



For Gypsies,
Travellers and
Roma

Jacob Young MP
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By email: psiacobyoung@levellingup.gov.uk

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Re: £10 million Traveller Site Fund allocation

Dear Jacob,

Firstly, congratulations on your appointment. We write as Co-chair and Honorary President of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, to express our gratitude over June's announcement of funding being allocated through the DLUHC's Traveller Site Fund (application window was March-June 2022).

Funding for Gypsy and Traveller sites was, and continues to be, desperately needed. We note that the funding has been allocated primarily for the improvement of pre-existing Traveller sites. Whilst the funding for these site refurbishments is no doubt desperately needed, it is disappointing that only one new site, a transit site, will be created through the Fund.

New Gypsy and Traveller sites, and the funding to build them, are crucial to improving the lives of Gypsies and Travellers. There is a clear need for more sites and we would be interested to hear about plans for an extension of this much-needed funding.

Kind regards,

Baroness Janet Whitaker, Co-chair All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies,
Travellers and Roma

Lord Nick Bourne, Honorary President All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies,
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