

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

In relation to the current consultation exercise on proposals for 3 new authorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments in Leicester:

1. Please can I have full details of all the new now 8 travellers sites (including the detailed plans - Like the ones that have been drawn up for the initial 3 sites)

This information does not exist so we are not able to provide it. The consultation process is on the three proposed sites at Beaumont Way, Greengate Lane and Redhill Way. Indicative site layouts of these three sites have been developed and are available on our website. We have not developed similar site layouts for any of the other sites as part of this process. Site boundaries are available in the Site Assessment document which is available on the following web pages – <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellersites/>. Copies of these documents can be provided to you if you require them, although I understand you may have already received them following an earlier, separate enquiry.

2. Details of the layout of these sites - one would assume that if they were serious alternatives a degree of thought, and dare I say it planning has already gone into these sites - yes, is there evidence of this (meetings, minutes, detailed plans)?

All of the information about the sites considered leading up to the identification of the current shortlist of three proposed sites has been made available already. This information can also be found on the following web pages referred to above.

3. I would like information relating to the decision process to switch to 8 sites rather than 3. What meetings took place to discuss this and can I have the minutes - or was this a decision made entirely by Peter Soulsby at his own whim?

No decision has been taken on this so no information exists on the matter, and therefore we cannot provide you with it. The consultation process is still ongoing and concerns the three proposed sites referred to earlier.

4. Furthermore, can you supply evidence that the 350 sites recently published by LCC as sites they "considered" were actually considered prior to the public outcry for information - specifically evidence of site visits, evidence of something other than the paper exercise presented to the public?

We have no documented records indicating that the site assessments have taken place and when this was so. The information available on the web pages referred to above outlines the process that was undertaken some months before the decision taken by the City Mayor and his Executive team to identify a shortlist of three preferred sites.

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