



<b>FOI REF:</b>	15550
<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	13/06/25

## Request and response (in colour)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

### Unauthorised encampments:

1. How many complaints have the council received between the calendar years 2019 and 2024 about unauthorised encampments in the local authority area.
2. The number of times your local authority has evicted members of the Romani Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities from encampments from public or private land between 2019 and 2024.
3. Of those, how many were carried out using:
  - a. Anti-social behaviour powers (please specify which)
  - b. Planning enforcement powers
4. Whether the authority works in partnership with the police or private bailiffs in these cases, and any costs incurred.
5. Copies of any internal policies or protocols used in making decisions to evict.

### Anti-social behaviour powers

1. A list of all anti-social behaviour powers used by your authority that were directed at members of Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller communities/any orders that specifically mention members of these communities
2. For each instance, please provide:
  - a. The type of power used (e.g., Community Protection Notice, Public Spaces Protection Order, Dispersal Order, Injunction, Criminal Behaviour Order, etc.)
  - b. The location
  - c. The date
  - d. The reason for its use
  - e. Whether the action was challenged and the outcome of any challenge



3. Please confirm whether your authority has a specific policy or guidance for the use of ASB powers against Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller or nomadic communities

### **Injunctions**

1. Has your authority applied for, obtained, or enforced any injunctions (interim or final) to prevent unauthorised encampments, including “wide” or “persons unknown” injunctions?
2. For each injunction, please provide
  - a. The type (e.g. interim, final, wide area, “persons unknown”)
  - b. The date it was granted and by which court.
  - c. The geographic area or sites it covers.
  - d. The legal grounds on which it was sought (e.g. nuisance, ASB, trespass)
  - e. Whether it was directed at specific individuals or groups, and whether Traveller communities were named or implicitly included.
3. The number of times the injunction has been enforced etc-
4. Copies of any Equality Impact Assessments or Human Rights Assessments conducted in connection with seeking or enforcing such injunctions.

### **Unauthorised encampments:**

1. How many complaints have the council received between the calendar years 2019 and 2024 about unauthorised encampments in the local authority area.

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2. The number of times your local authority has evicted members of the Romani Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities from encampments from public or private land between 2019 and 2024.

Information as to whether all encampments were from Romani Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities is not held by the council.

3. Of those, how many were carried out using:

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 - Section 77/78 is used for all evictions from council land

4. Whether the authority works in partnership with the police or private bailiffs in these cases, and any costs incurred.

Yes, but on a case-by-case basis if support is required or court orders are not adhered to. £10550 spent on bailiff fees.

5. Copies of any internal policies or protocols used in making decisions to evict.

Welfare checks are carried out before deciding what action, if any, to take.



## Anti-social behaviour powers

1. A list of all anti-social behaviour powers used by your authority that were directed at members of Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller communities/any orders that specifically mention members of these communities. **None used.**
2. **N/A**
3. Please confirm whether your authority has a specific policy or guidance for the use of ASB powers against Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller or nomadic communities. **No**

## Injunctions

1. Has your authority applied for, obtained, or enforced any injunctions (interim or final) to prevent unauthorised encampments, including “wide” or “persons unknown” injunctions? **No**
2. **N/A**
3. The number of times the injunction has been enforced etc- **N/A**
4. Copies of any Equality Impact Assessments or Human Rights Assessments conducted in connection with seeking or enforcing such injunctions. **N/A**

