



Vehicle Dweller Encampment Policy Consultation

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Presentation

- Background
- Key findings – consultation
- Next steps
- Feedback from scrutiny about the implementation of the policy.

Background

- ❑ Numbers of vehicle dwellers have increased significantly.
- ❑ We need a policy for managing vehicle encampments on the highway.
- ❑ Consultation on draft policy -29 June - 26 August 2018
- ❑ Strategic context : Corporate plan and Homelessness Strategy

‘ We want to minimise incidences of rough sleeping and homelessness in Bristol and enable citizens in housing need to access affordable housing that meets their needs’.

Proposed Vehicle Dwelling Encampment on the Highway Policy

The policy outlines how we propose to manage vehicle dwelling encampments on the highway.

Key elements

- Balance the needs of those living in vehicles with the needs of the wider community
- Offer housing and health support from first contact
- Support to help vehicle dwellers move into alternative accommodation
- Assess impact of each encampment against agreed criteria
- High impact – take action in timely fashion
- Low impact - monitor

Proposed Vehicle Dwelling Encampment on the Highway Policy

For the purposes of the policy:

Any vehicle being lived in on the highway will be considered an encampment



Consultation – we wanted to find out

Does the draft policy balance the needs of people in vehicle encampments with the needs of others?

Are criteria for assessing the impact of an encampment right?

Are there alternative approaches we should consider?

If respondents have had to report concerns about vehicle dwelling.

Any other comments or suggestions

Consultations on Bristol City Council's approach to rough sleeping encampments and vehicle dwelling encampments



Toolkit information: for organisations interested in rough sleeping and vehicle dwelling encampments

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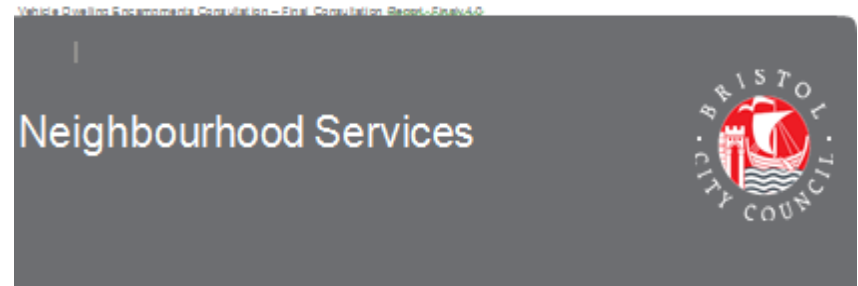
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Consultation outcomes

A similar number agreed and disagreed with the proposed approach

- Encampments should never be tolerated
- Vehicle dwelling is a consequence of the lack of affordable housing / viable life style and therefore should be tolerated








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October 2018

Consultation outcomes

1. Do you agree that the draft policy balances the needs of people dwelling in vehicles with the needs of other members of the community?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		9%	74
2	Agree		29%	232
3	Neither agree nor disagree		21%	162
4	Disagree		27%	211
5	Strongly disagree		14%	111
			answered	790
			skipped	18

Consultation outcomes

(Of those who supporting the policy) Clear majority support 9 out of the 10 criteria to assess impact:

- ✓ The nature, suitability or obtrusiveness of the encampment.
- ✓ The level of any nuisance including noise.
- ✓ The number, validity and seriousness of any complaints.
- ✓ The level of damage caused by the occupiers.
- ✓ Proximity to residential properties
- ✓ Proximity to schools, children's play and public amenities
- ✓ The size and concentration of the encampment
- ✓ Human and domestic waste management
- ✓ General crime and public order offences.

Fewer people supported 'welfare of occupants' as a criteria.

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Consultation outcomes

- 25% said that the impact should not be assessed because encampments should never be tolerated.
- Clear majority supported parking restrictions to manage encampments
- Similar numbers agreed and disagreed that facilities should be provided for tolerated encampments
- Provision of sites for vehicle dwellers was the most popular alternative option (about a fifth of those suggesting alternative measures).

Next Steps

- Make any changes to policies in light of consultation
- Cabinet – aiming for Feb 2019
- Implementation

Considerations/Questions

Feedback about the implementation of the policy

Key Considerations

Resources to implement the policy

(waste, nuisance, licensing, animal welfare)