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Request/Response

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

- i) 2015 1
- ii) 2016 1
- iii) 2017 1
- iv) 2018 1

(if possible please name them)

2. In relation to the cleared encampments listed in question one, how many pitches were in each cleared encampment. – **Not known**

(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.)

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

- i) 2015
- ii) 2016
- iii) 2017
- iv) 2018

(if possible please name them)

None. Rother District Council has not created any local authority owned pitches/sites over the timeframe set out above.

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

15 authorised pitches in the local authority area managed by East Sussex County Council

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

- i) 2015 See below
- ii) 2016 See below
- iii) 2017 See below
- iv) 2018 See below

(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.)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017/18
cost of clean up after removal	£264	£67.52	£205.42	£116
cost of target hardening/ improving defences to prevent travellers returning	£0	£288.92 (new locks + securing them)	£537.00 (high security locks + barrier modifications)	
any additional costs	Replacing/re-secure missing/damaged /loose bollards over the year, possibly caused by travellers: £100	Replacing/re-secure missing/damaged/loose bollards over the year, possibly caused by travellers: £799.98	Replacing/re-secure missing/damaged/loose bollards over the year, possibly caused by travellers: £472.72	

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

- i) 2015
- ii) 2016
- iii) 2017
- iv) 2018

Not known. Any approved sites/pitches in the timeframe above were not provided by the District Council.

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. **No**

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

The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople background paper details the evidence base and methodology for the provision of sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. It outlines the appropriate level of provision for Gypsy and Traveller pitches within the District based on local need. It was produced in 2011.

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?

The background paper identifies the need for 5 permanent pitches within Rother for Gypsies and Travellers over the period 2011-2016, and a further 6 pitches between 2016 and 2028.