

Reference: FOI0629

**Request:**

I ask that if there are any questions you cannot answer that you leave them blank and answer the remainder that you CAN answer.

A note to clarify the terminology I have used:

- A Gypsy or Traveller 'pitch' is where one family or individual might live.
- A Gypsy or Traveller 'site' is where there are a number of pitches in one location.
- A Gypsy or Traveller 'unauthorised encampment' is when a family or individual has stopped on land that isn't their own.

1. How many Gypsy and Traveller unauthorised encampments have you cleared from the local authority in:

2015 - 2

Trinity Road Whitley Bay - 2 caravans and 2 vans

Low Lights car park North Shields - 15+ Caravans

2016 – 10

Land at Church Road Backworth - 5 caravans and 8 vehicles.

Northumbrian Quays Car Park – 6 caravans

Briardene Car Park Whitley Bay – approx 15 caravans

Land at Locket Park, Wideopen – 7 caravans and 5 vehicles

Land at Birchwood, Wideopen - Approx 12 caravans plus vehicles

Land at Arrow Close, Killingworth - 2 caravans and 4 vehicles

Land at Burnbridge, Seaton Burn (Same travellers who moved from Birchwood Avenue, Wideopen) – approx 12 caravans plus vehicles

Silverbirch Industrial Estate Killingworth - 2 vehicles & caravans

Silverbirch Industrial Estate Killingworth - 3 vehicles & caravans

Land at Cobalt Business Park – 3 vehicles and caravans

2017 – 1

We do not have a record of how many pitches for this instance

2018- 0

2. In relation to the cleared encampments listed in question one, how many pitches were in each cleared encampment. (If you do not know, please state whether, to the best of your knowledge, there were any individuals or families living in the cleared encampments.)

As listed above.

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How many NEW authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches were created by your local authority in:

2015 - 0

2016 - 0

2017- 0

2018— 0

How many authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches are there currently in your local authority?

0

What were the full evictions costs to your council for all cleared unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments in:

2015 .

2016

2017

2018

(These costs should include staff costs and resources, any contractor costs, court costs and legal fees, clear up costs as well as any other costs relating to evictions from unauthorised encampments.)

No information held

How much money was spent in the creation of authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches and sites in:

2015

2016

2017

2018

No information held

Are you considering or are there any plans in place to seek a court injunction against unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments sites in your local authority? If you already have an injunction or already have an application in please state.

No

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When was the last time you undertook a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment?

July 2014

What was the need identified by your authority's most recent Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment for new pitches, and what period does this GTANA cover?

The identified need for new pitches was zero. The GTAA covers the period of the North Tyneside Local Plan to 2032.