



Gypsies & Travellers

An overview of the issues and concerns in the East of England

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- The Planning & compulsory purchase act (2004) required Regional Strategic Housing Authorities to include the Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Regional housing survey.
- Local authorities were made responsible to provide for the needs identified.
- Guidance was issued in Circular 01/2006 ODPM that Local Authorities should not wait for the results of the needs assessment but should provide for the already identified needs in their area.



- 4500 new pitches required across England & Wales by 2011.
- 1187 of those in the Eastern Region
- A pitch equates to 1.7 Caravans
- Needs based on 2006 information



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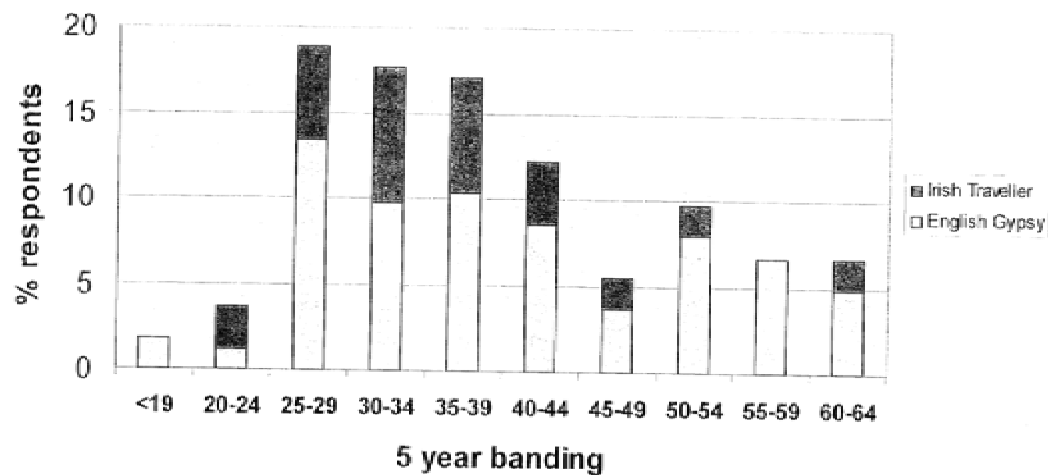
So who are we talking about?

Circular 01/2006 ODPM defines Gypsies and Travellers as:-

“Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on the grounds only of their own or their family’s or dependants’ educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling show people or circus people travelling together as such”.



Respondents – Age structure



Source: Anglia Ruskin University

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Recent (Oct 08)
press Cuttings

DEBATE: The emergency parish council meeting at Warsford Community Hall about the proposed travellers site.

Villagers fury at travellers' site

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Should the travellers' site plans go ahead?

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Camp set up

A GROUP of travellers have set up camp in a car park next to Peterborough Regional Pool.

The illegal encampment was set up yesterday and Peterborough City Council has promised to take action to deal with the situation. A council spokeswoman said, "The normal checks are being undertaken at the site, following which the procedures for dealing with matters such as this will be followed."

CAMP: Caravans near the Regional Pool in Peterborough. (BBC1000101)

of Hindu calendar to promote unity

... brings people together, irrespective...



MENTER Current Traveller work

Presently conducting a scoping exercise across the region to inform the development of its future work with these communities.

Part of this work has involved contacting local authorities to find out.

1. Who in the Authority is the lead officer for site provision and management
2. Which Department is responsible for Traveller issues.



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