

BUDGET SETTING 24-25 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Title of EIA		Unauthorised Traveller Encampments
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	Date of completion	24.11.23 Updated 08.02.24
Cabinet Member	Name	Cllr A S Khan
	Portfolio	Policing & Equalities

PLEASE REFER TO [EIA GUIDANCE](#) FOR ADVICE ON COMPLETING THIS FORM

SECTION 1 – Context & Background

1.1 Please tick one of the following options:

This EIA is being carried out on:

- New policy / strategy
- New service
- Review of policy / strategy
- Review of service
- Commissioning
- Other project (*please give details*)

1.2 In summary, what is the background to this EIA?

This proposal relates to enabling the enforcement of unauthorised Traveller incursions by the Police through the establishment of a Traveller Transit site in the city. The exact location of the site has not yet been determined.

SECTION 2 – Consideration of Impact

Refer to guidance note for more detailed advice on completing this section.

In order to ensure that we do not discriminate in the way our activities are designed, developed and delivered, we must look at our duty to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conflict that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- Advance equality of opportunity between two persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not

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2.1 Baseline data and information

Although the majority of Romani Gypsies and Travellers (“Gypsies and Travellers”) now reside in conventional housing, a significant number still live in caravans in accordance with their traditional way of life.

Romani Gypsies and Irish Travellers are recognised as separate ethnic groups who are protected minorities under the Equality Act 2010.

It is well-established that there is a chronic national shortage of sites for Gypsies and Travellers; this lack of suitable and secure accommodation forces many Gypsies and Travellers onto unauthorised encampments and developments.

The evidence shows that where a local authority focuses on the provision of authorised sites, their expenditure on enforcement is likely to drop considerably. There is also a potential saving to be made in relation to avoiding any damage to public spaces through unauthorised encampments. Coventry City Council is therefore proposing to provide a temporary, transit site for occupation by the Gypsy Traveller communities in the city.

2.2 On the basis of evidence, complete the table below to show what the potential impact is for each of the protected groups.

- Positive impact (P),
- Negative impact (N)
- Both positive and negative impacts (PN)
- No impact (NI)
- Unknown impact (UI)

Protected Characteristic	Impact type P, N, PN, NI	Nature of impact and any mitigations required
Age 0-18	NI	
Age 19-64	NI	
Age 65+	NI	
Disability	NI	
Gender reassignment	NI	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	NI	
Pregnancy and maternity	NI	
Race (Including: colour, nationality, citizenship ethnic or national origins)	P	There will be a potentially positive impact on the Romani Gypsy Traveller community through the provision of a transit site for encampment.
Religion and belief	NI	
Sex	NI	

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Sexual orientation	NI	
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2.3 Will there be any potential impacts in relation to health and/or digital inequalities?

As one of the most marginalised and vulnerable ethnic groups, there will be a potentially positive impact on the Romani Gypsy Traveller community through the provision of a transit site for encampment.

3.0 How will you monitor and evaluate the effect of this work?

This equality impact assessment will be reviewed if this proposal is implemented following approval of the final budget report.

4.0	Action Planning	
Issue Identified	Planned Action	Timeframe
N/A		

5.0 Completion Statement

As the appropriate Head of Service for this area, I confirm that the potential equality impact is as follows:

- No impact has been identified for one or more protected groups
- Positive impact has been identified for one or more protected groups
- Negative impact has been identified for one or more protected groups
- Both positive and negative impact has been identified for one or more protected groups
- The potential impact of this proposal on protected groups is not yet known

6.0 Approval

Name of Director: Andrew Walster	Date sent to Director: 24.11.23 / 08.02.24
Name of Lead Elected Member: Cllr P Hetherton	Date sent to Councillor: 24.11.23 / 08.02.24

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