



THERE IS AN UNATHOURISED ENCAMPMENT ON PRIVATE LAND - 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 email housingservices@bolton.gov.uk or phone 01204 338721