

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200053**
Date FOI Received: **21/01/2020**
Department: **Planning**
Title: **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment**
Description: **Details of the number of additional Gypsy and Traveller sites built in the period 2015-2019, the Accommodation Need Assessment, the 5 year supply of sites and injunctions.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

- 1: A yearly breakdown from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2019 of the number of additional sites built for Gypsies and travellers in your area.
- 2: Does your authority have a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment for new pitches?
- 3: What is the need identified by your authority's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment for new pitches, and what period does this GTANA cover?
- 4: How many sites have been identified by your authority for its up to date 5 year 'supply of specific deliverable sites'?
- 5: A yearly breakdown from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2019 of many times you have obtained injunctions preventing unauthorised camping.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

- 1 None
- 2 Yes
- 3 The GTANA identifies a need for an additional 27 pitches for households meeting or potentially meeting the planning definition in the period 2017-2036. The report is available on the website at <https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Other-guidance-and-information/Gypsy-Traveller-information.aspx>
- 4 Policy SADM4 of the adopted Local Plan (Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan 2016 - SADM) allocates nine pitches – three new pitches on a local authority owned site, and the regularisation of 6 pitches on privately owned sites. Only the three pitches on the local authority owned site have been counted as supply in calculating additional need in the GTANA. As indicated in SADM new sites for gypsies and travellers are being identified as part of the current process of identifying sites to meet general housing needs in the Hertsmere new Local Plan.
- 5 One injunction, dated 17.1.19.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services