

## Understanding Gypsy/Travellers' Accommodation Needs

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

This project helped gain a better understanding of the Gypsy/Traveller community in relation to the planning system. PAS researched how to improve engagement with Gypsy/Travellers to better assess/support their accommodation needs. The current legislation framework was clarified and practices within six local authorities in Scotland were analysed through 30 interviews to provide clear recommendations to Renfrewshire Council.



### WHY WE DID IT

PAS has a track record of working with Gypsy/Travellers and relevant partners involved with this seldom heard recognised ethnic group. PAS recognises the need to increase awareness and knowledge, within the Scottish planning system, of Gypsy/Travellers to help pro-active engagement with the community, recognise their needs, and inform strategy, future planning policy and guidance on the provision of accommodation and related services.

***Well-managed, authorised Gypsy/Traveller sites (both public and private) will not only help meet Gypsy/Travellers' accommodation needs, but help both reduce tensions with the settled community and the number of unauthorised sites***

*Alan Seath – PAS Volunteer and Associate*

### OUTCOMES/ ACHIEVEMENTS

- Robust, coherent planning policies are needed, which link to housing policies.
- Set up collaborative cross-boundary working groups and workshops.
- Train staff and elected members on Gypsy/Traveller lifestyle and culture.
- Assign dedicated Gypsy/Traveller liaison staff and collect evidence/data on needs.



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