

Response to Request for Information

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Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Request:

- How many Gypsy and traveller transit, residential/permanent, and Travelling Showpeople sites are there in Wolverhampton City, and at which locations?

There are 4 sites - Showell Road
Beckett Street
Thompson Avenue
Bluebird Industrial Estate

- How many pitches does each of these sites have? - So, approximately how many people does each site accommodate?

Showell Road – 40 pitches
number of occupants unknown

Beckett Street – 3 pitches
number of occupants unknown

Thompson Avenue – 3 travelling showpeople plots
number of occupants unknown

Bridge Street – comprising 5 chalets, 6 caravan pitches and a transit site
number of occupants unknown

- Have any future, potential sites been identified - if so, where are they and for how many pitches/people?

Three potential sites - Deans Road – 3 pitches
Showell Road – 17 residential caravan pitches
Phoenix Park – 1-2 plots

- Does the council currently have an official plan for Gypsy/traveller site provision?

No

- If so, when was it created?

N/A

- How many more transit, permanent and Travelling Showpeople sites are currently needed in Wolverhampton City, and by when?
Above existing permissions: 13 permanent residential pitches and 3 travelling showpeople plots are needed by 2018. However, a new current Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment is underway which will revise pitch / plot targets in the Black Country Core Strategy (2011).
- Since March 2012, how many new transit, permanent and Travelling Showpeople sites have been created, and for how many pitches/people?
Zero
- Since March 2012, how much money has the council received in Traveller Pitch Funding to build new traveller sites?
Zero
- Since March 2012, how much money has the council spent trying to deliver new transit, permanent and Travelling Showpeople sites, and what exactly has this money been used to fund?
Zero