



## **THERE IS AN UNATHOURISED ENCAMPMENT ON PRIVATE LAND NEARBY**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Equality Act 2010 makes it unlawful to treat someone less favourably because of a range of protected characteristics, including colour, race, and nationality, ethnic or national origins. The following of a nomadic lifestyle is lawful, it is a culture that is recognised and protected through legislation. Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers have been granted protection under the previous Race Relations Acts.

The decision to adopt a travelling lifestyle where Housing need is met through living within a vehicle either on a long or short term basis is made by a wide variety of people for various reasons. It is therefore important that Gypsies and Travellers are not denied the right to mainstream services that the council provides.

### **WHAT WE WILL DO:**

- We will visit the encampment and carry out an assessment. Issue information from trading standards of illegal trading and penalties.
- We will notify the landowner of the encampment and notify the police if not already aware.
- We will liaise with the landowner to advise them of their responsibility to take action to remove the unauthorised encampment.

### **What you can do:**

- Any criminal Activity or anti-social behaviour must be reported to the police on the 101 number
- If you require any further information, please contact the Gypsy Liaison Officer on  
Tel: 01204 335217 or mobile 07789 031464