

Gypsy and Traveller Transit Provision – Negotiated Stopping

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Findings of the GTAA

- The GTAA identifies the need for 10 permanent Gypsy and Traveller Pitches in Chorley
- It identifies the need for transit Gypsy and Traveller provision but recommends the introduction of negotiated stopping arrangements rather than a dedicated transit site

What is negotiated stopping

- Negotiated stopping is an agreement for Gypsies and Travellers to use suitable unused land as a temporary stopping place for a specific length of time.
- Terms are agreed between the Gypsy and Travellers and the Council including the amount of time they can stop on the land and services to be provided by the Council i.e. water, sanitation and rubbish disposal.

Advantages of negotiated stopping

- Reduces the number of unauthorised encampments
- Cost savings in relation to moving on unauthorised encampments
- Provides safer places for Gypsies and Travellers to stop
- Better access to services for Gypsies and Travellers

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds

- Pioneered by Leeds GATE working with Leeds City Council since 2010
- Leeds Core Strategy – identified need for 9 negotiated stopping pitches alongside permanent pitches
- Principle of negotiated stopping therefore in Core Strategy (but not allocated sites for negotiated stopping)

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds

- Partnership approach
- Management approach, a protocol to address the need for 9 negotiated stopping pitches.
- Council identify a pool of short notice sites and update over plan period
- Case-by-case basis

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds Environmental Benefits

- Example negotiated stopping agreement - www.negotiatedstopping.co.uk
- Sets responsibilities for both LA and family
- Contact details of different organisations who can give further information

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds Economic Benefits

- Lower incidence of illegal encampments
- Reduced enforcement, eviction and clean-up costs
- No requirement to develop and manage/maintain
- permanent ‘transit’ provision
- Savings on police time and costs

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds Social Benefits

- Foster good relations with G&T community
- Quality of life improvement
- Reduction in levels of nuisance and anti-social behaviour

Example of Negotiated Stopping – Leeds Environmental Benefits

- Previously developed land
- Steer encampments away from environmentally sensitive areas
- Temporary development
- Sanitation and refuse provision