

Comment	Local Authority Response	For inclusion
<p><u>Friends, Families & Travellers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall bias towards enforcement. ▪ Limited raising of awareness of Gypsies and Travellers. ▪ Needs to explicitly state that council accepts nomadism as a way of life. ▪ Should have specific examples of inequality towards Gypsies and Travellers. ▪ Should include latest bi-annual count figures. ▪ Remove reference to FFT drop-in service. ▪ Needs more information on work needed to provide access to services for Gypsies and Travellers. ▪ Concern re use of words campers and stakeholders and primacy given to ending encampments in footnote on page 6. ▪ Reference the need to ensure waste contractor meets requirements of council's Race Equality Scheme and also that Equality Impact Assessments are carried out where appropriate. ▪ Needs detailed changes around work of FFT. ▪ Amend sentence referring to STAG. ▪ Section 4 should include a reference to 'toleration' where appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on views received, this is considered a balanced strategy. ▪ This would be done as part of our raising awareness priority in Section 6. ▪ Nomadic lifestyle acknowledged throughout strategy. ▪ This would be done as part of our raising awareness priority in Section 6. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed – to be expanded. ▪ Terminology and process follows Government Guidance – concern noted. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed – sentence to be amended. ▪ Toleration referred to in Section 5, so not necessary. 	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern that Section 5 places emphasis on cost effectiveness rather than needs of Gypsies and Travellers. ▪ Prefer to see wording used to describe “inappropriate” rather than “unauthorised” encampments. ▪ Concern expressed at use of physical protection of land and need for Race Equality Impact assessment to be carried out. ▪ Concern expressed as to reasoning behind not including van dwellers in definition of Travellers and that this has distorted accommodation needs within Brighton & Hove. ▪ Consider final bullet point in Section 6 re positive actions around community cohesion should be strengthened, promoting equality and human rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wording to be changed to remove emphasis on cost. ▪ This is normal terminology and widely used. ▪ Reference made in strategy to due regard to be taken of impact of Travelling lifestyle. ▪ Van dwellers issues to be considered in a separate protocol. ▪ Agreed – wording strengthened. 	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Sussex Traveller Action Group</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns about layout of strategy. ▪ Concerned that other linked strategies did not have specific actions identified. ▪ Need for more clarity around use of Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994, Section 77. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted. ▪ Noted. ▪ Now included in Appendix A. 	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Brighton & Hove Environmental Action Group</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall, strategy well presented and viewed positively. ▪ With regard to rights and responsibilities, would point out that every time an illegal encampment occurs, settled community are treated with disrespect and the law has been broken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted. 	<p>N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not understand or support need for Travellers to have permanent sites, but accept there is a demand. ▪ The cost of providing Traveller services has to be shared by everyone through Council Tax. ▪ Wish to point out that anti-social behaviour and criminal damage experienced at the Horsdean transit site is not a good omen for a future permanent site. ▪ Need to clarify and expand detail on when police are able to use Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. ▪ Support objectives of promoting good race relations and community cohesion and state this will be achieved through the cessation of illegal encampments, as well as paying an economic rent for authorised sites. ▪ Reference to hostile media challenged in that media was simply reflecting widespread anger at number of illegal encampments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted. ▪ Noted. ▪ Reviewed and considered adequate detail already present. ▪ Noted. ▪ Noted. 	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>No</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Brighton & Hove City Primary Care Trust</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration should be made to highlight the PCT services provided for a wide range of the Traveller population explicit in the strategy. ▪ Should include additional information on the “Gypsy & Traveller Health Care Access Mechanisms” project, funded by the PCT and undertaken by Friends, Families and Travellers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed. 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

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<u>Hastings Borough Council</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcomes the clear comprehensive intentions outlined in the strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted. 	N/A
<u>East Sussex County Council</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to clearly explain status to issues about New Travellers and Van Dwellers. ▪ Need to clarify difference between caravans and pitches in that it is not a one to one relationship. ▪ Other specific changes need to ensure strategy clarifies work being undertaken with SEERA to provide more permanent pitches in the Brighton & Hove and East Sussex sub region. ▪ Need to clarify that Horsdean transit site is expected to cater for current seasonal transit need. ▪ Need to clarify that experience suggests authorised site provision reduces unauthorised encampments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed. ▪ Included in glossary. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed. 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<u>Equal – Brighton & Hove</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ References to equal access to services could be expanded to include opportunities for training and learning post-16 and opportunities to access employment or for in-work progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed. 	Yes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mention of Youth and Connections Service, but no mention of support and advice for adults wishing to improve their skills and/or qualifications in order to reenter the labour market. ▪ Need to include links to City Employment and skills plan. ▪ Information on van dwellers a little unclear and disjointed – should be highlighted earlier that they are not classified as Travellers, but some services relating to Gypsies and Travellers may also be relevant to this group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed. ▪ Agreed. ▪ Reference now made to separate van dweller protocol. 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><u>Public Comments</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No mention made of what Travellers are expected to contribute to the community. ▪ Why does the council appear to tolerate illegal camps where gypsies leave the areas in a total mess which we have to pay to clean up? ▪ Why does this document not contain any strategy for lived-in vehicles parked on public highways? These vehicles take up valuable parking spaces and accumulate rubbish and cause health and safety issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted. ▪ Noted. ▪ Reference now made to separate van dweller protocol. 	<p>No</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Yes</p>