

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 proposals for 3 new authorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments in Leicester, you have requested;

1. Further to our response to FOI 1169 please could we provide details of electoral wards for the addresses given.

An updated document has been enclosed which includes the information you have requested.

2. Could you also clarify the assessment criteria which has been used to determine suitability of the 350 sites previously evaluated. Within this please clarify - The minimum size for a suitable site; How suitable vehicular access has been determined; How biodiversity has been defined/ categorised for the purpose of this assessment.

The assessment criteria that were considered when determining the suitability of sites are available within the 'downloadable documents' link on the following webpage - <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellersites/>.

The Minimum size for a suitable site was considered to be 300sqm. This would provide enough space for one pitch and an access route into the site.

Suitable vehicular access was determined by Officers by considering whether access was, or could be made to be, of sufficient size and quality to accommodate a large car/van and caravan without having any adverse impacts upon highway safety.

Further, a document explaining how the biodiversity was assessed has been provided.

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