



REQUEST 17995

RESPONSE

Unauthorised encampments:

1. How many complaints have the council received between the calendar years 2019 and 2024 about unauthorised encampments in the local authority area.
2. The number of times your local authority has evicted members of the Romani Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities from encampments from public or private land between 2019 and 2024.
3. Of those, how many were carried out using:
 - a. Anti-social behaviour powers (please specify which)
 - b. Planning enforcement powers
4. Whether the authority works in partnership with the police or private bailiffs in these cases, and any costs incurred.

101 complaints/contact made about the trespass.

101 encampments have been moved on in this period.

None

Wigan Council works in partnership with both the local policing team and private bailiffs in these trespass cases. No costs incurred from police but services of private bailiffs are paid for. Please find attached figures.

2019/20	55,115.05
2020/21	14,542.30
2021/22	78,409.30
2022/23	17,292.10
2023/24	74,200.00
2024/25	136,800.00
Total	376,358.75

5. Copies of any internal policies or protocols used in making decisions to evict.

No policy in place

Anti-social behaviour powers

1. A list of all anti-social behaviour powers used by your authority that were directed at members of Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller communities/any orders that specifically mention members of these communities.

No ASB powers used

2. For each instance, please provide:
 - a. The type of power used (e.g., Community Protection Notice, Public Spaces Protection Order, Dispersal Order, Injunction, Criminal Behaviour Order, etc.)
 - b. The location
 - c. The date
 - d. The reason for its use
 - e. Whether the action was challenged and the outcome of any challenge
3. Please confirm whether your authority has a specific policy or guidance for the use of ASB powers against Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller or nomadic communities.

Injunctions

1. Has your authority applied for, obtained, or enforced any injunctions (interim or final) to prevent unauthorised encampments, including “wide” or “persons unknown” injunctions? No Injunctions used
2. For each injunction, please provide:
 - a. The type (e.g. interim, final, wide-area, “persons unknown”)
 - b. The date it was granted and by which court
 - c. The geographic area or sites it covers
 - d. The legal grounds on which it was sought (e.g. nuisance, ASB, trespass)
 - e. Whether it was directed at specific individuals or groups, and whether Traveller communities were named or implicitly included
3. The number of times the injunction has been enforced, including:
 - a. How enforcement took place (e.g. eviction, arrest, fine)
 - b. Whether any individuals from Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller communities were affected
 - c. Any challenges or appeals, including outcomes
4. Copies of any Equality Impact Assessments or Human Rights Assessments conducted in connection with seeking or enforcing such injunctions.