



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Rt Hon James Brokenshire
Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government

By email

22 May 2019

Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter of 25 April. We are sorry to hear you are unable to meet with us but we look forward to meeting with Lord Bourne Minister for Faith.

On the 6th of February you made a [statement](#) on the Government response to the consultation on powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments. As part of the *“further measures...to achieve the Government’s overarching aim of fair and equal treatment for travellers”* you stated *“the Secretary of State will be prepared to review cases where concerns are raised that there is too high a concentration of authorised traveller sites in one location.”*

Can you please provide more information on what you mean by this statement? What constitutes a ‘too high’ concentration? What action is proposed if during this review the SoS concludes there is indeed a too high concentration. Furthermore have the human rights and equality implications been considered in terms of attempting to enforce the spatial distribution of a particular ethnic minority?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Janet Whitaker' and the second is 'Kate Green'.

Baroness Janet Whitaker and Kate Green MP
Co-Chairs, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies Travellers and Roma