



for Gypsies, Travellers and
Roma

Kicking the can down the road – an event looking at planning policy and the delivery of Gypsy and Traveller sites

November 21st, 17.15 – 18.45

ROOM CR05

Event Chair: Andy Slaughter MP, Vice Chair of the APPG

Agenda (subject to change)

Welcome from event chair: Andy Slaughter MP	17.15	
Dr Simon Ruston MRTPI	17:25	An overview of the 'Kicking the can down the road' research report looking at planning policy for the delivery of sites, key findings and recommendations.
Philomena Mongan, Community Engagement Officer, London Gypsies and Travellers	17.40	The importance of site provision for Traveller communities, and a personal perspective of the value of living on a well-managed local authority site.
Illinca Diaconescu, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator, London Gypsies and Travellers	17:50	A regional overview of the damaging impact of poor Gypsy and Traveller accommodation assessments and lack of site provision, and examples of collaborative working to develop more inclusive policy and practice in London.
Marc Willers KC, Garden Court Chambers, and trustee at Friends, Families and Travellers	18.00	A legal perspective on how site provision has continued to face obstacles through the years, with an overview of the Court of Appeal judgment: Smith v. Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
	18:10	Q&A
	18.40	Concluding thoughts from event chair.