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Best wishes,  
James

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## McLaughlin, James

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**From:** Hobson, Susan  
**Sent:** 22 November 2022 07:05  
**To:** McLaughlin, James; Allison, Jacqueline; Braund, Tim  
**Cc:** Atkin, Jason; Burfoot, Sue; Donnelly, Tom; Flitter, Steve; Lees, Stuart; Morley, Tony; Ratcliffe, Mike; Sutton, Alasdair; Swindell, Colin; Wilson, Paul; Committee  
**Subject:** Re: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

**Categories:** Gypsy and Traveller

All

It was unfortunate that the report was not available in time to be published for the planned extraordinary meeting on 15 November.

However, should Full Council agree to the recommendations of the G&TWG on 24 November I am sure Officers will implement the decisions of Members in a timely way.

I know that the G&TWG are keen to be actively involved and kept aware of all proceedings and negotiations relating to the recommendations.

Susan.hobson@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Sent from my phone

----- Original message -----

From: "McLaughlin, James" <James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk>  
Date: Mon, 21 Nov 2022, 18:56  
To: "Allison, Jacqueline" <Jacqueline.Allison@derbyshiredales.gov.uk>, "Braund, Tim" <tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk>  
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Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group  
Good afternoon Cllr Allison,

Thanks for your email.

This is not an easy question to answer as there are a number of issues to consider.

In order to secure an eviction order, the Council must have demonstrated that the Traveller family has not complied with a Direction to Leave by the Council. Having designated the land at Matlock Bath as a temporary site until 31 January, the Council will need to have identified an alternative site for the Traveller family to go to well in advance of that date and have given direction to leave Matlock Bath. The best option will be to secure a voluntary move by

the family, which necessitates engagement with them or their representatives, to an alternative site. If that isn't achieved then it will be difficult to envisage that the family will have left the Matlock Bath site by 31 January.

After the Council meeting on Thursday, there will be 21 working days before Christmas and 42 working days until 31 January. There is no delegated authority to make any decisions on the designation of another site, so at least five clear days need to be subtracted immediately to accommodate the organisation and holding of a Council meeting. If a recommendation on one or both of the two privately owned sites is forthcoming, there will need to be a decision at the Council.

If a decision is made (and there is no guarantee that there will be a positive decision by the Council) it will require the completion of legal agreements with the landowner(s). With the best will in the world, this will take a number of days to resolve even if our own legal services give it immediate and urgent attention, but as there is no guarantee that lawyers acting on behalf of landowners will do the same. We may find that they move with pace, but experience would suggest will be unlikely given their other caseloads.

I would anticipate that a decision on alternative sites will be needed by the Council no later than week commencing 12 December. If no sites are agreed for designation, then (as Tim has outlined below) there is little chance of securing an eviction order from the site at Matlock Bath because of the homelessness duty that the Council has to this specific Traveller family. The absence of a fall-back position will remain a concern until such time as the Council makes a decision on an alternative site(s).

Best wishes,  
James

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**Subject:** Re: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

Dear Paul , James

In Tim's absence , if a date needs to be put against occupation of the site at Matlock Bath , what do officers consider is achievable and will alleviate some of the concerns you have ?

Best, Jacqui

Jacqui Allison  
Doveridge and Sudbury

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Nov 2022, at 15:32, Braund, Tim <[tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)> wrote:

Cllr Allison

Thanks for your email. Again it's difficult to give a definitive reply to the question. I think it would be fair to say though that the question is causing Paul, James and me some real concern.

Regards

Tim

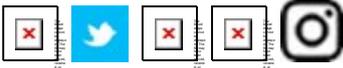
PS I am away from work for 2 weeks after today, but James and Paul will pick up on any queries about this work stream.

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**Subject:** Re: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

Thanks Tim , that's really helpful .

Given that the process will take weeks, and there is the Christmas period to consider in the middle of this timeframe , will moving the family by 31st Jan be achievable ?

Best , Jacqui

Jacqui Allison  
Doveridge and Sudbury

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Nov 2022, at 11:51, Braund, Tim <[tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)> wrote:

Cllr Allison

Thanks for your email. There is no exact answer to your question, but I will explain as best I can.

There are 2 routes that officers use to secure the movement of the Traveller family from one site to another: informal agreement and formal legal action. There have been times when the informal route has worked very well and we have secured an agreed move on the day that all parties agreed to. However, it also carries significant uncertainties, usually manifesting themselves as the last minute failure to move by the family. This is currently the situation at Ashbourne.

The formal legal route provides more certainty, but often takes a number of weeks to bring to a conclusion. The main reason for this is that whilst colleagues in the Environmental Health and Legal teams here at DDDC are well practised and very efficient at producing the required evidence and undertaken the necessary paperwork, we are reliant on the Courts finding a date to hear our case – to a large extent we are in their hands on this and although we can and do stress urgency, this does not always mean that they can fit our claim in very promptly.

To try and get the best out of both these routes, we often run both approaches in parallel, as we are doing now in relation to Ashbourne.

In my view, in order to have any real chance of a successful voluntary move, we will need to have identified an alternative site that the family considers to meet their needs some weeks in advance. It would be very unlikely that officers would be able to persuade the family to move to a site that they considered to be unsuitable. Equally, if we are applying to the Courts we would need the same arrangements in place, firstly to avoid the possibility of legal challenge and secondly to ensure that the Court looked favourably on our application.

Whilst I can't give an exact number of days, I hope that this reply gives some idea of the types of timescales required.

Tim

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Good morning James/Tim

Having read the report, can you clarify the following for me

For the family to be removed from the Matlock Bath station road car park by the 31st January when will the council need to instigate the process of removal ?

And to start the process what needs to be in place, do we need to have identified a site to direct them to ?

Best , Jacqui

Jacqui Allison  
Doveridge and Sudbury

Sent from my iPad

On 16 Nov 2022, at 16:04, McLaughlin, James  
<[James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good afternoon Cllr Allison,

Thanks for your email.

There are two sites recommended by the Working Group for designation as temporary sites:

- [Derwent Way Car Park in Matlock](#)
- [Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park – until 31 January 2023.](#)

We haven't established likely costs for independent consultancy yet, but will have a figure in time for next week's Council meeting.

Best wishes,  
James

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**Subject:** Re: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] Draft Report - Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

Good afternoon James,

Couple of questions -

What sites are being recommended ?

How much will it cost to engage consultants ?

Best , Jacqui

Jacqui Allison

Doveridge and Sudbury

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On 16 Nov 2022, at 10:57, McLaughlin, James

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wrote:

Good morning Members,

Please find attached the draft report of the Working Group that is proposed to be submitted to Council and summarises the recommendations that came out of the meeting held on 2 November 2022, which was attended by 9 of the 11 Members of the Working Group.

For ease of reference the recommendations listed in the report are:

#### ***Recommendations***

***These recommendations were endorsed for submission to Council by 9 Members of the Working Group (Councillors Jacqui Allison and Steve Flitter were not present at the meeting where these proposals were agreed and have not indicated their consent).***

- 1. That the Council formally endorse and support the Urgent Decision taken by the Director of Corporate and Customer Services, on the recommendation of the Working Group and with the consent of the Chairman of the Council and the Leader of the***

**Council, to designate the land at Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family until 31 January 2023.**

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- 3. That, subject to the designation of the site at Derwent Way Car Park, officers be authorised to install appropriate utilities for use by the specific Traveller family at that site.**
- 4. That the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate and Customer Services or Director of Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to instruct specific Traveller families to vacate designated temporary sites and direct to alternative temporary sites (as identified and approved by the full Council) and that Ward Members be notified of any such instructions and directions.**
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**ii. Leisure Way Car Park, Ashbourne**

**iii. Clifton Road Coach and Car Park, Ashbourne**

**iv. Coka yne Avenue Recreation Ground, Ashbourne**

**v. Coka yne Avenue Car Park**

**vi. Shawcroft Car Park, Ashbourne**

**vii. Fish Pond Meadow Overspill Car Park, Ashbourne**

**viii. Fish Pond Meadows Playing Fields, Ashbourne**

- ix. **Playi  
ng Field, Ashes Avenue,  
Hulland Ward**
- x. **Old  
Station Close Car Park,  
Rowsley**
- xi. **Land  
north west of Middleton  
Cemetery, New Road,  
Middleton**
- xii. **Land  
adjacent to 26 Griggs  
Gardens, Wirksworth**
- xiii. **Land  
to South East of Hopton  
Works, Middleton Road,  
Wirksworth**
- xiv. **Arc  
Leisure Car Parks,  
Morledge**
- xv. **Tem  
ple Walk Car Park,  
Matlock Bath**
- xvi. **Artis  
t Corner Car Park, Dale  
Road, Matlock Bath**
- xvii. **Hunt  
sbridge Recreation  
Ground, Alfreton Road,  
Tansley**
- xviii. **Town  
Hall Rear Car Park,  
Edgefold Road, Matlock**
- xix. **High  
Tor, Matlock**
- xx. **Land  
at Harrison Way,  
Northwood**
- xxi. **Mon  
sal Head Car Park,  
Ashford**
- xxii. **Land  
to the south of 59 Yeld  
Close, Bakewell**
- xxiii. **Car  
Park at Agricultural Way,  
Bakewell**
- xxiv. **Neth  
er End Car Park, Baslow**
- xxv. **Haw  
khill Road Car Park,  
Eyam**

xxvi. **Pars  
ons Croft Car Park, Mill  
Lane, Hartington**

xxvii. **Land  
to the rear of Edge View,  
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## McLaughlin, James

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**From:** McLaughlin, James  
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**To:** Wilson, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Travellers debate

Paul,

For information below.

I'll reply to Cllr Burfoot, but there are definitely moves afoot among the opposition to challenge the recommendations.

Cllr Hobson doesn't want officers answering questions on the report, which I have said is fine but ultimately at the discretion of Cllr Shirley. There may be issues associated with implementing the working group's recommendations that they may want answers on and that might influence how they intend to vote, so we'll see how Cllr Shirley wants to play it.

Thanks,  
James

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**To:** McLaughlin, James <[James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:James.McLaughlin@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Travellers debate

Hi James

In Sue's absence, with Covid, can I ask a question she would have asked on Thursday?

The report states (somewhere?) that the Council will consider charging travellers for services provided on approved sites. Is that suggestion only on any permanent sites or also on 'temporary tolerated' sites ?

Should charging go ahead, how would officers collect payment and enforce charges, given the possibility that traveller families, who rarely pay the council for anything, might well default? Could they be evicted for non-payment, in which case would they be 'intentionally homeless', and no longer the responsibility of the Council to accommodate?

Can I also ask another question concerning the timing of our imminent decision making? Given the natural break over the Christmas period, how can consultants be procured and given time to investigate sites, and report on them in time for officers to produce a meeting report in January?

Of course, further sites must be agreed in January, prior to termination of the proposed temporary designation of Matlock Bath's Station Car Park at the end of the month.

Finally, Sue and I very much sympathise with yours, Tim's and other officers' dilemma and extra workload on this subject, and regret the evident intransigence of some members towards finding a solution.

Many thanks

Martin  
Cllr Martin Burfoot  
Matlock All Saints

Sent from my iPad

[Redacted]

**From:** Purdy, Garry  
**Sent:** 22 November 2022 15:10  
**To:** Braund, Tim  
**Cc:** Hobson, Susan; Wilson, Paul  
**Subject:** Fwd: Travellers .....again !

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Tim  
I do expect more than regular visits to the site to ensure it is kept clean and tidy, that toilets are provided to ensure no soiling of Lovers Walk and surrounding area and trust that you will confirm that this happens. Plus, warnings must be given to the family not to cut wood down nearby and make fires. Any complaints of anti-social behaviour such as continual dog barking if to the disturbance of neighbours must be dealt with.

Sent from my iPad  
Cllr Garry W Purdy BSc(Hons)  
Leader Derbyshire Dales District Council  
Representing Masson Ward

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**Subject: Re: Travellers .....again !**

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Gary  
Thank you for your prompt reply. However you are just repeating what you have said before. Nothing has changed.  
Whilst I fully appreciate that you are in a difficult position and that the Travellers have to

have somewhere allocated to them, we are in the same position we were last year. And the year before.

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**Cc:** Braund, Tim; Wilson, Paul  
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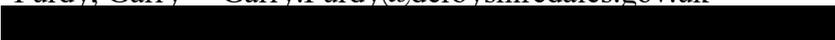
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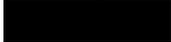
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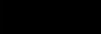
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] The [REDACTED] Family

Thanks [REDACTED]

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- The family are not to cut wood down or start fires in the surrounding area
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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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[Redacted]

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**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Wilson, Paul  
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Hi [Redacted]  
In the absence of Tim are you dealing with the Travellers  
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Despite the Chief Inspector on the virtual meeting stating that he had been in touch

with the Mental Health Team to provide a care package for the young man, no action has been taken at all to date.

Cllr Hobson has also done her best by contacting the Cabinet Member responsible at County Hall to have some input from the Mental Health Team.

As an ex senior police officer who has dealt with a number of mental health cases in my career I have to say that I am at a loss as to why the two agencies will not deal with the complaints that arise from the public nearby.

And this leaves our Authority taking all the blame, but with only one action that it can take and that is to keep moving the family on.

When I became Leader in May 2019, as a consequence of the fact that the Travellers arrived in my Ward at Matlock Bath at least once a year, sometimes more, I resolved to secure a Permanent Traveller site.

It has been a very painful journey for me personally but it has to be achieved I thought that we had achieved a site at Tansley in 2020 but that proved far too impracticable and far too expensive to develop.

I instructed the CEX to go out to advert yet again for land and fortunately we have had a response from a landowner, whose site I cannot identify, but examination of the land and negotiations with our Officers are currently going well, although it is still a few months away if all goes well for it to be secured as a Permanent Traveller site. In the meantime we are left with only being able to move the trouble from one site to another.

It will be interesting to see what the recommendations of the Traveller Working Group are, but I would never agree to an approved Temporary Stopping site at or near to the School

The only option in Matlock Bath is the Station car park, but not during the summer season and after the Illuminations have finished at the end of September

I more than anyone will be more than relieved if the Permanent site can be approved At present it is a mad merry go round with the family in question but which could so easily be dealt with by the appropriate agencies.

I hope this helps.

Regards

Sent from my iPad  
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Representing Masson Ward

On 1 Oct 2022, at 22:44, [REDACTED] >> wrote:

Warning External

Good evening

Read this with interest. The part I find most interesting is where it says that there have been complaints about indecent exposure and the. In the next paragraph it says you suggested they move to the car park by the school.

We know about the indecent exposure from experience of them being there last time. We reported it to the police. Along with all the other issues.

Wondered if you had an explanation as to how you think this could possibly be a good idea.

Regards

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