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| FOI REF: | 17229 |
| RESPONSE SENT: | 15/06/2026 |

RE: FOI regarding Traveller Encampments

Please accept this letter as response to your request stated below, which was received on the 22nd May 2026.

'Hello,

On behalf of the Sky News Communities team and in the public interest under the freedom of information act, please could you provide the following information:

How many illegal traveller encampments have been set up in your borough in 2024, 2025 and between January 2026 – May 2026?

I have treated your request as made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), since the information held on planning files is usually environmental information.

Please find below the information held by the Council.

Unauthorised Traveller Encampments

Council-owned car parks:

- 2024/2025: 13 encampments
- 2025/2026: 12 encampments
- 2026/2027 (to date): 6 encampments

Open spaces:

- 2024: 3 encampments
- 2025: 6 encampments
- 2026 (to date): 1 encampment

Please note that the figures provided are based on recorded incidents.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Service Lead – Legal, Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire. SO23 9LJ. Email: legal@winchester.gov.uk