



### **Code of Conduct for Unauthorised and Authorised Gypsy/Traveller Encampments**

Aberdeenshire Council recognises and respects Gypsy/Travellers' right to maintain their way of life and that there should be no acts of discrimination against them because of their lifestyle.

Aberdeenshire Council is responsible for ensuring the balance of the needs and wishes between Gypsy/Travellers and settled communities.

We ask that you treat the land that you are currently occupying with respect, as we are trying to work towards a shared goal of living in areas of which we can all be proud.

#### **The Code of Conduct states that:**

- The site should not be overcrowded
- Vehicles should be parked safely and must not cause a hazard
- The site should be kept clean and rubbish placed in waste bins or bags provided
- You should take goods which are not suitable for waste bins or bags to Recycling centres
- You should respect residents and report any offensive or aggressive behaviour to the Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer or to Police Scotland
- Fires should not be started, with the exception of small controlled fires for cooking purposes only
- Animals must be kept under control at all times.
- Dogs must be microchipped and pet mess must be cleaned up
- You should dispose of human and baby waste/nappies in the waste bins or bags provided
- Children must be supervised and gates/barriers should be locked and comply with the Highway Code
- Harassment, damage to property or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and any criminal activity will be reported to Police Scotland

#### **Locations Deemed Unsuitable for Encampments are:**

- Public open spaces such as parks, sports grounds and car parks
- Industrial estates, business, and retail car parks
- Dual carriageways or motorways

**We welcome you to the following Aberdeenshire Council Travellers' Sites for a fee:**

North of Aberdeenshire - Aikey Brae at Old Deer and Greenbanks at Banff.

Please contact the Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer on 07795 238423 for more information regarding these sites or visit Aberdeenshire Council's website for more details. (<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/housing/minority-ethnic-communities/about-gypsy-travellers/>)

**Useful contacts**

**Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer**

Tel: 07795 238423

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Strategic Housing Officer

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**Housing General Enquiries: 0345 608 12 03**

**Contact Centre Number: 0345 608 12 08**

**Environmental Health: 01467 628 153**

**Waste Management (Wasteline)**

**Tel: 03456 08 12 07**

**Police Scotland**

**Ask for Divisional Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer**

**Tel: 0845 600 5 700**

**Email: [NorthEastGypsyTravellerEncampments@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthEastGypsyTravellerEncampments@scotland.pnn.police.uk)**

**Grampian Regional Equality Council**

**Tel: 01224 595 541**

**Email: [info@grec.co.uk](mailto:info@grec.co.uk)**

**Crimestoppers**

**Tel: 0800 555 111**

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