q108. Thinking about when you are working, would you be interested in stopping on any of the following and how long would you stop at each?

**Please tick ✓ all that apply and write length of time**

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|--|--------------------------|-------|
| Private short stay yard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Council short stay yard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit plot on a residential private yard | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Transit plot on a residential council yard | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Designated stopping places                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other (please specify below)               | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

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Q109. What is your **preference** from these options?

**Interviewer: please ✓ one box only**

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|--|--------------------------|
| Private short stay yard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council short stay yard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit plot on a residential private yard | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit plot on a residential council yard | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Designated stopping places                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify below)               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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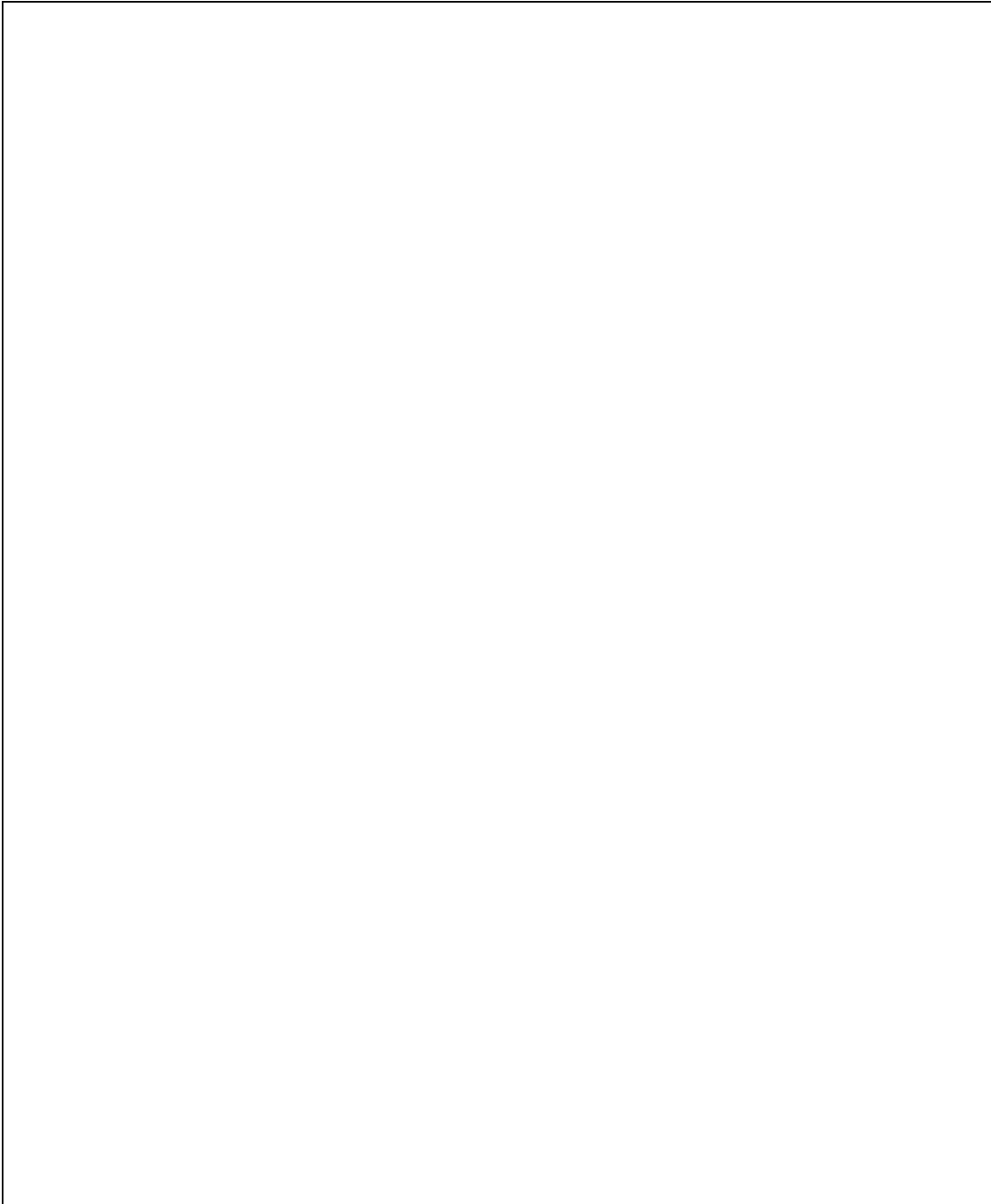
Q110. What do you think should be the maximum number of plots on a

Showperson's yard: \_\_\_\_\_

Q111. Thinking about all the things we've talked about, we would like you to give your opinion about the following ways of living, and rate them on a scale of **1 to 10 (1 being worst option, 10 being best option)**:

<b>Way of living</b>										
A private yard owned and lived on by you/your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A yard owned by another Showperson	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A yard owned by a private landlord (not a Showperson)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A yard owned by the local council	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house owned by you and your family	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A house rented from the local council or housing association	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

Q112. Finally, are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?



**Thank you very much for your time**

For further details on the study please contact Dr Phil Brown on 0161 295 3647 or Dr Lisa Hunt on 0161 295 5078





## **GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT TEES VALLEY**

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

This questionnaire survey is part of the assessment of accommodation and other support needs of Gypsies and Travellers, commissioned by the local authorities in Tees Valley. It is designed to provide consistent and structured information on current accommodation and relevant policies. More details are given about the questionnaire and how to complete it on the next page.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it by **21 September 2007**. Please return it by e-mail to [P.M.Niner@bham.ac.uk](mailto:P.M.Niner@bham.ac.uk) or in hard copy by post to:

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**If you have any queries about completing the questionnaire, please contact Pat Niner at the University of Birmingham either by phone (0121 414 5024) or e-mail ([P.M.Niner@bham.ac.uk](mailto:P.M.Niner@bham.ac.uk))**

<b>Local authority</b>	
<b>Contact name</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
<b>E-mail address</b>	

## GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT TEES VALLEY

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### INTRODUCTION

This questionnaire survey is part of an assessment of accommodation and other support needs of Gypsies and Travellers, commissioned by the five local authorities in the Study Area. The assessment will inform planning, housing and other policies in the sub-region and individual authorities.

The questionnaire is being sent to the five authorities in order to collect as much basic information as possible about current accommodation provision and local policies towards Gypsies and Travellers. Answers will be confidential to the research team and nothing will be published which can be related to individual authorities or sites.

The questionnaire is long, but some of the questions may not apply to your authority. Because the survey deals with a range of topics, it is likely that inputs will be needed from several people.

The questionnaire has been divided into sections to help you decide who might most appropriately provide the information. The sections are :

- A : Local authority sites and their management
- B : Planning and private site provision (authorised and unauthorised)
- C : Unauthorised camping by Gypsies and Travellers
- D : Gypsies and Travellers and social housing
- E : Other accommodation
- F : Travelling Showmen

Instructions about how to complete the questionnaire are normally in ***bold and italics***. There may be questions where the options given for answers do not adequately express your views – in such cases please write in to provide a more appropriate answer or to explain the answer you have given. We always prefer some answer to none! Most of the questions ask for a box to be ticked – if completing this electronically please use an X in the box if that is easier.

## A : LOCAL AUTHORITY GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES

***'Local authority Gypsy and Traveller sites' are those operated by local authorities. This includes sites owned and managed by local authorities, and local authority owned sites managed by a non-local authority body or individual so long as the authority retains control of site management (critically of rent setting and lettings).***

***A 'transit/emergency' site or pitch is one provided for temporary stays, where the normal length of stay is limited by the terms of the licence. A 'residential' site or pitch is one without such limitation, designed for permanent occupation.***

We understand that there is a local authority Gypsy site in your area:

Site	
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Please answer questions A1 to A38 in relation to this site.

A1. How many pitches are there (September 2007)? Please distinguish between residential and transit pitches and note how many of the pitches are 'occupied' (*ie let to a licensee even if the licensee is temporarily absent*); 'vacant' (*ie not let but available for occupation*); and 'closed' (*ie not currently in use and not available for letting*).

	Number		
	Residential	Transit	
Total pitches			<b>Go to A5 A2 A3</b>
Occupied pitches			
Vacant pitches			
Closed pitches			

***If any pitches are vacant but available for letting***

A2. Do you expect the vacant pitch(es) to be let within the next month?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Yes – all vacant pitches	
Some vacant pitches	
No (please give reasons)	

***Now skip to A5***

***If any pitches are currently closed and not available for letting***

A3. Why are pitches not in use?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Lack of demand	
Poor conditions	
Vandalism	
Refurbishment	
Other (please specify)	

A4. When will these pitches be back in use?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Within a month	
Within 2 to 6 months	
Within 6 to 12 months	
Over a year	
Don't know	

**All**

A5. Has the number or nature of pitches on the site changed over the past 5 years? Please summarise the changes.

No change	
	<i>Number of pitches</i>
Residential pitch gain	
Residential pitch loss	
Transit pitch gain	
Transit pitch loss	

A6. Has the site been the subject of a bid for Gypsy and Traveller Sites Grant (formerly Gypsy Sites Refurbishment Grant)?

	<i>Please tick</i>	<b>Go to</b>
Yes		<b>A7</b>
No		<b>A9</b>

**If yes at A6**

A7. Was the bid successful?

	<i>Please tick</i>	<b>Go to</b>
Yes		<b>A8</b>
No		<b>A9</b>

**If yes at A7**

A8. Please describe the main works carried out with grant aid. **Write in**

**All**

A9. Do you intend to apply for (further) Gypsy and Traveller Sites Grant for the site?

	<i>Tick</i>
Yes	
No	

**If yes**

What works are you planning to carry out?

A10. Is the site managed in-house or by an external individual or agency?

	<i>Please tick</i>
In-house	
External Please specify the individual/agency	

A11. Please describe any changes in site management arrangements which have taken place since 2001. **Write in**

A12. Are licensees permitted to be absent for a period of travelling while retaining their pitch?

	<i>Please tick</i>	<b>Go to</b>
Yes		<b>A13</b>
No		<b>A15</b>

***If a period of absence is permitted***

A13. What is the normal maximum period of absence allowed in any year?

Period (weeks)	
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A14. Is full or part rent/licence fee charged during the period of absence?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Full rent/licence fee	
Part rent/licence fee	
No rent/licence fee	

***All***

A15. In practice, can licensees have visitors with caravan/trailers to stay on site?

	<i>Please tick</i>	<b>Go to</b>
Yes		<b>A17</b>
Yes with some restrictions		<b>A16</b>
No		<b>A17</b>

***If permitted with restrictions***

A16. Please describe the circumstances in which visitors would be permitted to stay on the site. **Write in**

A17. Is there a formal or informal waiting list for pitches on the site? If so, how many applicants are there?

	<i>Tick</i>	Number
Yes – formal list		
Yes – informal list		
No list/no applicants		

A18. Has the number of applicants increased, decreased or remained broadly static over the last two or three years?

Increased	
Remained static	
Decreased	

A19. Is there a formal allocation policy for letting pitches on the site

	<i>Tick</i>
Yes	
No	

**IF YES : Please provide a copy of the policy**

A20. Which of the following factors are taken into account when allocating a pitch? Which are the three most important factors? Please rank these 1, 2 and 3 in order of importance.

Factor	Taken into account	Most important
Local residence/local connection		
Family size/composition		
Need for accommodation		
Medical/special health needs		
Ability to pay		
Family or personal compatibility		
Previous known behaviour/references		
Previous rent arrears		
Time on waiting list		
Other – please specify		

A21. What weekly rents/licence fees were charged on the site in September 2007? (If single and double pitch rents/licence fees vary within the site, please give the range.)

	Amount £	
	Residential	Transit
Single pitch (space for single caravan/trailer and towing vehicle)		
Double pitch (space for at least two caravans/trailers with associated towing vehicles)		

A22. Is a damage deposit required at the start of a licence? If so, how much is it?

	<i>Tick</i>	Amount £
Yes		
No		

A23. What proportion of licensees receive housing benefit towards their rent/licence fee?

	<i>Please tick</i>
All/almost all (over 90%)	
Most (60% to 90%)	
About half (40% to 60%)	
A minority (10% to 40%)	
Almost none (less than 10%)	

A24. Are Supporting People payments received for any site residents?

	<i>Tick</i>
Yes	
No	

A25. To which broad group(s) do site residents belong? *Please tick all that apply*

	<i>Please tick</i>
English Gypsy or Traveller	
Scottish Gypsy or Traveller	
Irish Traveller	
New (Age) Traveller	
Other – please specify	

A26. In total, how many adults and children are living on the site?

	Number
Adults	
Children – under 5	
Children – 5 to 11	
Children – 12 to 16	

A27. How many pitches include 'doubled up' households (for example, grown up children) who would ideally like a separate pitch or house of their own?

Number	

A28. How would you summarise site occupancy (ie pitches let to licensees as a proportion of all pitches) over the year 2006?

	<i>Please tick</i>
100% occupancy for most of year	
75% to 100% occupancy for most of year	
50% to 75% occupancy for most of year	
Less than 50% occupancy for most of year	
Other – please specify	

A29. What proportion of site residents have lived on the site for 5 years or longer?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Almost all (over 90%)	
Most (60% to 90%)	
About half (40% to 60%)	
A minority (10% to 40%)	
Almost none (less than 10%)	

A30. How many pitches were vacated (ie licence terminations) over the past three years?  
How many pitches were let each year?

	Pitches vacated	Pitches let
2004		
2005		
2006		

A31. What facilities are there on the site? *Tick all that apply*

	<i>Tick</i>
Amenity units for each pitch	
Site office	
Meeting room	
Children's play area	
Designated work area(s)	
Stabling for horses	
Animal grazing area(s)	
Provision for dogs	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	

A32. What facilities are provided in amenity units? *Tick all that apply*

	<i>Tick</i>
No amenity units	
Bath only	
Shower only	
Bath and shower	
WC with direct entrance from outside	
Space/provision for cooking	
Space/plumbing/provision for laundry	
Space for eating/sitting (day room)	
Effective heating	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	

A33. How many residents have chalets and/or static caravans on their pitch? How many only have one or more trailers/touring caravans?

	<i>Number of % of pitches</i>
Chalets	
Static caravans	
Trailers/tourers only	

A34. How would you describe the quality of the general surroundings and environment of the site, including adjoining land uses?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Very good	
Good	
Average	
Poor	
Very poor	
Don't know	

A35. How would you describe the site's location in relation to access to schools and shops?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Very good	
Good	
Average	
Poor	
Very poor	
Don't know	

***If average, poor or very poor***

What are the main issues around accessibility? *Write in*

A36. How would you describe the physical condition and maintenance of the site?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Very good	
Good	
Average	
Poor	
Very poor	
Don't know	

A37. Have there been any known instances of disputes between site residents, intimidation, vandalism or other anti-social behaviour on the site over the last year?

	Yes	No
Disputes between residents		
Intimidation		
Vandalism		
Other anti-social behaviour		

***IF YES***

What happened? How was the issue resolved?

A38. Are there plans to make any of the following changes to the site during the next 3 years? *Please tick all that apply*

	<i>Please tick</i>
No plans	
Plan to close the site	
Plan to increase the number of pitches	
Plan to reduce the number of pitches	
Plan to undertake major repairs or improvements	
Plan to change arrangements for site management	
Plan to lease or sell the site	
Other – please specify	

A39. Have any local authority sites closed or been sold in your area since 1994? If so, how many pitches have been lost/affected?

	Number of pitches affected	
	Residential	Transit
No sites closed or sold		
Site(s) closed		
Site(s) sold		

A40. Are there any current plans to provide additional local authority Gypsy and Traveller sites in your area over the next 5 years?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

Please give details in the box below.

Location	Number of pitches proposed	
	Residential	Transit

A41. We are keen to identify good practice in all aspects of local engagement with Gypsies and Travellers. Please give details below of any site provision, design or management which you think works well and is worth sharing with others.

**B : PLANNING AND PRIVATE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES**

***This section covers private Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites. 'Sites' include single-family as well as multi-occupancy developments. The section covers sites which are owner-occupied and those where pitches are rented or occupied by wider family members.***

B1. What is the current development plan covering your local authority area against which an application for a Gypsy and Traveller site would be assessed? ***Write in***

B2. Does this plan include a policy towards Gypsy and Traveller sites?

Yes includes policy

No policy

***IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY***

B3. Are there any relevant policies for Gypsy and Traveller sites in current or emerging Development Plan Documents under the new planning system?

Yes

No

***IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY***

B4. Are any sites/locations being considered as suitable for Gypsy and Traveller site development?

Yes  ***Answer B5***

No  ***Go to B6***

B5. Where are these sites/locations?

***ALL***

B6. Generally, what sorts of area would be deemed suitable for Gypsy and Traveller site provision?



**IF ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REFUSED SINCE 2001, PLEASE ANSWER B11; OTHERS GO TO B12**

B11. Please give the reasons for refusal.

B12. Have there been any instances of unauthorised development of Gypsy and Traveller sites (newly established or ongoing) during the period since 2001? (*ie sites on Gypsy-owned land without planning permission*)

Yes

No

**IF YES**

How many? **Write in**

B13. Has your authority taken any planning enforcement action in relation to the unauthorised development of Gypsy and Traveller sites since 2001?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

On how many occasions? How many families are/were affected? **Please provide details – write in**

**ALL**

B14. Do you expect the number of unauthorised private Gypsy and Traveller sites developed without planning consent in your area to increase over the next 5 years?

Yes

No

B15. We are keen to identify good practice in all aspects of local engagement with Gypsies and Travellers. Please give details below of any aspects of your planning approach which you think works well and is worth sharing with others.

The following sub-section relates to existing **AUTHORISED PRIVATE SITES**

*Authorised private Gypsy and Traveller sites include all sites, with planning consent or established use, catering specifically for Gypsies and Travellers. This includes sites provided by Gypsies and Travellers for their own occupation, sites provided by Registered Social Landlords or other individuals or organisations, and sites owned by the local authority but leased to a non-local authority organisation or individual where the authority does not control site management.*

B16. Are there any **authorised** private Gypsy and Traveller sites in your area?

Yes  **Answer B17**

No  **Go to B18**

**IF YES**

*In the course of the research we will need to map private sites and will wish to interview Gypsy and Traveller residents. We therefore need basic background information on each relevant site. Please provide as much detail as possible in B17. Copy sheets if there are more than 7 sites in your area.*

B17. For **each** authorised private Gypsy and Traveller site in your area please provide details of site name, address and total number of pitches. Please give contact details, where known for the site owner/manager. If known, please indicate whether the site is 'owner-occupied' (that is family owned and occupied only by family members) or has pitches available to non-family members on a rental or licence basis. In the final space, please record the nature of the planning permission to allow us to identify any sites which have a temporary or personal permission.

**Private site 1**

Site name	
Full address (inc. post code or OS grid reference)	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
'Owner-occupied' or with rented pitches	
Nature of planning consent	

**Private site 2**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
'Owner-occupied' or with rented pitches	
Nature of planning consent	

**Private site 3**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
'Owner-occupied' or with rented pitches	
Nature of planning consent	

**Private site 4**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
'Owner-occupied' or with rented pitches	
Nature of planning consent	

**The following sub-section relates to UNAUTHORISED SITES DEVELOPED WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION**

**Questions relate to sites owned by Gypsies and Travellers who have bought and developed land without planning consent. Please do not include unauthorised encampments on land not owned by Gypsies and Travellers.**

B18. Are there currently any unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller sites in your area?

Yes  **Answer B19**

No  **Go to C1**

**IF YES**

**In the course of the research we will need to map unauthorised sites and may wish to interview Gypsy and Traveller residents. We therefore need basic background information on each relevant site. Please provide as much detail as possible in B19. Copy sheets if there are more than 2 unauthorised developments in your area.**

B19. For **each** unauthorised development of a Gypsy and Traveller site in your area please provide details of site name, address and total number of pitches. Please give contact details, where known for the site owner/manager. In the final space note any enforcement action being taken.

**Unauthorised site development 1**

Site name	
Full address (inc <b>postcode</b> or <b>OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner	
What enforcement action, if any, is being taken? <b>Write in</b>	

**Unauthorised site development 2**

Site name	
Full address (inc <b>postcode</b> or <b>OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner	
What enforcement action, if any, is being taken? <b>Write in</b>	

**C : UNAUTHORISED CAMPING BY GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS**

***Unauthorised camping involves Gypsies and Travellers residing in caravans or other vehicles on land which they do not own. They will normally be there as trespassers.***

C1. Does your authority have a written policy for managing unauthorised camping by Gypsies and Travellers?

Yes

No

***IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY***

C2. Is your authority party to any joint agreements or protocols with other agencies for managing unauthorised encampments? ***Tick all that apply***

No

Yes with Police

Yes with other local authorities

Yes, with other agencies

C3. Who normally makes the first contact with Gypsies and Travellers on unauthorised encampments? ***Tick all that apply***

No-one

An officer of your Council

Police

Traveller Education

Bailiff

Other – please specify

C4. We are keen to identify good practice in all aspects of local engagement with Gypsies and Travellers. Please give details below of any aspects of your approach to managing unauthorised encampments which you think works well and is worth sharing with others.

**We will need to consider evidence of need from unauthorised camping in the research. We have information from the published Gypsy Caravan Counts, but these are snapshots only. It would be very helpful if you could provide as fully as possible the information requested in questions C5 to C14 below; this will give us a more complete picture of the pattern of unauthorised encampment across the sub-region. Where questions refer to 'encampments', please count separately any encampments caused by the same family/group at different locations and/or any encampments at the same location by different families/groups (or by the same family/group but with a time gap between camps).**

C5. Do you keep records of known unauthorised encampments which would include dates and number of caravans?

- Yes – all known encampments
- Yes – some encampments
- No

C6. How many separate encampments were there in your authority area during the year 2006?

Number of encampments	
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**IF YOU CANNOT GIVE THE EXACT FIGURE, PLEASE INDICATE THE RANGE BELOW**

None	
1 to 5 encampments	
6 to 10 encampments	
11 to 15 encampments	
16 to 20 encampments	
21 to 30 encampments	
31 to 40 encampments	
41 to 50 encampments	
Over 50 encampments	
No information	

C7. Please complete the grid below (and continued overleaf) as fully as possible to show the number, location, size and approximate duration of unauthorised encampments in your area during 2006. In the final column please indicate what action was taken, for example: none; negotiated departure date; court action (powers used); s61. Please write 'nil' if there were no encampments in the year. Please make clear in the final column if an encampment is being 'tolerated' and remember to include any which may have been in place throughout the year. **(If the same information exists in a spreadsheet or other format which you could provide to us, there is no need to transfer information)**

Camp	Location (as precisely as possible including OS grid reference)	Number of caravans involved	Duration of encampment (weeks)	Indication of action taken
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

**C7. Grid continued**

Camp	Location (as precisely as possible including OS grid reference)	Number of caravans involved	Duration of encampment (weeks)	Indication of action taken
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

C8. How many unauthorised encampments are there, on average, in your area at any point in time?

	<i>Please tick</i>
None	
1	
2	
More than 2 (please write in number)	

C9. Are there usually more unauthorised encampments in your area in winter or in summer, or is there no clear seasonal variation?

	<i>Please tick</i>
More in winter	
More in summer	
No clear variation	
Very few/no encampments	

C10. In your experience, are most Gypsies and Travellers on unauthorised encampments 'in transit' passing through or are they 'local' to the area or sub-region?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Most are 'in transit'	
Most are 'local'	
Both equally common	
Very few/no encampments	

C11. In your experience, do Gypsies and Travellers on unauthorised encampments have horses with them?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Most encampments involve horses	
Some encampments involve horses	
Horses are very rare on encampments	
Very few/no encampments	

C12. How has the number of unauthorised encampments changed over the past 5 years?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Remained broadly the same	
Increased	
Decreased	

C13. How has the size of unauthorised encampments changed over the past 5 years?

	<i>Please tick</i>
Remained broadly the same	
Increased	
Decreased	

C14. Have there been any other observable changes in the pattern of unauthorised camping in your area over the last 5 years? *Please write in*

**The groups/families involved**

**The type and/or location of sites encamped**

**Other changes**

C15. Do you expect the number of caravans on unauthorised encampments to remain broadly the same, or to increase or decrease over the next 5 years?

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Remain broadly the same | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increase                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Decrease                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know              | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**D : GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS AND SOCIAL HOUSING**

D1. Are Gypsies and Travellers specifically referred to in your authority's current housing strategy?

Yes

No

***IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY***

D2. Are Gypsies and Travellers specifically referred to in your authority's current homelessness strategy?

Yes

No

***IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY***

D3. Are Gypsies and Travellers specifically referred to in your authority's current BME housing strategy?

Yes

No

Not applicable (no BME strategy)

***IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY***

D4. Do you identify Gypsies and Travellers in ethnic records and monitoring of social housing applications and/or allocations?

Yes

No

D5. Please provide as much information as possible (accurate or estimates) in the table below.

Number of Gypsies and Travellers currently registered for social housing	
Number of Gypsies and Travellers housed in 2006 (or 2006/07 if more convenient)	

D6. Over the last 12 months, how many homeless presentations have been made by Gypsies and Travellers?

Insert number	
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D7. From these homeless presentations what are the main reasons for presenting as homeless?

1.
2.
3.

D8. How has the number of Gypsies and Travellers moving into social rented housing changed over the past 5 years?

- Remained broadly the same
- Increased
- Decreased
- Not known

D9. How do you expect the number of Gypsies and Travellers moving into social rented housing to change over the next 5 years?

- Remain broadly the same
- Increase
- Decrease
- Not known

D10. In your experience, what are the three or four most important reasons why Gypsy-Travellers move into housing? *Please tick up to 4 answers*

Health reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	For children's schooling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Want to 'settle'	<input type="checkbox"/>	Want to move nearer to family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Want a permanent house or flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to get a place on a site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to find stopping places when travelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harassment or other problems on a site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other <i>(please specify)</i>			

D11. How many Gypsies and Travellers do you estimate live in social rented housing in your area?

Over 500 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
250 – 500 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
100 – 250 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 – 100 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 – 50 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than 10 families	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>

D12. Are there particular estates or areas where Gypsies and Travellers tend to live, or is their distribution fairly even?

Concentrations	
Fairly even	
No information	

**IF THERE ARE CONCENTRATIONS**

Where are the main concentrations?

***We are keen to find out about how your homelessness, housing and housing-related support policies and practices impact on Gypsies and Travellers. Please describe initiatives and good practice in answer to questions D13 to D15 below. These issues will be explored further in interviews and focus groups later in the research.***

D13. Please provide details of how Gypsies and Travellers who are homeless are supported through the homelessness process (for example, applications and interviews, temporary accommodation, defining 'suitable' accommodation etc).

D14. Please provide details of any steps taken to provide Gypsies and Travellers with housing advice and assistance or to help them access social housing (for example, sensitive lettings).

D15. Please provide details of any housing-related support services for Gypsies and Travellers (for example under Supporting People initiatives). What services are provided? Which agency provides the service? Has this worked well?

D17. Which services do Gypsies and Travellers most frequently approach the Council about? *Tick all that apply*

Not known	
None – do not commonly approach the Council	
Planning applications and site development	
Housing advice	
Applying for social housing	
Housing tenancy problems	
Housing Benefit	
Other benefits advice	
Discrimination or harassment	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	

**E : OTHER GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION, ISSUES AND GOOD PRACTICE**

*This section aims to collect information about accommodation options for Gypsies and Travellers other than Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites and social housing, and good practice examples other than those specifically requested in other sections of the questionnaire.*

E1. Are there significant numbers of Gypsies and Travellers living in private housing in your area? *Tick all that apply*

Yes, in owner-occupied housing		Answer E2
Yes, in privately rented housing		Answer E2
No		Go to E4
No information		Go to E4

**IF YES**

E2. Are there particular areas where Gypsies and Travellers tend to live, or is their distribution fairly even?

Concentrations	
Fairly even	
No information	

**IF THERE ARE CONCENTRATIONS**

Where are the main concentrations?

E3. Are you aware of any issues arising in relation to Gypsies and Travellers living in private housing?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

Please describe the issues.

E4. Do Gypsies and Travellers live on caravan or mobile home parks in your area which are not specifically designed for them?

Yes

No

No information

E5. Please describe any examples of local good practice in engagement with Gypsies and Travellers over accommodation or support not already noted.

**F : TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE AND CIRCUS FAMILIES**

*The research includes the needs of Travelling Showpeople and Circus Families for accommodation for winter quarters, or where some family members may live throughout the year. It does not include issues which may arise while they are travelling to provide fairs or circuses.*

F1. Does your current development plan include a policy towards sites for Travelling Showpeople?

Yes includes policy

No policy

**IF YES : PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OR GIVE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR ACCESS TO THE POLICY**

F2. Are there any authorised sites for Travelling Showpeople in your area?

Yes

No

F3. Has the number of authorised sites and/or pitches for Travelling Showpeople changed since 2001?

	Sites	Pitches
Increased since 2001		
Remained static		
Decreased since 2001		

F4. Do you expect the number of authorised sites for Travelling Showpeople in your area to increase over the next 5 years?

Yes

No

F5. How many planning applications for the development of sites for Travelling Showpeople have been received since 2001? Please complete the grid below to give numbers and show outcomes – enter 0 if zero!

Year	Number of applications/decisions			
	Applications received	Permissions granted	Permissions refused	Granted on appeal
2001				
2002				
2003				
2004				
2005				
2006				

**IF ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REFUSED SINCE 2001; OTHERS GO TO F7**

F6. Please give the reasons for refusal.

F7. Has your authority experienced unauthorised development of sites for Travelling Showpeople since 2001? (*ie sites being established without planning permission*)

Yes

No

**IF YES**

How many? **Write in**

F8. Has your authority taken any planning enforcement action in relation to the unauthorised development of sites for Travelling Showpeople since 2001?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

On how many occasions? **Write in**

F9. We are keen to identify good practice in all aspects of local engagement with Travelling Showpeople. Please give details below of any aspects of your approach to planning or other issues which you think works well and is worth sharing with others.

**THE REMAINDER OF SECTION F ONLY APPLIES WHERE THERE ARE EITHER:**

- **EXISTING AUTHORISED SITES FOR TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE (F9) AND/OR**
- **EXISTING UNAUTHORISED SITES DEVELOPED BY TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION (F10).**

**OTHERS – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

**The following sub-section relates to existing AUTHORISED SITES for Travelling Showpeople**

***In the course of the research we will need to map sites for Travelling Showpeople and Circus Families, and may wish to interview their residents. We therefore need basic background information on each relevant site. Please provide as much detail as possible in F10. Copy sheets if there are more than 3 sites in your area.***

F10. For **each** authorised site for Travelling Showpeople and Circus Families in your area please provide details of site name, address and total number of pitches. Please give contact details, where known for the site owner/manager. In the final space, please record the nature of the planning permission to allow us to identify any sites which have a temporary or personal permission.

**Site for Travelling Showpeople 1**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
Nature of planning consent	

**Site for Travelling Showpeople 2**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
Nature of planning consent	

**Site for Travelling Showpeople 3**

Site name	
Full address ( <b>inc. post code or OS grid reference</b> )	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner/manager	
Nature of planning consent	

**The following sub-section relates to UNAUTHORISED SITES DEVELOPED BY TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE OR CIRCUS FAMILIES WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION**

*In the course of the research we will need to map unauthorised sites developed by Travelling Showpeople and Circus Families, and may wish to interview residents. We therefore need basic background information on each relevant site. Please provide as much detail as possible in F11. Copy sheets if there are more than 2 unauthorised developments in your area.*

F11. For **each** unauthorised development of a site for Travelling Showpeople or Circus Families in your area please provide details of site name, address and total number of pitches. Please give contact details, where known for the site owner/manager. In the final space please note any enforcement action being taken.

**Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople development 1**

Site name	
Full address (or indication of location, eg OS grid reference)	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner	
What enforcement action, if any, is being taken? <b>Write in</b>	

**Unauthorised Travelling Showpeople development 2**

Site name	
Full address (or indication of location, eg OS grid reference)	
Total number of pitches	
Contact details for site owner	
What enforcement action, if any, is being taken? <b>Write in</b>	

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**