Details about this site

East Dunbartonshire Council had one Travelling Person’s site located in Lennoxtown. The site opened in 2002 and was made up of 15 pitches, one of which was a disabled unit.

Major disruption to the facility occurred after an arson attack late in 2010.

Details of Proposed site

East Dunbartonshire Council is in the process of reconstructing the Travelling Person’s site, although the number of pitches will reduce to five. At this time a building warrant is being pursued and tender documents are being developed.

The site will be reconstructed on the original site in Lennoxtown.

How do you determine where and what size sites should be?

The size of the Lennoxtown site was determined by the Scottish Executive in 1997 when pitch targets were set.

The proposal to reduce the pitch numbers was due to the lack of use of the site by Travellers and the outcome of the needs assessment undertaken in 2007.

Details of any existing/planned temporary or halting sites in your authority

EDC has no existing/planned temporary or halting sites

How often and by what process do you review the need for more pitches/sites?

East Dunbartonshire Council, in conjunction with other local authorities in West of Scotland, commissioned consultants to carry out an assessment of the accommodation needs of Gypsy/Travellers. This was undertaken in 2007.

How do you identify, record and address any complaints about sites?

Our Team Leader (Estate Management) has responsibility for dealing with any issues arising from the site and would liaise closely with the Community and local Police /Community safety team. Any formal complaints that this person could not resolve would be handled in accordance with the Council’s Complaints Policy.
In building and maintaining sites, how you consider the impact of the site location on access to health and education services?

East Dunbartonshire Council would undertake an Equalities and Diversity Impact Assessment, part of which would include consultation with external agencies such as the Scottish Traveller Education Programme.

How do you monitor private sites and how disputes between their owners and tenants are managed?

East Dunbartonshire Council has no involvement in the management of private sites.

How unauthorised sites are managed and by what criteria they are so classified

Unauthorised sites are managed by the local authority assisting the Police with providing information on where pitches are available.

What policies and staff awareness raising/training on Gypsy/Travellers you have?

East Dunbartonshire Council has an Equal Opportunities Policy which forms part of the induction process for new employees. Staff receive regular training on Equal Opportunities.

Information about your Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer's including whether the post has a shared remit and whether site managers undertake the role

East Dunbartonshire Council does not have a Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer post as such. The responsibilities of such a post now sit with the Estate Management team based in the Lennoxtown Housing Office.

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