

Gypsy/Travellers and the Scottish Planning System

Equality, Human Rights and Third Sector Division of the Scottish Government | Across Scotland,
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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project produced a series of five guides on the topic of Gypsy/Travellers and the Scottish planning system. These comprised a guide to the Scottish planning system for Gypsy/Travellers, and separate bespoke guidance documents on Gypsy/Traveller planning issues for Community Councils, Elected Members, Planning Professionals and the Media. These were produced following documentary research on the issues and good practice, and a period of engagement with Gypsy/Travellers and experts in this field.

WHY WE DID IT

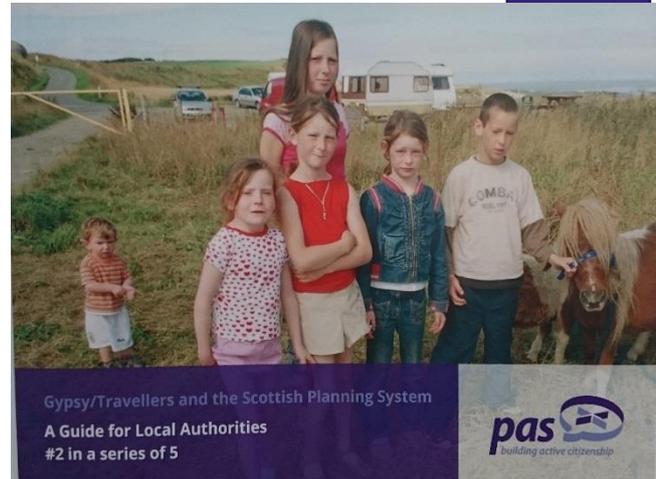
The guides aim to improve understanding of Gypsy/Traveller culture and the impact that land use planning has on their needs and life chances. A lack of suitable and secure accommodation adversely impacts Gypsy/Travellers' health, educational attainment and employment prospects. These guides aim to help Gypsy/Travellers better understand and engage with the planning system, and improve professional practice to secure better planning outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers, thereby tackling inequality.

OUTCOMES/ ACHIEVEMENTS

- Produced pioneering guidance that can be drawn upon by Gypsy/Travellers when making planning applications.
- Created a resource for those who work in or are involved in the planning system in a decision-making capacity to inform their working relationship with Gypsy/Traveller applicants.
- Created guidance for the media which challenges stereotypes and misleading coverage.

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“I hope the guides will be well-used and that they will give all concerned the information and knowledge to meet the needs of Scotland’s Gypsy/Travellers.”

Alex Neil, MSP Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights

