

Background to Bristol City Council's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (2020)

1. Bristol City Council's *Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (2020)* sets out the Council's responsibility to provide housing, in the form of caravan and motorhome pitches, to Gypsy Traveller and Show Persons communities and was compiled as part of a statutory requirement under section 225 of the Housing Act 2004 and was undertaken between August 2019 and January 2020 through a combination of desk-based research, stakeholder interviews and engagement with members of the travelling community living on all known sites, yards and encampments.
2. Bristol currently has twelve permanent pitches for Gypsy Travellers, twenty transit pitches for people moving through the city (available for a maximum stay of 13 weeks) and eight show persons pitches; this falls significantly short of the recommendations as set out within the GTAA. Current available pitches are the permanent site at **Rose Meadow View**, Ashton (opened in 2006, owned by BCC and managed by Elim Housing), the transit site at **St Anthony's Park**, Lawrence Weston/Avonmouth (opened in 2001, owned and managed by BCC) and the Show Persons site at **Lock's Yard**, Bedminster (in operation since the late 19th Century, currently owned and managed by Wring Demolition).
3. These sites are intended for Travellers who meet the planning definition of a Gypsy or Traveller (*Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS)*, August 2015) and should not be confused with BCC meanwhile sites for vehicle dwellers which serve a different function and service user group.