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Your ref: Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland: "Tinker Experiment"

28 May 2025

Dear Karen,

I refer to my letter dated 11 March 2025, in which I noted that my officials were working at pace to finalise the archival research report with the contractor, with a view to publishing it online by the end of May 2025.

Since then, officials have also organised an initial community consultation with community members affected by historical policies, supported by an independent consultant. Our intention is to publish both the archival research report and the consultation report together, accompanied by Scottish Government's initial response.

We believe it would be prudent to allow additional time to fully consider the outcomes of the consultation and to prepare a response that appropriately reflects upon the significance of the discussions.

Accordingly, we are now working to publish all documents in 4-6 weeks' time. We trust this brief extension will be acceptable and hope it will be seen as a demonstration of our commitment to meaningful engagement with all those who have contributed. Community members who participated in the consultation have been informed of this revised timeline.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information. I remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities**

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