

FOI REF:	15781
RESPONSE SENT:	25/07/2025

Request

I would like to request the following information from the council, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1) Does the council collect data on how many of its residents are living full-time in a caravan?
- 2) If yes, what is the most recent data on how many such residents there are? Please specify the time period for which this figure applies, and any relevant detail on how it was calculated – eg. is it number of residents or number of households?
- 3) Is it known what proportion of caravan dwellers are from Gypsy or Traveller communities? If yes, please specify the proportion.
- 4) If data is not formally collected on residents living full-time in a caravan, is the council aware of whether there are any such residents locally?
- 5) Has the council ever used caravans to temporarily accommodate people who would otherwise be homeless? If so, how many people are currently housed in this way?
- 6) Does the council have strategic plans which incorporate the use of caravans as temporary accommodation?
- 7) Is the council taking any actions to assure itself of the electrical safety of caravans being used as dwellings? If yes, please briefly detail the types of actions being taken.
- 8) In the past 12 months, has the council offered caravan dwellers any specific advice or support on electrical safety in their vehicle?
- 9) Does the council collect any information on a) how caravan dwellers are accessing electricity and b) which electrical items they are using? If so, please share details.
- 10) Into the remit of which a) councillor/s and b) officer/s does the wellbeing and safety of caravan dwellers fall?

I would be grateful if information could be shared via email, with data in spreadsheets if appropriate?

Response

- 1) No
- 2) N/A
- 3) No
- 4) Yes
- 5) Yes, approximately 20 years ago, but no people are currently housed this way
- 6) No
- 7) Yes, all site must be provided with a safe electricity network of adequate capacity to meet all reasonable demands, which is a condition of any site licence, and all sites are in the process of upgrading their electricity supply.
- 8) No – but any site must be provided with a safe electricity network of adequate capacity to meet all reasonable demands, and all sites are in the process of upgrading their electricity supply.
- 9) No
- 10) All councillors and council officers have a duty of care to all residents of the district and will deal with issues when the relevant legislation allows and is applicable.