

Planning for Traveller Sites and Managing Unauthorised Development & Encampments

[Cavendish Venues – America Square](#), 1 America Square, 17 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LB | Thursday 6th June

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction—**Cllr Ric Pallister OBE**, South Somerset District Council (event chair)

11.05 Planning for Traveller Sites

- Technical changes required to bring *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites* up to date with the revised NPPF
 - Assessing accommodation needs in terms of both permanent & transit sites
 - Improving joint-working with neighbouring authorities
 - Delivering the required number of sites
 - Accessing Affordable Homes Programme funding for traveller pitches
 - Government attempts to improve LA performance on site provision
- ⇒ **Kate Green MP**, Chair, APPG for Travellers, Gypsies and Roma
- ⇒ **Joseph Jones**, founding member of the Gypsy Co-operative and Romany activist
- ⇒ **Heather Stevens**, Principal Policy Planner, East Hampshire District Council
- ⇒ **Michael Bullock**, Managing Director, Arc4

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 Managing Unauthorised Development & Encampments

- Plans for new guidance on the use of LA enforcement powers
 - Funding LA enforcement activity
 - Permitting police to direct trespassers to sites in neighbouring LA areas
 - Increasing the no-return period for trespassers to 12 months
 - Lowering the threshold for an unauthorised encampment to 2 or more vehicles
 - Strengthening police powers to remove trespassers from land that forms part of the highway
 - Current good enforcement practice
- ⇒ **John Batty**, Chief Inspector, Thames Valley Police
- ⇒ **Dr Lynnette Kelly**, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner, West Midlands Police
- ⇒ **Dawn Taylor**, Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team Manager, Cheshire West and Chester Council
- ⇒ **Neil Whittaker**, Chair, National Association for Planning Enforcement, Planning Associate, Ivy Legal

15.45 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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