

(CCC) UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT MAPPING

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

1. Do you have any Unauthorised Encampments (UE) at the moment in your borough or district? If so, how many?

There is one unauthorised encampment in our district.

2. How many families are on these encampments + number of caravans and number of people?

1 family, 2 caravans and 1 mobile home transit van, 14 people

3. Are there basic services on site (e.g. water and toilets)? If so, what are these

A welfare assessment has been undertaken and the family shared they are able to use toilets in their vehicles and have been getting access to water by filling a canister from somewhere nearby. We have provided bin bags and arranged for rubbish collection on the site.

4. Are you as a local authority providing these? If not, who is providing them?

In the welfare assessment the family shared they had access to water and toilets. We have provided bin bags and arranged for rubbish collection on the site.

If people were to need water and toilets as a result of impacts of the pandemic, we would be able to provide portable toilets and have an arrangement in place with the County Council to provide access to clean water.

5. Have you formally established a temporary transit site or are you using a different form of provision (e.g. tolerated stopping) – if the latter, please detail)?

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The unauthorised encampment referred to in Answers 1-4 above is not a formally established temporary transit site – it is effectively tolerated stopping, as the family have indicated they are heading to the East Coast before the weekend. At the time of writing we have not established a temporary transit site. We are currently exploring whether any Cambridge City Council land could be used as a temporary site where unauthorised encampments set up in the city upon land they would immediately need to move from, or if Gypsies and Travellers from South Cambridgeshire District Council permanent sites would need to temporarily move to better self-isolate or better distance themselves from people on their pitches with coronavirus.

We are also able to work with Cambridgeshire County Council if needed in order to identify suitable land people may be able to stay on inside the city or next to it for during the duration of the pandemic whilst the advice from government is not to travel.

6. Is there any agreement in place written or verbal being the Council and those living on the UEs? (if there is a written agreement could you please attach a copy of it to your reply)

There are no written or verbal agreements in place currently (as at 27 May).

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Name of Local Authority: Cambridge City Council

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We aim to provide a high quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk