FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 22/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

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:

   i. 2015

      Answer: 4

   ii. 2016

      Answer: None

   iii. 2017

      Answer: None

   iv. 2018

      (if possible please name them)

      Answer: None

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.)

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

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

i. 2015
Answer: None

ii. 2016
Answer: None

iii. 2017
Answer: None

iv) 2018
(if possible please name them)
Answer: None

4. How many authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches are there currently in your local authority?
Answer: 5

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

i. 2015
Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

ii. 2016
Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

iii. 2017
Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
iv. 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.)

Answer:
Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

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

i. 2015

Answer: 
None

ii. 2016

Answer: 
None

iii. 2017

Answer: 
None

iv. 2018

Answer: 
None

7. 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.

Answer: 
No

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

Answer: 
2017

9. 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?

Answer: 
A need was identified for 8 pitches, covering the period 2016-2021.
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Yours faithfully

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