

## New Government Policy on Planning for Traveller sites

**Dear Mr Pickles MP**

As a Gypsy/Traveller I know from experience that when it is left to councils they don't take our needs seriously by building sites. We have fought hard to be listened to and we urgently need councils to take action and build more sites now.

There is already evidence of our need for sites (in the GTAA's). We don't want more delay while the councils ask us what our needs are AGAIN. Most Gypsies and Travellers are not in houses by choice but because there aren't enough sites.

**What is needed:**

- ◆ More new sites built urgently - this new policy will mean yet more delay
- ◆ No more sites to be closed
- ◆ Councils should have to listen to the Government and build new sites (keep the existing policy circular 17/2006)
- ◆ To recognise existing evidence of our need (keep the GTAA guidance)
- ◆ Housed Travellers must be included in plans for new sites

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