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**LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER & RUTLAND  
GYPSIES' AND TRAVELLERS'  
ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
(2006-16)**

**TECHNICAL APPENDIX**

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IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND  
LA RESIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE AUTHORISED SITES**

**INTRODUCTION**

My name is [ ] and I work for Birmingham University. We have been asked by local councils in this area to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies and Travellers need and want, so we want to talk to a number of people – in houses, on sites and on the roadside – to get a range of views.

Would you be willing to talk to me? It will probably take about 40 minutes. If you agree, I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be completely confidential. We are completely independent of any local council, the police or the DSS. No-one will be identified in any report, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you. If there are any particular questions you don't want to answer, just say so. So, would you be willing to talk to me now? If it's awkward now, I could call back later on today.

**SCREENING QUESTIONS**

S1. Have you already been interviewed for this survey?

No		Continue
Yes		END INTERVIEW

S2. Can I just check, do you live here most of the year, or are you here as a visitor or on a temporary basis?

	Tick	Questionnaire to use
Live here		LA/private authorised
Visitor/temporary basis		Roadside/transit

**INTERVIEWER TICK IN TABLE BELOW IF LA SITE; IF PRIVATE SITE ASK**

S3. Do you or your family own the plot you live on or do you rent it?

	Tick	Comment
Local authority site		<i>Whole questionnaire applies except D5 and D6</i>
Private site – owns the plot		<i>Check for questions which are not to be asked to site/plot owner</i>
Private site – rents the plot		<i>Whole questionnaire applies except D5 and D6</i>
Private site – other (specify)		<i>Whole questionnaire is likely to apply</i>

**INTERVIEW DETAILS**

Site : .....

Date of interview : ..... Interviewer : .....

Sex of respondent :      Male     Female     Couple

**SECTION A : GENERAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

I'd like to start by asking whether you think there is sufficient accommodation specifically for Gypsies and Travellers in Leicestershire and Rutland.

A1. Are more permanent caravan sites needed for Gypsies and Travellers in the area, where people can stay as long as they want?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF NO/DON'T KNOW SKIP TO A5; IF YES ASK**

A2. Where should additional sites be provided? **PROBE for town/village**

A3. Who should provide them? **Read out first four and tick all that apply**

- Local councils
- Gypsies and Travellers to rent to others
- Gypsies and Travellers for themselves and their families
- Doesn't matter
- Other (*specify*)
- Don't know

A4. How many plots should permanent sites ideally have?

- Up to 5 plots
- 6 to 10 plots
- 11 to 15 plots
- 16 to 20 plots
- Over 20 plots
- Don't know

A5. Do you think there is a need for transit sites in Leicestershire and Rutland where Gypsies and Travellers can stay for short periods?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF NO/DK SKIP TO B1; IF YES ASK**

A6. Where should transit sites be provided? (**probe for towns/villages and write in**)

A7. What facilities should be provided on such sites? **Read out and tick all that apply**

Hardstandings

Water supply

Mains electricity

Shared WCs

Shared baths/showers

Individual WCs for each plot

Individual baths/showers

Refuse collection

A8. How many caravans or trailers should a transit site be designed to take?

Up to 5 caravans/trailers

6-10 caravans/trailers

11-20 caravans/trailers

21-30 caravan/trailers

More than 30 caravan/trailers

Don't know

A9. Should transit sites be provided by councils, by Gypsies and Travellers, or by others?

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Councils                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsies and Travellers   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A10. Should the site manager live on the transit site or just visit it each day?

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Should live on site   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should visit each day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A11. And should the manager be a Gypsy or Traveller, or someone else?

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| A Gypsy/Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Someone else      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A12. Who do you think would use transit sites if they were provided? (*write in*)

A13. Specifically would you, or any of your family or friends, be interested in using transit sites in the Leicestershire and Rutland area if sites were provided?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF NO PROBE : Why not?**

**SECTION B : HOUSEHOLD DETAILS**

Now I'd like to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you.

B1. Can you tell me about all the people who live with you in your immediate family.  
**PROBE DETAILS SUFFICIENTLY TO COMPLETE GRID. NO NEED TO PRESS FOR NAMES**

Name	Relationship to respondent	Sex	Age	Likely to need separate home
	RESPONDENT			

B2. Is there anyone in your family (eg sons or daughters) who is likely to want their own independent accommodation in the next 5 years?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES, TICK FINAL COLUMN OF GRID ABOVE TO SHOW WHICH FAMILY MEMBER(S). PROBE :  
 In what circumstances?**

**What sort of accommodation will they try to find?**

**Will it be in Leicestershire or Rutland?**

**Will it be difficult to find?**

B3. Is there anyone apart from the people you have told me about who lives with you some of the time/part of the year. If so please give their details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	How frequently and for how long does this person normally stay

B4. Is there any one else who, given the choice, would like to live with you but is not able to at present. If so please give details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	Reason for not living with you now	What type of accommodation do they have now

B5. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have a disability or serious long-term illness.

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**Who has problems?**

**What health problems?**

B6. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have health needs which mean they need special or adapted accommodation?

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**What sorts of accommodation/adaptations?**

**Are the needs currently being met?**

B7. Do you currently provide care or support for anyone who is not living as part of your immediate family? And does anyone in your immediate family receive care or support from anyone who does not live here with you – I mean other than from a doctor or other professional?

	Gives support	Gets support
Yes		
No		

**PROBE :**  
**Who gives/provides support?**

**What sort of support?**

**Where do they live?**

B8. Do you have any other family/relations living on this site?

Yes

No

B9. And do you have any family/relations living nearby (not on this site)?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

B10. Are they living in . . . **READ OUT AND TICK ALL THAT APPLY**

A flat or house

A council caravan site  
Which? *write in*

On land or a caravan site they own themselves  
Where? *write in*

A private site owned by someone else  
Where? *write in*

Roadside stopping place  
Where? *write in*

Other  
*Specify write in*

**ASK ALL**

B11. Does anyone in your family work at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES AND RESPONDENT IS WILLING TO ANSWER, PROBE FOR :**

***Which family members?***

***What sort of work?***

***Are they employed or self-employed?***

***Do they work full- or part time?***

***Are they employed throughout the year?***

B12. Would anyone in your family like to work who doesn't do so at present?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES PROBE FOR :**  
**Which family members?**

**What sort of work?**

B13. How easy is it for a Gypsy or a Traveller to find work around here?

Very easy

Easy

Difficult

Very difficult

Don't know

**IF DIFFICULT OR VERY DIFFICULT, ASK B14; OTHERS GO TO B15**

B14. What are the main barriers/constraints to getting employment? **Write in**

B15. Do you think of yourself as:

Romany/Gypsy

Traveller

English Traveller

Irish Traveller

Scottish Gypsy/Traveller

New Traveller

Showman

Other (*specify*)

**SECTION C : CURRENT ACCOMMODATION**

This section is about the site you are living on and your views about it. Can I ask first about the living accommodation you have for your immediate family.

C1. How many mobile homes or caravans/trailers are you living in here?  
**PROBE to distinguish chalets/mobile homes, touring caravans/trailers and houses/bungalows (permanent construction).**

	Number
Bungalow/house	
Chalet/mobile home	
Trailer/touring caravan	

C2. Does this (the number of mobile homes/caravans etc) give you enough space for your family's needs?

Yes

No

**IF NO ASK C3; IF YES SKIP TO C4**

C3. Would you need more mobile homes/caravans/trailers, or bigger mobile homes/caravans/trailers, or something different to give you enough space for your families needs?

More caravans

Bigger caravans

Both more and bigger

Something different (**specify**)

C4. Are any of the following facilities provided for use just by you and your family?

**TICK YES OR NO AS APPROPRIATE**

	Yes	No
Water supply		
Mains electricity supply		
Electricity (own generator)		
Amenity unit/toilet block		
Domestic rubbish storage and collection		

**IF HAS NO AMENITY UNIT/TOILET BLOCK FOR OWN USE ASK C5 AND C6 THEN SKIP TO C10; IF HAS AMENITY UNIT GO TO C7**

**IF DOES NOT HAVE AMENITY UNIT/TOILET BLOCK FOR OWN USE**

C5. Can you tell me whether you have the use of the following facilities. **PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How are they provided? (eg in trailer/mobile home/chalet) Are they just for your family or are they shared?**

	No access	How/where provided	Shared?
Bath			
Shower			
WC			
Cooking facilities			
Laundry facilities			
Space for eating or sitting			
Heating			

C6. How satisfied are you with this provision of facilities?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**IF HAS AMENITY UNIT ASK**

C7. Can you tell me what facilities your amenity unit has.

	Yes	No
Bath		
Shower		
WC		
Cooking facilities		
Laundry facilities		
Space for eating or sitting		
Heating		

C8. Are there any facilities missing in the amenity unit that you would like? **PROBE and write in.**

C9. Does the amenity unit give you enough space for your family's needs?

Yes

No

**IF NO PROBE:**  
**Why do you say that?**

**What extra space is needed?**

C10. Thinking now about your **plot**, is this too big, too small or about right for your family's needs?

Too big

Too small

About right

**IF TOO SMALL PROBE:**  
**Why do you say that?**

**What extra space is needed?**

C11. More generally, what do you like most about this **site**? (**write in**)

C12. What do you like least about this site? (*write in*)

C13. How satisfied are you with the site overall?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

C14. Is there space on the site for children to play safely?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C15. Would you like space to be provided where children could play safely?

Yes

No

**ASK ALL**

C16. Are there work areas on the site?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C17. Would you like work areas to be provided?

Yes

No

Don't know

**ASK ALL**

C18. And is there any space on site for animal grazing?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C19. Would you like grazing areas to be provided?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**ASK ALL**

C20. Would you say that this site is too big, too small or about right?

- Too big
- Too small
- About right

C21. How would you rate the site's location? Is it . . . ? **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

C22. How convenient is it for local services that you might need?

**PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How do you normally get there? Is it easy by public transport?**

Facility	How do you normally get there	Is it easy by public transport
Shops		
Health centre/GP		
Post office		
Primary school		
Secondary school		

C23. How would you rate the site for its state of repair. Is it . . . ? **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**DO NOT ASK IF RESPONDENT OWNS THEIR SITE OR PLOT**

C24. And the way it is managed? Is it . . . ? **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**ASK ALL**

C25. Would you say that the site is underused, or overcrowded, or about right?

- Underused
- Over crowded
- About right

C26. Is it possible for Gypsies and Travellers to visit you here with trailers?

- Yes
- No

**FOR EITHER ANSWER PROBE : How do you feel about that?**

C27. Do you have any concerns about your family's safety on this site?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What concerns?**

C28. If you could make one improvement to the site or your plot, what would it be?  
**(write in)**

C29. If it were possible, would you like this site to be extended to provide additional plots?

Yes

No

***EITHER ANSWER PROBE : Why do you say that?***

**SECTION D : HOUSING HISTORY**

D1. How long have you lived here?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

D2. What sort of accommodation did you have before you came here?  
**(PROBE to try to establish categories below or write in)**

- Permanent caravan site owned by Council
- Permanent caravan site owned by family
- Permanent caravan site privately owned
- Council transit site
- Private transit site
- Roadside (no site/base)
- House/flat
- Other (*specify*)

D3. Where was that? **PROBE FOR TOWN OR VILLAGE write in**

D4. How long were you there?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

**IF ON PRIVATE SITE AND RESPONDENT OR CLOSE FAMILY OWNS THE PLOT OR SITE, ASK D5; ALL OTHERS GO TO D7**

D5. When you moved here, was the site already established, or were you involved in setting it up?

Site already established

Involved in setting site up

Other - *specify*

**IF INVOLVED IN SETTING UP SITE ASK D6 THEN SKIP TO D8; OTHERS GO TO D7**

D6. Can you tell me a bit about the process of setting the site up?  
**RECORD ANSWER AND THEN PROBE:**

***Why did you come to this area?***

***How did you get to know about this land?***

***Why did you pick this land rather than another***

***Who did you develop the site with?***

***What happened about getting planning permission for the site?***

***Did you use a planning consultant?***

**ALL EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVED IN SETTING UP OWN PRIVATE SITE**

D7. Why did you leave there/move here?

**(PROBE for reasons; CHECK**

**Did you have to leave previous accommodation, eg evicted**

**Why did you come to this area, eg for work?**

**How did you know about this site**

**Why did you pick this site**

**ASK ALL**

D8. Would you say you came here from choice or because other alternatives were not available?

Choice

Lack of alternative

**IF LACK OF ALTERNATIVE PROBE : What were you looking for ideally?**

D9. Have you ever lived in a house?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO D14; IF YES ASK**

D10. Why did you move into a house?

**PROBE: reasons, eg there with parents, health, for children's schooling**

D11. Did you experience any problems living in a house?

Yes

No

**PROBE : what problems?**

D12. Where was the last house you lived in? (**Write in town or village**)

D13. Why did you leave the house? **PROBE full reasons**

**SECTION E : ACCOMMODATION NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS**

E1. Do you want to move from this site in the next year, or the next three years, or the next five years?

	1	3	5
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

***IF YES TO ANY PART PROBE FOR:  
Reasons for moving***

E2. Can I just check, are you on a waiting list for a place on another permanent caravan site anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

***IF YES PROBE : Which site is this?***

***Why do you want to move there?***

E3. Would you be interested in moving to a house in this area?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

***PROBE : Why do you say that?***

***IF YES AT E3; IF NO GO TO E7***

E4. What sort of house would you prefer?

**PROBE AND TICK ALL PREFERENCES**

**Tenure:**

Rented from a council	
Rented from a housing association	
Rented from a private landlord	
Owner-occupied	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

**House type:**

Bungalow	
House	
Flat	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

E5. Where would you prefer the house to be?

**PROBE : nearby towns, villages**

E6. Are you on a waiting list for a council or housing association house anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : Which authority/housing association is this?**

**ASK UNLESS SITE/PLOT OWNER; SITE/PLOT OWNERS SKIP TO E6**

E7. And can I just check, would you like to develop a site of your own?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES CONTINUE; IF NO GO TO E9**

E8. Thinking about the option of developing your own site:

a) Who would you like to develop it with? **PROBE for**

Own immediate family only

Other family members

Other people

Don't know

b) Can you afford to buy land for a site of your own?

Yes

No

Don't know

c) Where would you like to develop a site of your own? **PROBE FOR TOWN OR VILLAGE (write in)**

d) How many pitches would you like it to have? **Write in**

e) Would you like to have some space to accommodate visitors?

Yes

No

f) Do you think you would get planning permission for such a site?

Yes

No

Don't know

g) Would you like help in finding land to build a site?

Yes

No

E9. We've talked about various sorts of accommodation that Gypsies and Travellers live in. I'm going to read out seven different sorts of accommodation. I'd like you to say which of these you find most attractive, and which you find least attractive.

	Most attractive	Least attractive
A private Gypsy caravan site owned by you and your family		
A plot on a site where individual families own their own plots		
A site owned by the local council		
A site owned by another Gypsy or Traveller (not close family)		
A house or bungalow rented from the local council		
A house or bungalow that you own yourself		
Group housing – a small development of houses or bungalows let only to Gypsies and Travellers		

**SECTION F : TRAVELLING**

Now I'd like to talk about travelling.

F1. How much travelling have you and/or members of your family done in the last 12 months, I mean travelling and living in a caravan or trailer away from this site?

**PROBE TO ESTABLISH : total length of time away from site; and number of trips to complete table**

<b>Total length of time away</b>	
None – did not travel	
Less than 1 month	
1 month but less than 3 months	
3 months but less than 6 months	
6 months but less than 10 months	
Travelled all year	
<b>Number of trips</b>	
None – did not travel	
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
Five or more	

**IF DID NOT TRAVEL, ASK F2, THEN SKIP TO F11**

**ASK ALL**

F2. Is this normal, or has it changed over the past few years?

Normal

Changed

**IF CHANGED PROBE :**

***In what ways has it change***

***Why has it changed***

F3. In which seasons did you travel over the past 12 months? **Tick all that apply**

- Spring (for example around Easter)
- Summer (June, July, August)
- Autumn (September, October)
- Winter (for example around Christmas)
- Travelled all year

F4. Who did you usually travel with?

- By yourself
- Own immediate family
- Other family members
- Other families
- Other (*specify*)

F5. What were your main reasons for travelling?

**PROBE : Reasons, eg working, holidays, fairs, visiting relatives, family events, way of life**

F6. What sorts of stopping places did you stay on when you were travelling over the past year? (**Tick all that apply**)

- Permanent caravan sites owned by a council
- Transit sites owned by a council
- Caravan sites owned by a Gypsy or Traveller
- Other caravan sites
- Roadside stopping places – council land
- Roadside stopping places – private land
- Farmer's fields
- Fields etc provided at fairs
- Other (*specify*)

F7. Did you have permission to stay on these stopping places?

Yes

No

Sometimes yes, sometimes no

F8. Was it easy or difficult to find places to stop?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

F9. And was it easy or difficult to stay as long as you wanted?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

F10. Were you ever forced to leave a stopping place while you were travelling last year?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***  
***What happened?***

F11. Could you describe how you would like to be able to travel in the future?  
***PROBE for views under heading below***

**Frequency and duration of travelling**

**Reasons for travelling**

**Areas to be visited**

F12. I'm going to read out some different sorts of stopping places Gypsies and Travellers can use while travelling. Which would be the most attractive to you? Which would be the least attractive?

	Most attractive	Least attractive
Stopping with family and friends on their site or at their house		
Formal transit sites provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Less formal stopping places provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Transit pitches for rent provided by a Gypsy or Traveller		
Holiday caravan sites open to everyone		
Farmers' fields		
Roadside or informal stopping places you find yourself		

F13. If a network of transit sites were to be developed, would you use them?

Yes

No

Don't know

**SECTION G: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

Finally I'd like to ask you some questions about your family's health, education and other support needs.

G1. Are you **permanently** registered with a doctor/GP? Is this locally or somewhere else?

Yes, locally

Yes, somewhere else

No

***IF NOT REGISTERED LOCALLY ASK G2; OTHERS GO TO E4***

G2. Are you registered temporarily with a local doctor/GP

Yes

No

***IF NO ASK G3; OTHERS GO TO G4***

G3. Have you tried to register locally?

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What happened***

***ASK ALL***

G4. Have you experienced any problems in getting health care for yourself or your family over the last two years in this area?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What were they?***

G5. If there was one improvement you could make to health services locally, what would it be? ***Write in***

G6. Can I just check, are there any children of school age in your family?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO G9; IF YES ASK**

G7. Do your children attend school regularly?

Yes, all

Yes, some

No

**IF SOME/ALL DO NOT, PROBE :**  
**Why is that?**

G8. Do you think your children will continue to go to school until they are 16?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, PROBE :**  
**Why not?**

**ASK ALL**

G9. Do any adults or teenagers in your family take part in college training or courses at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What training or courses?**

**Are they specially designed for Travellers or general?**

G10. Would you like to take part in any training or education in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What would you like to do?**

**What would make it easier for you to do this?**

G11. I'm going to read out a number of things people sometimes need help with. For each, could you tell me whether you would need help and where you might go for it.

Service etc	Would need help		Who might you go to for help
	Yes	No	
Filling in forms/dealing with authority generally			
Getting advice on housing options			
Applying for housing or other benefit			
Applying for planning permission for a site			
Getting legal advice			
Domestic violence			
Drug or alcohol abuse			

G12 Have you ever experienced harassment or discrimination from neighbours or other members of the settled community in this area?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES PROBE :**

***What happened on the occasion you think was most serious?***

G13. When you experienced harassment/if you were to experience harassment, did you go to anyone for help?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**

***Who did you go to?***

***What happened?***

***Were you happy with the response?***

E14. Are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**

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No		Continue
Yes		END INTERVIEW

S2. Can I just check, do you live here most of the year, or are you here as a visitor or on a temporary basis?

	Tick	Questionnaire to use
Live here		Unauthorised site
Visitor/temporary basis		Roadside/transit

**INTERVIEW DETAILS**

Site : .....

Date of interview : ..... Interviewer : .....

Sex of respondent :      Male     Female     Couple

**SECTION A : GENERAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

I'd like to start by asking whether you think there is sufficient accommodation specifically for Gypsies and Travellers in Leicestershire and Rutland.

A1. Are more permanent caravan sites needed for Gypsies and Travellers in the area, where people can stay as long as they want?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF NO/DON'T KNOW SKIP TO A5; IF YES ASK**

A2. Where should additional sites be provided? **PROBE for town/village**

A3. Who should provide them? **Read out first four and tick all that apply**

- Local councils
- Gypsies and Travellers to rent to others
- Gypsies and Travellers for themselves and their families
- Doesn't matter
- Other (*specify*)
- Don't know

A4. How many plots should permanent sites ideally have?

- Up to 5 plots
- 6 to 10 plots
- 11 to 15 plots
- 16 to 20 plots
- Over 20 plots
- Don't know

A5. Do you think there is a need for transit sites in Leicestershire and Rutland where Gypsies and Travellers can stay for short periods?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF NO/DK SKIP TO B1; IF YES ASK**

A6. Where should transit sites be provided? (*probe for towns/villages and write in*)

A7. What facilities should be provided on such sites? **Read out and tick all that apply**

- Hardstandings
- Water supply
- Mains electricity
- Shared WCs
- Shared baths/showers
- Individual WCs for each plot
- Individual baths/showers
- Refuse collection

A8. How many caravans or trailers should a transit site be designed to take?

- Up to 5 caravans/trailers
- 6-10 caravans/trailers
- 11-20 caravans/trailers
- 21-30 caravan/trailers
- More than 30 caravan/trailers
- Don't know

A9. Should transit sites be provided by councils, by Gypsies and Travellers, or by others?

- Councils
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Other (*specify*)
- Doesn't matter
- Don't know

A10. Should the site manager live on the transit site or just visit it each day?

- Should live on site
- Should visit each day
- Doesn't matter
- Don't know

A11. And should the manager be a Gypsy or Traveller, or someone else?

- A Gypsy/Traveller
- Someone else
- Doesn't matter
- Don't know

A12. Who do you think would use transit sites if they were provided? (*write in*)

A13. Specifically would you, or any of your family or friends, be interested in using transit sites in the Leicestershire and Rutland area if sites were provided?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF NO PROBE : Why not?**

**SECTION B : HOUSEHOLD DETAILS**

Now I'd like to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you.

B1. Can you tell me about all the people who live with you in your immediate family.  
**PROBE DETAILS SUFFICIENTLY TO COMPLETE GRID. NO NEED TO PRESS FOR NAMES**

Name	Relationship to respondent	Sex	Age	Likely to need separate home
	RESPONDENT			

B2. Is there anyone in your family (eg sons or daughters) who is likely to want their own independent accommodation in the next 5 years?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES, TICK FINAL COLUMN OF GRID ABOVE TO SHOW WHICH FAMILY MEMBER(S). PROBE :  
 In what circumstances?**

**What sort of accommodation will they try to find?**

**Will it be in Leicestershire or Rutland?**

**Will it be difficult to find?**

B3. Is there anyone apart from the people you have told me about who lives with you some of the time/part of the year. If so please give their details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	How frequently and for how long does this person normally stay

B4. Is there any one else who, given the choice, would like to live with you but is not able to at present. If so please give details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	Reason for not living with you now	What type of accommodation do they have now

B5. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have a disability or serious long-term illness.

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**Who has problems?**

**What health problems?**

B6. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have health needs which mean they need special or adapted accommodation?

Yes

No

**PROBE :**

***What sorts of accommodation/adaptations?***

***Are the needs currently being met?***

B7. Do you currently provide care or support for anyone who is not living as part of your immediate family? And does anyone in your immediate family receive care or support from anyone who does not live here with you – I mean other than from a doctor or other professional?

	Gives support	Gets support
Yes		
No		

**PROBE :**

***Who gives/provides support?***

***What sort of support?***

***Where do they live?***

B8. Do you have any other family/relations living on this site?

Yes

No

B9. And do you have any family/relations living nearby (not on this site)?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

B10. Are they living in . . . **READ OUT AND TICK ALL THAT APPLY**

A flat or house

A council caravan site  
Which? *write in*

On land or a caravan site they own themselves  
Where? *write in*

A private site owned by someone else  
Where? *write in*

Roadside stopping place  
Where? *write in*

Other  
*Specify write in*

**ASK ALL**

B11. Does anyone in your family work at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES AND RESPONDENT IS WILLING TO ANSWER, PROBE FOR :**

***Which family members?***

***What sort of work?***

***Are they employed or self-employed?***

***Do they work full- or part time?***

***Are they employed throughout the year?***

B12. Would anyone in your family like to work who doesn't do so at present?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE FOR :**  
**Which family members?**

**What sort of work?**

B13. How easy is it for a Gypsy or a Traveller to find work around here?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very difficult
- Don't know

**IF DIFFICULT OR VERY DIFFICULT, ASK B14; OTHERS GO TO B15**

B14. What are the main barriers/constraints to getting employment? **Write in**

B15. Do you think of yourself as:

- Romany/Gypsy
- Traveller
- English Traveller
- Irish Traveller
- Scottish Gypsy/Traveller
- New Traveller
- Showman
- Other (*specify*)

**SECTION C : CURRENT ACCOMMODATION**

This section is about the site you are living on and your views about it. Can I ask first about the living accommodation you have for your immediate family.

C1. How many mobile homes or caravans/trailers are you living in here?  
**PROBE to distinguish chalets/mobile homes, touring caravans/trailers and houses/bungalows (permanent construction).**

	Number
Bungalow/house	
Chalet/mobile home	
Trailer/touring caravan	

C2. Does this (the number of mobile homes/caravans etc) give you enough space for your family's needs?

Yes

No

**IF NO ASK C3; IF YES SKIP TO C4**

C3. Would you need more mobile homes/caravans/trailers, or bigger mobile homes/caravans/trailers, or something different to give you enough space for your families needs?

More caravans

Bigger caravans

Both more and bigger

Something different (**specify**)

C4. Are any of the following facilities provided for use just by you and your family?

**TICK YES OR NO AS APPROPRIATE**

	Yes	No
Water supply		
Mains electricity supply		
Electricity (own generator)		
Amenity unit/toilet block		
Domestic rubbish storage and collection		

**IF HAS NO AMENITY UNIT/TOILET BLOCK FOR OWN USE ASK C5 AND C6 THEN SKIP TO C10; IF HAS AMENITY UNIT GO TO C7**

**IF DOES NOT HAVE AMENITY UNIT/TOILET BLOCK FOR OWN USE**

C5. Can you tell me whether you have the use of the following facilities. **PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How are they provided? (eg in trailer/mobile home/chalet) Are they just for your family or are they shared?**

	No access	How/where provided	Shared?
Bath			
Shower			
WC			
Cooking facilities			
Laundry facilities			
Space for eating or sitting			
Heating			

C6. How satisfied are you with this provision of facilities?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**IF HAS AMENITY UNIT ASK**

C7. Can you tell me what facilities your amenity unit has.

	Yes	No
Bath		
Shower		
WC		
Cooking facilities		
Laundry facilities		
Space for eating or sitting		
Heating		

C8. Are there any facilities missing in the amenity unit that you would like? **PROBE and write in.**

C9. Does the amenity unit give you enough space for your family's needs?

Yes

No

**IF NO PROBE:**  
**Why do you say that?**

**What extra space is needed?**

C10. Thinking now about your **plot**, is this too big, too small or about right for your family's needs?

Too big

Too small

About right

**IF TOO SMALL PROBE:**  
**Why do you say that?**

**What extra space is needed?**

C11. More generally, what do you like most about this **site**? (**write in**)

C12. What do you like least about this site? (*write in*)

C13. How satisfied are you with the site overall?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

C14. Is there space on the site for children to play safely?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C15. Would you like space to be provided where children could play safely?

Yes

No

**ASK ALL**

C16. Are there work areas on the site?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C17. Would you like work areas to be provided?

Yes

No

Don't know

**ASK ALL**

C18. And is there any space on site for animal grazing?

Yes

No

**IF NO**

C19. Would you like grazing areas to be provided?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**ASK ALL**

C20. Would you say that this site is too big, too small or about right?

- Too big
- Too small
- About right

C21. How would you rate the site's location? Is it . . . ? **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

C22. How convenient is it for local services that you might need?

**PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How do you normally get there? Is it easy by public transport?**

Facility	How do you normally get there	Is it easy by public transport
Shops		
Health centre/GP		
Post office		
Primary school		
Secondary school		

C23. How would you rate the site for its state of repair. Is it . . . ? **Read out**

Good

Fair

Poor

**ASK ALL**

C24. Would you say that the site is underused, or overcrowded, or about right?

Underused

Over crowded

About right

C25. Is it possible for Gypsies and Travellers to visit you here with trailers?

Yes

No

**FOR EITHER ANSWER PROBE : How do you feel about that?**

C26. Do you have any concerns about your family's safety on this site?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What concerns?**

C27. If you could make one improvement to the site or your plot, what would it be?  
**(write in)**

C28. If it were possible, would you like this site to be extended to provide additional plots?

Yes

No

***EITHER ANSWER PROBE : Why do you say that?***

**SECTION D : HOUSING HISTORY**

D1. How long have you lived here?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

D2. What sort of accommodation did you have before you came here?  
**(PROBE to try to establish categories below or write in)**

- Permanent caravan site owned by Council
- Permanent caravan site owned by family
- Permanent caravan site privately owned
- Council transit site
- Private transit site
- Roadside (no site/base)
- House/flat
- Other (*specify*)

D3. Where was that? **PROBE FOR TOWN OR VILLAGE write in**

D4. How long were you there?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

D5. When you moved here, was the site already established, or were you involved in setting it up?

Site already established

Involved in setting site up

Other - *specify*

***IF SITE ALREADY ESTABLISHED ASK D6, THEN SKIP TO D8  
IF INVOLVED IN SETTING UP SITE ASK D7***

D6. Why did move here to this site?

***(PROBE for reasons; CHECK***

***Did you have to leave previous accommodation, eg evicted***

***Why did you come to this area, eg for work?***

***How did you know about this site***

***Why did you pick this site rather than another***

***Have you tried to get planning permission for the site? What happened?***

***Did you use a planning consultant?***

***IF INVOLVED IN SETTING SITE UP***

D7. Can you tell me a bit about the process of setting the site up?

***RECORD ANSWER AND THEN PROBE (overleaf):***

***Why did you come to this area?***

***How did you get to know about this land?***

***Why did you pick this land rather than another***

***Who did you develop the site with?***

***Have you tried to get planning permission? What happened?***

***Did you use a planning consultant?***

**ASK ALL**

D8. Would you say you came here from choice or because other alternatives were not available?

Choice

Lack of alternative

***IF LACK OF ALTERNATIVE PROBE : What were you looking for ideally?***

D9. Has the local authority taken any action to move you from this site?

Yes

No

DK/No answer

**IF YES skip to D11; if No or DK ask D10**

D10. Do you expect them to take action to move you, or will you be able to stay here?

Expect action to move on

Will be able to stay

DK/No answer

**ASK ALL except DK at both D9 and D10**

D11. How do you feel about that? **Write in**

**IF ACTION TAKEN TO MOVE ON OR EXPECT ACTION TO BE TAKEN ask D12; others skip to D13**

D12. Have you thought about where you would go if you had to move from here?

**PROBE : What might you do?**

D13. Can I just check, are you on a waiting list for a place on permanent caravan site anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : Which site is this?**

**Why do you want to move there?**

**SECTION E : ACCOMMODATION NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS**

E1. Have you ever lived in a house?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO E6; IF YES ASK E2**

E2. Why did you move into a house?

**PROBE: reasons, eg there with parents, health, for children's schooling**

E3. Did you experience any problems living in a house?

Yes

No

**PROBE : what problems?**

E4. Where was the last house you lived in? **(Write in town or village)**

E5. Why did you leave the house? **PROBE full reasons**

E6. Would you be interested now in moving to a house in this area?

Yes

No

Don't know

**PROBE : Why do you say that?**

**IF YES AT E6; IF NO GO TO E10**

E7. What sort of house would you prefer?

**PROBE AND TICK ALL PREFERENCES**

**Tenure:**

Rented from a council	
Rented from a housing association	
Rented from a private landlord	
Owner-occupied	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

**House type:**

Bungalow	
House	
Flat	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

E8. Where would you prefer the house to be?

**PROBE : *nearby towns, villages***

E9. Are you on a waiting list for a council or housing association house anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : *Which authority/housing association is this?***

E10. We've talked about various sorts of accommodation that Gypsies and Travellers live in. I'm going to read out seven different sorts of accommodation. I'd like you to say which of these you find most attractive, and which you find least attractive.

	Most attractive	Least attractive
A private Gypsy caravan site owned by you and your family		
A plot on a site where individual families own their own plots		
A site owned by the local council		
A site owned by another Gypsy or Traveller (not close family)		
A house or bungalow rented from the local council		
A house or bungalow that you own yourself		
Group housing – a small development of houses or bungalows let only to Gypsies and Travellers		

**SECTION F : TRAVELLING**

Now I'd like to talk about travelling.

F1. How much travelling have you and/or members of your family done in the last 12 months, I mean travelling and living in a caravan or trailer away from this site?

**PROBE TO ESTABLISH : total length of time away from site; and number of trips to complete table**

<b>Total length of time away</b>	
None – did not travel	
Less than 1 month	
1 month but less than 3 months	
3 months but less than 6 months	
6 months but less than 10 months	
Travelled all year	
<b>Number of trips</b>	
None – did not travel	
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
Five or more	

**IF DID NOT TRAVEL, ASK F2, THEN SKIP TO F11**

**ASK ALL**

F2. Is this normal, or has it changed over the past few years?

Normal

Changed

**IF CHANGED PROBE :**

***In what ways has it change***

***Why has it changed***

F3. In which seasons did you travel over the past 12 months? **Tick all that apply**

- Spring (for example around Easter)
- Summer (June, July, August)
- Autumn (September, October)
- Winter (for example around Christmas)
- Travelled all year

F4. Who did you usually travel with?

- By yourself
- Own immediate family
- Other family members
- Other families
- Other (*specify*)

F5. What were your main reasons for travelling?

**PROBE : Reasons, eg working, holidays, fairs, visiting relatives, family events, way of life**

F6. What sorts of stopping places did you stay on when you were travelling over the past year? (**Tick all that apply**)

- Permanent caravan sites owned by a council
- Transit sites owned by a council
- Caravan sites owned by a Gypsy or Traveller
- Other caravan sites
- Roadside stopping places – council land
- Roadside stopping places – private land
- Farmer's fields
- Fields etc provided at fairs
- Other (*specify*)

F7. Did you have permission to stay on these stopping places?

Yes

No

Sometimes yes, sometimes no

F8. Was it easy or difficult to find places to stop?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

F9. And was it easy or difficult to stay as long as you wanted?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

F10. Were you ever forced to leave a stopping place while you were travelling last year?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***  
***What happened?***

F11. Could you describe how you would like to be able to travel in the future?  
***PROBE for views under heading below***

**Frequency and duration of travelling**

**Reasons for travelling**

**Areas to be visited**

F12. I'm going to read out some different sorts of stopping places Gypsies and Travellers can use while travelling. Which would be the most attractive to you? Which would be the least attractive?

	Most attractive	Least attractive
Stopping with family and friends on their site or at their house		
Formal transit sites provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Less formal stopping places provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Transit pitches for rent provided by a Gypsy or Traveller		
Holiday caravan sites open to everyone		
Farmers' fields		
Roadside or informal stopping places you find yourself		

F13. If a network of transit sites were to be developed, would you use them?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**SECTION G: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

Finally I'd like to ask you some questions about your family's health, education and other support needs.

G1. Are you **permanently** registered with a doctor/GP? Is this locally or somewhere else?

Yes, locally

Yes, somewhere else

No

***IF NOT REGISTERED LOCALLY ASK G2; OTHERS GO TO E4***

G2. Are you registered temporarily with a local doctor/GP

Yes

No

***IF NO ASK G3; OTHERS GO TO G4***

G3. Have you tried to register locally?

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What happened***

***ASK ALL***

G4. Have you experienced any problems in getting health care for yourself or your family over the last two years in this area?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What were they?***

G5. If there was one improvement you could make to health services locally, what would it be? ***Write in***

G6. Can I just check, are there any children of school age in your family?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO G9; IF YES ASK**

G7. Do your children attend school regularly?

Yes, all

Yes, some

No

**IF SOME/ALL DO NOT, PROBE :**  
**Why is that?**

G8. Do you think your children will continue to go to school until they are 16?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, PROBE :**  
**Why not?**

**ASK ALL**

G9. Do any adults or teenagers in your family take part in college training or courses at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What training or courses?**

**Are they specially designed for Travellers or general?**

G10. Would you like to take part in any training or education in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What would you like to do?**

**What would make it easier for you to do this?**

G11. I'm going to read out a number of things people sometimes need help with. For each, could you tell me whether you would need help and where you might go for it.

Service etc	Would need help		Who might you go to for help
	Yes	No	
Filling in forms/dealing with authority generally			
Getting advice on housing options			
Applying for housing or other benefit			
Applying for planning permission for a site			
Getting legal advice			
Domestic violence			
Drug or alcohol abuse			

G12 Have you ever experienced harassment or discrimination from neighbours or other members of the settled community in this area?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES PROBE :**

**What happened on the occasion you think was most serious?**

G13. When you experienced harassment/if you were to experience harassment, did you go to anyone for help?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**

**Who did you go to?**

**What happened?**

**Were you happy with the response?**

E14. Are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**

**ASSESSMENT OF ACCOMMODATION NEEDS OR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS  
IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

**BRICKS AND MORTAR HOUSING**

**INTRODUCTION**

My name is [ ] and I work for Birmingham University. We have been asked by local councils in this area to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies and Travellers need and want, so we want to talk to a number of people – in houses, on sites and on the roadside – to get a range of views.

Would you be willing to talk to me? It will probably take about 30 minutes. If you agree, I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be completely confidential. We are completely independent of any local council, the police or the DSS. No-one will be identified in any report, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any particular answer back to you. If there are any particular questions you don't want to answer, just say so. So, would you be willing to talk to me now? If it's awkward now, I could call back later on today.

**SCREENING QUESTIONS**

S1. Have you already been interviewed for this survey?

No		Continue
Yes		END INTERVIEW

S2. Can I just check, do you live here most of the year, or are you here as a visitor or on a temporary basis?

	Tick	Questionnaire to use
Live here		Housing
Visitor/temporary basis		Roadside/transit

**INTERVIEW DETAILS**

Address : .....

Date of interview : .....

Interviewer : .....

Sex of respondent :      Male     Female     Couple

**SECTION A : GENERAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

I'd like to start by asking whether you think there is sufficient accommodation specifically for Gypsies and Travellers in Leicestershire and Rutland.

A1. Are more permanent caravan sites needed for Gypsies and Travellers in the area, where people can stay as long as they want?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF NO/DON'T KNOW SKIP TO A5; IF YES ASK**

A2. Where should additional sites be provided? **PROBE for town/village**

A3. Who should provide them? **Read out first four and tick all that apply**

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Local councils   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsies and Travellers to rent to others                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsies and Travellers for themselves and their families | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> )                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A4. How many plots should permanent sites ideally have?

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 5 plots  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 to 10 plots  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 to 15 plots | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 to 20 plots | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over 20 plots  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A5. Do you think there is a need for transit sites in Leicestershire and Rutland where Gypsies and Travellers can stay for short periods?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF NO/DK SKIP TO B1; IF YES ASK**

A6. Where should transit sites be provided? (*probe for towns/villages and write in*)

A7. What facilities should be provided on such sites? **Read out and tick all that apply**

- Hardstandings
- Water supply
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A8. How many caravans or trailers should a transit site be designed to take?

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- Don't know

A9. Should transit sites be provided by councils, by Gypsies and Travellers, or by others?

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Councils                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsies and Travellers   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A10. Should the site manager live on the transit site or just visit it each day?

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Should live on site   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should visit each day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A11. And should the manager be a Gypsy or Traveller, or someone else?

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| A Gypsy/Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Someone else      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A12. Who do you think would use transit sites if they were provided? (*write in*)

A13. Specifically would you, or any of your family or friends, be interested in using transit sites in the Leicestershire and Rutland area if sites were provided?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF NO PROBE : Why not?**

**SECTION B : HOUSEHOLD DETAILS**

Now I'd like to ask a few questions about yourself and your family who live with you.

B1. Can you tell me about all the people who live with you in your immediate family.  
**PROBE DETAILS SUFFICIENTLY TO COMPLETE GRID. NO NEED TO PRESS FOR NAMES**

Name	Relationship to respondent	Sex	Age	Likely to need separate home
	RESPONDENT			

B2. Is there anyone in your family (eg sons or daughters) who is likely to want their own independent accommodation in the next 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES, TICK FINAL COLUMN OF GRID ABOVE TO SHOW WHICH FAMILY MEMBER(S). PROBE :**  
**In what circumstances?**

**What sort of accommodation will they try to find?**

**Will it be in Leicestershire or Rutland?**

**Will it be difficult to find?**

B3. Is there anyone apart from the people you have told me about who lives with you some of the time/part of the year. If so please give their details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	How frequently and for how long does this person normally stay

B4. Is there any one else who, given the choice, would like to live with you but is not able to at present. If so please give details:

Relationship to you	Gender	Age	Reason for not living with you now	What type of accommodation do they have now

B5. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have a disability or serious long-term illness.

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**Who has problems?**

**What health problems?**

B6. Does anyone in your family who lives with you here have health needs which mean they need special or adapted accommodation?

Yes

No

**PROBE :**

***What sorts of accommodation/adaptations?***

***Are the needs currently being met?***

B7. Do you currently provide care or support for anyone who is not living as part of your immediate family? And does anyone in your immediate family receive care or support from anyone who does not live here with you – I mean other than from a doctor or other professional?

	Gives support	Gets support
Yes		
No		

**PROBE :**

***Who gives/provides support?***

***What sort of support?***

***Where do they live?***

B8. Do you have any other family/relations living near you here?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

B9. Are they living in . . . **READ OUT AND TICK ALL THAT APPLY**

- A flat or house
- A council caravan site   
Which? *write in*
- On land or a caravan site they own themselves   
Where? *write in*
- A private site owned by someone else   
Where? *write in*
- Roadside stopping place   
Where? *write in*
- Other   
*Specify write in*

**ASK ALL**

B10. Does anyone in your family work at present?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES AND RESPONDENT IS WILLING TO ANSWER, PROBE FOR :**  
**Which family members?**

**What sort of work?**

**Are they employed or self-employed?**

**Do they work full- or part time?**

**Are they employed throughout the year?**

B11. Would anyone in your family like to work who doesn't do so at present?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE FOR :**  
**Which family members?**

**What sort of work?**

B12. How easy is it for a Gypsy or a Traveller to find work around here?

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Very easy      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficult      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF DIFFICULT OR VERY DIFFICULT, ASK B13; OTHERS GO TO B14**

B13. What are the main barriers/constraints to getting employment? **Write in**

B14. Do you think of yourself as:

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Romany/Gypsy             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traveller                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English Traveller        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Irish Traveller          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scottish Gypsy/Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New Traveller            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Showman                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**SECTION C : CURRENT ACCOMMODATION**

This section is about your current accommodation and your views about it.

C1. How many bedrooms do you have here?

- |              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| One          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Four or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C2. Does this give you enough space for your family's needs?

- |              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Yes          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Ask or interviewer complete**

C3. Is the accommodation a bungalow, house or flat/maisonette?

- |                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Bungalow        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| House           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat/maisonette | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C4. Do you own the house/flat or rent it? **If rent PROBE who from**

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Owner-occupier           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council tenant           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RSL/HA tenant            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private tenant           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C5. How satisfied are you with the house/flat overall?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- DK/No answer

C6. How would you rate the house/flat for its condition? Is it . . . **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

C7. How would you rate your house's/flat's location? Is it . . . ? **Read out**

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

C8. How convenient is it for local services that you might need?

**PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How do you normally get there? Is it easy by public transport?**

Facility	How do you normally get there	Is it easy by public transport
Shops		
Health centre/GP		
Post office		
Primary school		
Secondary school		

**FOR RENTERS ONLY**

C9. How would you rate the way your home is managed?

- |      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| Good | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**ASK ALL**

C10. Is it possible for Gypsies and Travellers with trailers to visit you here?

- |              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Yes          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**PROBE : How do you feel about that?**

C11. How satisfied are you overall with the estate/neighbourhood overall?

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Very satisfied    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Satisfied         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dissatisfied      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DK/No answer      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C12. What are the good things about living here?

**PROBE for things to do with house/flat; estate or neighbourhood; neighbours/other people; location**

C13. And are there any bad things about living here?

**PROBE for things to do with house/flat; estate or neighbourhood; neighbours/other people; location**

C14. Is there somewhere for children to play safely?

Yes

No

DK/No answer

C15. Do you have any concerns about your family's safety here?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What concerns?**

**ASK ONLY IF NOT MENTIONED AS A SPECIFIC CONCERN**

C16. Is there somewhere for children to play safely?

Yes

No

DK/No answer

C17. If you could make one improvement to your house/flat or the estate, what would it be? **Write in**

**SECTION D : HOUSING HISTORY**

D1. How long have you lived here?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

D2. What sort of accommodation did you have before you came here?  
**(PROBE to try to establish categories below or write in)**

- Permanent caravan site owned by Council
- Permanent caravan site owned by family
- Permanent caravan site privately owned
- Council transit site
- Private transit site
- Roadside (no site/base)
- House/flat
- Other (*specify*)

D3. Where was that? **PROBE FOR TOWN OR VILLAGE write in**

D4. How long were you there?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month but less than 6 months
- 6 months but less than 1 year
- 1 year but less than 5 years
- 5 years and over

D5. Why did you leave there/move here?

**(PROBE for reasons; CHECK**

**Did you have to leave previous accommodation, eg evicted**

***Why did you come to this area, eg for work?***

***How did you know about this house/flat***

***Why did you pick this house/flat***

D6. Would you say you came here from choice or because other alternatives were not available?

Choice

Lack of alternative

***IF LACK OF ALTERNATIVE PROBE : What were you looking for ideally?***

D7. Have you ever had a plot on a permanent caravan site owned either by a council or a private owner (not your own family)? **Tick all that apply**

Yes – council site

Yes – private site

No

**IF NO GO TO D12; IF YES ASK**

D8. Why did you move onto a permanent caravan site?

**PROBE: reasons, eg there with parents, health, for children's schooling**

D9. Did you experience any problems living on a permanent caravan site?

Yes

No

**PROBE : what problems?**

D10. Where was the last permanent caravan site you lived on?

D11. Why did you leave that last permanent caravan site? **PROBE full reasons**

**ASK ALL**

D12. Have you ever lived on land owned by you or your family?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO SECTION E; IF YES ASK**

D13. Where was that? (*Write in town or village*)

D14. Why did you leave there? **PROBE full reasons**

**SECTION E : ACCOMMODATION NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS**

E1. Do you think that you will move from this house/flat in the next year, or the next three years, or the next five years?

	1	3	5
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IF YES TO ANY PART PROBE FOR:  
Reasons for moving**

E2. Would you be interested in moving to another house in this area?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IF YES AT E2; IF NO GO TO E6**

E3. What sort of house would you prefer?

**PROBE AND TICK ALL PREFERENCES**

**Tenure:**

Rented from a council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from a housing association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from a private landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner-occupied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doesn't matter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

**House type:**

Bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>
House	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doesn't matter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

E4. Where would you prefer the house to be?

**PROBE : nearby towns, villages**

E5. Are you on a waiting list or a transfer list for a council or housing association house anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : Which authority/housing association is this?**

**ASK ALL**

E6. Would you be interested in moving to a rented pitch on a permanent caravan site in this area now?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**PROBE : why do you say that?**

**IF YES CONTINUE; IF NO GO TO E11**

E7. What sort of residential site would you prefer?

- Owned by a council
- Owned by another Traveller
- Other (*specify*)

E8. How many other families would you want to share with on a long-stay residential site?

- No other family
- Up to 5 families
- 6-10 families
- 11-20 families
- Over 20 families
- Don't know

E9. Where would you prefer the site to be?

**PROBE : nearby towns, villages**

E10. Are you on a waiting list for a place on a permanent caravan site anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : Which site is this?**

**ASK ALL**

E11. And can I just check, would you like to develop a site of your own?

Yes

No

**IF YES CONTINUE; IF NO GO TO E13**

E12. Thinking about the option of developing your own site:

a) Who would you like to develop it with? **PROBE for**

Own immediate family only

Other family members

Other people

Don't know

b) Can you afford to buy land for a site of your own?

Yes

No

Don't know

c) Where would you like to develop a site of your own? **PROBE FOR TOWN OR VILLAGE (write in)**

d) How many pitches would you like it to have? **Write in**

e) Would you like to have some space to accommodate visitors?

Yes

No

f) Do you think you would get planning permission for such a site?

Yes

No

Don't know

g) Would you like help in finding land to build a site?

Yes

No

E13. We've talked about various sorts of accommodation that Gypsies and Travellers live in. I'm going to read out seven different sorts of accommodation. I'd like you to say which of these you find most attractive, and which you find least attractive.

	Most attractive	Least attractive
A private Gypsy caravan site owned by you and your family		
A plot on a site where individual families own their own plots		
A site owned by the local council		
A site owned by another Gypsy or Traveller (not close family)		
A house or bungalow rented from the local council		
A house or bungalow that you own yourself		
Group housing – a small development of houses or bungalows let only to Gypsies and Travellers		

**SECTION F : TRAVELLING**

Now I'd like to talk about travelling.

F1. How much travelling have you and/or members of your family done in the last 12 months, I mean travelling and living in a caravan or trailer away from this site?

**PROBE TO ESTABLISH : total length of time away from home; and number of trips to complete table**

<b>Total length of time away</b>	
None – did not travel	
Less than 1 month	
1 month but less than 3 months	
3 months but less than 6 months	
6 months but less than 10 months	
Travelled all year	
<b>Number of trips</b>	
None – did not travel	
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
Five or more	

**IF DID NOT TRAVEL, ASK F2, THEN SKIP TO F11**

**ASK ALL**

F2. Is this normal, or has it changed over the past few years?

Normal

Changed

**IF CHANGED PROBE :**

***In what ways has it change***

***Why has it changed***

F3. In which seasons did you travel over the past 12 months? **Tick all that apply**

- Spring (for example around Easter)
- Summer (June, July, August)
- Autumn (September, October)
- Winter (for example around Christmas)
- Travelled all year

F4. Who did you usually travel with?

- By yourself
- Own immediate family
- Other family members
- Other families
- Other (*specify*)

F5. What were your main reasons for travelling?

**PROBE : Reasons, eg working, holidays, fairs, visiting relatives, family events, way of life**

F6. What sorts of stopping places did you stay on when you were travelling over the past year? (**Tick all that apply**)

- Permanent caravan sites owned by a council
- Transit sites owned by a council
- Caravan sites owned by a Gypsy or Traveller
- Other caravan sites
- Roadside stopping places – council land
- Roadside stopping places – private land
- Farmer's fields
- Fields etc provided at fairs
- Other (*specify*)

F7. Did you have permission to stay on these stopping places?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes yes, sometimes no

F8. Was it easy or difficult to find places to stop?

- Easy
- Difficult
- Mixed experience

F9. And was it easy or difficult to stay as long as you wanted?

- Easy
- Difficult
- Mixed experience

F10. Were you ever forced to leave a stopping place while you were travelling last year?

- Yes
- No

***IF YES PROBE :***  
***What happened?***

F11. Could you describe how you would like to be able to travel in the future?  
***PROBE for views under heading below***

**Frequency and duration of travelling**

**Reasons for travelling**

**Areas to be visited**

F12. I'm going to read out some different sorts of stopping places Gypsies and Travellers can use while travelling. Which would be the most attractive to you? Which would be the least attractive?

	Most attractive	Least attractive
Stopping with family and friends on their site or at their house		
Formal transit sites provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Less formal stopping places provided by councils for Gypsies and Travellers		
Transit pitches for rent provided by a Gypsy or Traveller		
Holiday caravan sites open to everyone		
Farmers' fields		
Roadside or informal stopping places you find yourself		

F13. If a network of transit sites were to be developed, would you use them?

Yes

No

Don't know

**SECTION G: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

Finally I'd like to ask you some questions about your family's health, education and other support needs.

G1. Are you **permanently** registered with a doctor/GP? Is this locally or somewhere else?

Yes, locally

Yes, somewhere else

No

***IF NOT REGISTERED LOCALLY ASK G2; OTHERS GO TO E4***

G2. Are you registered temporarily with a local doctor/GP

Yes

No

***IF NO ASK G3; OTHERS GO TO G4***

G3. Have you tried to register locally?

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What happened***

***ASK ALL***

G4. Have you experienced any problems in getting health care for yourself or your family over the last two years in this area?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What were they?***

G5. If there was one improvement you could make to health services locally, what would it be? ***Write in***

G6. Can I just check, are there any children of school age in your family?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO G9; IF YES ASK**

G7. Do your children attend school regularly?

Yes, all

Yes, some

No

**IF SOME/ALL DO NOT, PROBE :**  
**Why is that?**

G8. Do you think your children will continue to go to school until they are 16?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, PROBE :**  
**Why not?**

**ASK ALL**

G9. Do any adults or teenagers in your family take part in college training or courses at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What training or courses?**

**Are they specially designed for Travellers or general?**

G10. Would you like to take part in any training or education in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE :**

**What would you like to do?**

**What would make it easier for you to do this?**

G11. I'm going to read out a number of things people sometimes need help with. For each, could you tell me whether you would need help and where you might go for it.

Service etc	Would need help		Who might you go to for help
	Yes	No	
Filling in forms/dealing with authority generally			
Getting advice on housing options			
Applying for housing or other benefit			
Applying for planning permission for a site			
Getting legal advice			
Domestic violence			
Drug or alcohol abuse			

G12 Have you ever experienced harassment or discrimination from neighbours or other members of the settled community in this area?

- Yes
- No

**IF YES PROBE :**

***What happened on the occasion you think was most serious?***

G13. When you experienced harassment/if you were to experience harassment, did you go to anyone for help?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**

***Who did you go to?***

***What happened?***

***Were you happy with the response?***

E14. Are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**

**ASSESSMENT OF ACCOMMODATION NEEDS OF GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS  
IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

**ROADSIDE/TRANSIT/TEMPORARILY IN AREA**

**INTRODUCTION**

My name is [ ] and I am working on behalf of Birmingham University. We have been asked by local councils in this area to see what sort of accommodation Gypsies and Travellers need locally. We want to be sure that we understand what Gypsies and Travellers need and want, so we would like to talk to a number of people – in houses, on sites and on the roadside – to get a range of views.

Would you be willing to talk to me? It will probably take about 30 minutes. If you agree, I will be writing down your answers but the interview will be completely confidential. We are completely independent of any local council, the police or the DSS. No-one will be identified in any report, and there is no way that anyone will be able to trace any answer back to you. If there are any particular questions you don't want to answer, just say so.

Would you be willing to talk to me now? If it's awkward now, I could call back later on today.

**SCREENING QUESTIONS**

S1. Have you already been interviewed for this survey?

No		<b>Continue</b>
Yes		<b>END INTERVIEW</b>

***ASK S2 UNLESS OBVIOUS UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT***

S2. Can I just check, is this your permanent base or somewhere you are stopping for a short period?

Permanent base		<b>Use site or housed questionnaire</b>
Temporary/short period		<b>Use roadside/temporary questionnaire</b>

**INTERVIEW DETAILS**

Location : .....

Date of interview : .....

Interviewer : .....

Sex of respondent :      Male     Female     Couple

**SECTION A : CURRENT ACCOMMODATION**

This section is about where you are living at present and your views about it.

A1. Overall, how would you rate this as a place to stop?

Good

Fair

Poor

Very poor

A2. What do you like most about this as a place to stop? **Write in**

A3. What do you like least about it as a place to stop? **Write in**

A4. How do you manage here for the following. **Read out and PROBE:**  
**Where do you get it?**  
**Is that satisfactory?**

	Where do you get it?	Is that satisfactory?
Water		
Electricity		
Toilets		
Bath/shower		
Rubbish storage/disposal		

A5. Is there somewhere for children to play safely?

Yes

No

A6. Do you have any concerns about your family's safety on this stopping place?

Yes

No

**PROBE : What concerns?**

A7. How convenient is this stopping place for local services that you might need?  
**PROBE AND RECORD BELOW: How do you normally get there? Is it easy by public transport?**

Facility	How do you normally get there	Is it easy by public transport
Shops		
Health centre/GP		
Post office		
Primary school		
Secondary school		

A8. How many caravans or trailers are you living in here (immediate family)?  
**PROBE to distinguish caravans/trailers and camper vans. Enter number.**

Caravans/trailers

Camper vans

A9. Does the caravans give you enough space for your family's needs?

Yes

No

**IF NO ASK A10; IF YES SKIP TO A11**

A10. Would you need more caravans/trailers or bigger caravans/trailers or something different to give you enough space for your families needs?

More caravans

Bigger caravans

Both more and bigger

Something different (*specify*)

A11. How long have you been here on this stopping place?

Less than 1 week

1 week but less than 1 month

1 month but less than 2 months

2 months but less than 3 months

3 months and over

A12. And how long have you been in this general area (Leicestershire and Rutland)?

Less than 1 week

1 week but less than 1 month

1 month but less than 2 months

2 months but less than 3 months

3 months but less than 1 year

1 year and more

A13. What further time are you staying in this area?

- 1 week
- 2 weeks
- About 1 month
- About 2 months
- More than 2 months
- As long as possible
- Don't know

A14. What are your main reasons for being in this area?

**PROBE : Reasons, eg local to the area, work, holiday, family event, passing through**

A15. Where will you travel to when you leave here? **Write in**

A16. Are you likely to want to stay in this area again in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

A17. Do you have other accommodation somewhere else?

Yes

No

**IF NO SKIP TO B1; IF YES ASK A18**

A18. What type of other accommodation do you have?

Site owned by you or your family

Place on a council site

Place of a site owned by another Gypsy/Traveller

House/bungalow rented from council or housing association

House or bungalow you own yourself

Other (*please specify*)

A19. Where is the other accommodation? (**write in**)

**SECTION B : TRAVELLING**

Now I'd like to talk about travelling in general.

B1. How much travelling have you and/or members of your family done in the last 12 months, I mean travelling and living in a caravan or trailer?

- Travelled less than 1 month
- Travelled 1 month but less than 3 months
- Travelled 3 months but less than 6 months
- Travelled 6 months but less than 10 months
- Travelled all year

B2. Is this normal, or has it changed over the past few years?

- Normal
- Changed

***IF CHANGED, PROBE :***  
***In what ways has it changed?***

***Why has it changed?***

B3. In which seasons did you travel over the past 12 months? ***Tick all that apply***

- Spring (for example around Easter)
- Summer (June, July, August)
- Autumn (September, October)
- Winter (for example around Christmas)
- Travelled all year

B4. Who did you usually travel with? ***Tick all that apply***

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| By yourself              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Own household            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other family members     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other families           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B5. What were your main reasons for travelling?

***PROBE : Reasons, eg working, holidays, fairs, visiting relatives, family events, way of life***

B6. What sorts of stopping places did you stay on when you were travelling over the past year? (***tick all that apply***)

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Permanent caravan sites owned by a council  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transit sites owned by a council            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caravan sites owned by a Gypsy or Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other caravan sites                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roadside stopping places – council land     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roadside stopping places – private land     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Farmer's fields                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fields etc provided at fairs                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> )                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B7. Did you have permission to stay on these stopping places?

Yes

No

Sometimes yes, sometimes no

B8. Was it easy or difficult to find places to stop?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

B9. And was it easy or difficult to stay as long as you wanted?

Easy

Difficult

Mixed experience

B10. Were you ever forced to leave a stopping place while you were travelling last year?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :***  
***What happened?***

B11. Which sorts of stopping places do you most like to use? ***PROBE :***  
***Which sort do you like best?***

***Why is that?***

B12. If a network of transit sites were to be developed, would you use them?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

B13. Specifically, would you be interested in using transit sites in the Leicestershire and Rutland area if sites were provided?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

***IF NO PROBE : Why not? THEN SKIP TO B23***

***IF YES AT B13***

B14. Where should transit sites be provided in the area? ***PROBE for towns or villages***

B15. What facilities should be provided on such sites? ***Tick all that apply***

- Hardstandings
- Water supply
- Mains electricity
- Shared WCs
- Shared baths/showers
- Individual WCs for each plot
- Individual baths/showers
- Refuse collection
- Don't know

B16. Would you prefer transit sites to be provided by councils, by Gypsies and Travellers, or by others?

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Council                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsies and Travellers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B17. Should the site manager live on the transit site or just visit it each day?

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Should live on site   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should visit each day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B18. And should the manager be a Gypsy or Traveller, or someone else?

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| A Gypsy/Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Someone else      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doesn't matter    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B19. Would you share a transit site with other family groups?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B20. How many caravans or trailers should a transit site be designed to take?

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 5 caravans/trailers     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6-10 caravans/trailers        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11-20 caravans/trailers       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21-30 caravan/trailers        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More than 30 caravan/trailers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B21. How long would you like to be able to stop on a transit site in the area?

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 2 weeks       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Up to 4 weeks       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Up to 8 weeks       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Up to 3 months      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| As long as possible | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF WOULD LIKE TO STOP UP TO 2 OR 4 WEEKS ASK B22; OTHERS TO B23**

B22. Might you want to use transit sites in Leicestershire or Rutland more than once in a year?

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes, more than once a year    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, not more than once a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know/all depends        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**ASK ALL**

B23. Thinking about your ideal pattern of travelling, would you prefer to travel throughout the year or would you prefer to spend more time in one place?

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Travel throughout year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More time in one place | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF PREFER MORE TIME IN ONE PLACE ASK B24; OTHERS TO SECTION C**

B24. Would you still want to travel for a period in the year?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF YES PROBE :**

**How long would you travel for?**

**Main reasons for travelling?**

**SECTION C : PAST AND FUTURE ACCOMMODATION**

Now I'd like to ask you a bit about some of the places you have lived in the past and where you would like to live in the future.

C1. Have you ever lived in a house?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO C6; IF YES ASK**

C2. Why did you move into a house?

**PROBE: reasons, eg there with parents, health, for children's schooling**

C3. Did you experience any problems living in a house?

Yes

No

**PROBE : what problems?**

C4. Where was the last house you lived in? **(Write in town or village)**

C5. Why did you leave that house? **PROBE full reasons**

C6. Would you be interested in moving to a house in this area now?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**PROBE : Why do you say that?**

**IF YES AT C6; IF NO GO TO C10**

C7. What sort of house would you prefer?

**PROBE AND TICK ALL PREFERENCES**

**Tenure:**

Rented from a council	
Rented from a housing association	
Rented from a private landlord	
Owner-occupied	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

**House type:**

Bungalow	
House	
Flat	
Other ( <i>specify</i> )	
Doesn't matter	
Don't know	

C8. Where would you prefer the house to be?

**PROBE : nearby towns, villages**

C9. Are you on a waiting list for a council or housing association house anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**IF YES PROBE : Which authority/housing association is this?**

**ASK ALL**

C10. Have you ever had a plot on a permanent caravan site owned either by a council or a private owner (not your own family)? **Tick all that apply**

Yes – council site

Yes – private site

No

**IF NO GO TO C15; IF YES ASK**

C11. Why did you move onto a permanent caravan site?

**PROBE: reasons, eg there with parents, health, for children's schooling**

C12. Did you experience any problems living on a permanent caravan site?

Yes

No

**PROBE : what problems?**

C13. Where was the last permanent caravan site you lived on?

C14. Why did you leave that last permanent caravan site? **PROBE full reasons**

C15. Would you be interested in moving to a rented pitch on a permanent caravan site in this area now?

Yes

No

Don't know

**PROBE : why do you say that?**

**IF YES CONTINUE; IF NO GO TO C20**

C16. What sort of residential site would you prefer?

Owned by a council Owned by another Traveller Other (*specify*) 

C17. How many other families would you want to share with on a long-stay residential site?

No other family Up to 5 families 6-10 families 11-20 families Over 20 families Don't know 

C18. Where would you prefer the site to be?

**PROBE : nearby towns, villages**

C19. Are you on a waiting list for a place on a permanent caravan site anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland?

Yes No Don't know **IF YES PROBE : Which site is this?****ASK ALL**

C20. Have you ever lived on land owned by you or your family?

Yes No **IF NO GO TO C23; IF YES ASK**C21. Where was that? (**Write in town or village**)

C22. Why did you leave there? **PROBE full reasons**

C23. Would you like to develop a Gypsy-Traveller caravan site of your own for you and your family?

Yes

No

**IF YES CONTINUE; IF NO GO TO SECTION D**

C24. Thinking about the option of developing your own site:

a) Who would you like to develop it with? **PROBE for**

Own immediate family only

Other family members

Other people

Don't know

b) Can you afford to develop a site of your own?

Yes

No

Don't know

c) Where would you like to develop a site of your own? **Write in**

d) How many pitches would you like it to have? **Write in**

e) Would you like to have some space to accommodate visitors?

Yes

No

f) Do you think you would get planning permission for such a site?

Yes

No

Don't know

g) Would you like help in finding land to build a site?

Yes

No



D3. Does anyone in your family have a disability or serious long-term illness.

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**Who has problems?**

**What sort of health problems?**

D4. Does anyone in your family have health needs which mean they need special or adapted accommodation?

Yes

No

**PROBE :**  
**What sorts of accommodation/adaptations?**

**Are the needs currently being met?**

D5. Do you currently provide care or support for anyone not living as part of your immediate family? And does anyone in your family receive care or support from anyone not in your family – not including a doctor or other professional?

	Gives support	Gets support
Yes		
No		

**PROBE : Who gives/provides support?**

**What sort of support?**

**Where do they live?**

D6. Do you have any other family/relations living around here?

Yes

No

**IF YES**

D7. Are they living in . . . **READ OUT AND TICK ALL THAT APPLY**

A flat or house

A council site   
Which? *write in*

On land or a caravan site they own themselves   
Where? *write in*

A private site owned by someone else   
Where? *write in*

Roadside stopping place   
Where? *write in*

Other   
*Specify write in*

**ASK ALL**

D8. Does anyone in your family work at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES AND RESPONDENT IS WILLING TO ANSWER, PROBE FOR :**

***Which family members?***

***What sort of work?***

***Are they employed or self-employed?***

***Do they work full- or part time?***

***Are they employed throughout the year?***

D9. Would anyone in your family like to work who doesn't do so at present?

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF YES PROBE FOR :**  
**Which family members?**

**What sort of work?**

D10. How easy is it for a Gypsy or a Traveller to find work around here?

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Very easy      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficult      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**IF DIFFICULT OR VERY DIFFICULT, ASK D11; OTHERS GO TO D12**

D11. What are the main barriers/constraints to getting employment? **Write in**

D12. Do you think of yourself as:

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Romany/Gypsy             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traveller                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English Traveller        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Irish Traveller          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scottish Gypsy/Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New Traveller            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Showman                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other ( <i>specify</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**SECTION E : HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

Finally I'd like to ask you some questions about your family's health, education and other support needs.

E1. Has anyone from the council visited you here to establish what your needs are?

Yes

No

Don't know

E2. And have they offered you any support or help with your needs?

Yes

No

Don't know

E3. Are you **permanently** registered with a doctor/GP? Is this locally or somewhere else?

Yes, locally

Yes, somewhere else

No

***IF NOT REGISTERED LOCALLY ASK E4; OTHERS GO TO E6***

E4. Are you registered temporarily with a local doctor/GP

Yes

No

***IF NO ASK E5; OTHERS GO TO E6***

E5. Have you tried to register locally?

***IF YES PROBE :***

***What happened***

**ASK ALL**

E6. Have you experienced any problems in getting health care for yourself or your family over the last two years in this area?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What were they?**

E7. If there was one improvement you could make to health services locally, what would it be? **Write in**

E8. Can I just check, are there any children of school age in your family?

Yes

No

**IF NO GO TO E10; IF YES ASK**

E9. Do your children attend school regularly?

Yes, all

Yes, some

No

**IF SOME/ALL DO NOT, PROBE :**  
**Why is that?**

E10. Do you think your children will continue to go to school until they are 16?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, PROBE :**  
**Why not?**

**ASK ALL**

E11. Do any adults or teenagers in your family take part in college training or courses at present?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What training or courses?**

**Are they specially designed for Travellers or general?**

E12. Would you like to take part in any training or education in the future?

Yes

No

Don't know

**IF YES PROBE :**  
**What would you like to do?**

**What would make it easier for you to do this?**

E13. I'm going to read out a number of things people sometimes need help with. For each, could you tell me whether you would need help and where you might go for it.

Service etc	Would need help		Who might you go to for help
	Yes	No	
Filling in forms/dealing with authority generally			
Getting advice on housing options			
Applying for housing or other benefit			
Applying for planning permission for a site			
Getting legal advice			
Domestic violence			
Drug or alcohol abuse			

E14 Have you ever experienced harassment or discrimination from neighbours or other members of the settled community in this area?

Yes

No

**IF YES PROBE :**

**What happened on the occasion you think was most serious?**

E15. When you experienced harassment/if you were to experience harassment, did you go to anyone for help?

Yes

No

***IF YES PROBE :  
Who did you go to?***

***What happened?***

***Were you happy with the response?***

E16. Are there any other issues/concerns that we haven't talked about that you'd like to mention?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**

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SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR  
TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE**

**Introduction**

- Introduce self
- Carrying out work on behalf of local authorities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to assess the accommodation needs of people who follow a nomadic lifestyle. Including Travelling Showmen and hope you will be willing to help.
- Questions will relate as far as possible to this site and the people who use it.
- All answers will be confidential and will not be passed on or reported in such a way as to identify individual answers.
- Will take about 30-40 minutes.

**Background**

- Very general background to occupations **SELF**
  - sort of fair/circus etc
  
  - areas travelled
  
  
  - period of year active
  
- Very general background to occupations of **PEOPLE ON SITE**
  - sort of fair/circus etc
  
  
  - areas travelled
  
  
  - period of year active



**ALL**

- Site ownership
  - are pitches/yards rented/leased/owner-occupied?
  - are there any issues around that?
  
- General design and facilities
  - what activities are catered for? PROBE residential, equipment storage, equipment repair, other??
  
  - how are these organised? PROBE specially demarcated areas within site, within pitches, other??
  
  - what site facilities are provided? PROBE water, electricity, sewerage, rubbish storage/collection, workshops, other??
  
- Residential provision
  - number of residential pitches
  
- Own pitch/yards
  - description of what they have – size and organisation of pitch
  
  - provision for WC, bath/shower, cooking, laundry, general eating/sitting space
  
  - adequacy in terms of size and amenities
  
  - are other pitches/yards broadly similar?



## **The People**

*Can we talk a bit about the people who use the site*

### **AS MUCH GENERAL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**

- Who uses the site
  - how many families
  - how many adults
  - how many children
  - inter-relationships?
  
- Pattern of use of site for residence
  - is the site used throughout the year?
  - pattern of use over time – how many people at different times of the year
  - reasons for pattern of use over time
  
  - is this likely to change in future, eg more people there throughout year?

**PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Complete grid for people occupying pitch/yard**

Name	Relationship to respondent	Sex	Age	Use of site
	RESPONDENT			

- Normal period each individual ‘lives’ here
  - why?
  
  
  - will it change?

### **Use of Local Services**

- Which local services are used in the Study Area PROBE health, education, other?
  
- Any issues around local health services
  - location of services used
  
  - ease of access
  
  - quality of service
  
  - other comments
  
- Any issues around local education services
  - which schools are used
  
  - ease of access
  
  - quality of service
  
  - other comments

**Current and Future Accommodation Needs of the Group**

**SITE OWNER/SPOKESPERSON**

- Recent family growth
  - have new families formed over the past few years – how many?
  
  - do new families use the site or have they moved away – how many?
  
  - if moved away, was this by choice?
  
- Future family growth
  - how many new families likely to form over next 5 years
  
  - where will they find accommodation
  
  - will they want to use this site – under what circumstances
  
  - any issues around this

**PERSONAL NEEDS**

- Is anyone living here with you likely to want independent accommodation over the next 5 years?
  - in what circumstances?
  
  - what sort of accommodation will they try to find?
  
  - will it be in Leicestershire or Rutland?
  
  - will it be difficult to find?
  
- Any special health needs affecting accommodation?
  - who?
  
  - what sort and effects?
  
- Will you move base in the next 5 years?
  - reasons?
  
  - what sort of accommodation will you look for? (sort/tenure)
  
  - where will it be (in Leics/Rutland)?
  
  - will it be easy to find? any help needed?

**Accommodation Needs of Showmen More Generally**

- Are more sites needed for Travelling Showmen
  - in the Study Area – how many places? where?
  - nationally
  
- Constraints
  - what are the main constraints on provision of more sites
  
  - any idea for overcoming them
  
- Locational and design criteria
  - how much land is needed for a successful site?
  
  - how many pitches/yards
  
  - ideal tenure
  
  - on-site facilities
  
  - what is needed locationally? PROBE level land, good road access, proximity to services, other?