

Traveller Awareness for Councils Notes

Summary:

- As a council, we support vulnerable groups; travellers are considered a vulnerable group.
- If not yet created, the council needs to make an Emergency plan on how to deal with and support travellers.
- The town council needs to contact and collaborate with neighbouring villages to understand and know how they deal with travellers. Also, ensure that plans are aligned to provide the best response.
- Key questions for the town council to answer:
 - If travellers come to Northstowe, where would they settle?
 - Have we identified appropriate locations? And non-appropriate locations?
 - Where do we send them to? Do we have dedicated space for them?
 - Do we know who owns the lands that are free to enter?
- When dealing with travellers, treat them with respect and use the Betaris box approach



- In the case travellers leave behind rubbish and/or damage, the cost in most cases will be for the landowner.
- The town council can consider creating a “Transit site.”
Transit sites – permanent sites used to provide only temporary accommodation for their residents. Lengths of stay can vary but are usually set at between 28 days and three months,
 - Signing contracts is highly recommended.
- Travellers’ community that actually travel is smaller than those living in social housing.

Advice, guidance and templates

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-safety/unauthorised-encampment-toolkit/advice-guidance-and-templates/>

A video about children from Travellers how they are impacted.

-Travellers Fight Against Being Evicted By Police

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JImpwcSQKA>

How to negotiate with travellers.

-What is Negotiated Stopping - An Animated Explanation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxw0i2t-Y4E>

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