

APPENDIX E

GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS

Amenity unit: Usually a small permanent building housing bath/shower, WC and sink. On **socially rented sites**, there is an amenity unit per **pitch**. On some private sites in the Study Area, amenity units have a toilet only.

Authorised site: An authorised site has planning permission for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site.

Caravan: Mobile living vehicle. Also referred to as a **trailer**.

Chalet: Term used by Gypsies and Travellers usually referring to a **mobile home** which resembles a bungalow.

Day room: Some **amenity units** have a larger area where residents can eat or relax; this is normally referred to as a day room.

Family: In this report, family is usually used to denote a group of related people who live and/or travel together. It is assumed to be the basic unit when assessing accommodation requirements.

Family site: A private caravan site owned and occupied by an (extended) family. Broadly equivalent to owner-occupation in mainstream housing.

Gypsy: (or English Gypsy) Member of one of the main groups of **Gypsies and Travellers** in Britain. Romany Gypsies trace their ethnic origin back to migrations, probably from India, taking place at intervals since 1500. Gypsies were recognised as an ethnic group in 1989.

Gypsy and Traveller: In this report, the term used to include all ethnic **Gypsies** and **Irish Travellers**, plus other Travellers who adopt a nomadic or semi-nomadic way of life. It does not include **Travelling Showpeople**.

Irish Traveller: Member of one of the main groups of **Gypsies and Travellers** in Britain. Irish Travellers have a distinct indigenous origin in Ireland and were recognised as an ethnic group in England in 2000.

Mobile home: Legally a **caravan**, but not normally capable of being moved by towing. May include residential mobile homes and static holiday caravans.

New Traveller: Term used here to refer to members of the settled community who have adopted a nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle living in moveable dwellings. There are now second and third generation 'New' Travellers in England. Some New Travellers prefer the more neutral term 'Traveller'.

Pitch: Area of land on a Gypsy and Traveller caravan site developed for a single **family**. On **socially rented sites**, the area let to a licensee for stationing caravans and other vehicles.

Private rented pitches: In the Study Area, several privately owned Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites have pitches which are rented on a commercial basis to other **Gypsies and Travellers**. The actual **pitches** may not always be clearly defined physically.

Residential site/pitch: A site/pitch intended for long-stay use by residents. No maximum length of stay is set.

Site: An area of land laid out and used for **Gypsy and Traveller caravans**.

Socially rented site: A Gypsy and Traveller caravan site owned by a council or registered social landlord.

Tolerated: An **unauthorised development** or **encampment** may be tolerated for a period of time during which no enforcement action is taken.

Trailer: Term commonly used for a caravan among Gypsies and Travellers. Showmen's trailers are different in design from trailers commonly used among Gypsies and Travellers commonly being bigger, including WC and bathing facilities, and having 'pull-outs' which increase internal space when stationary.

Transit site/pitch: A site/pitch intended for short-term use. The site is usually permanent, whilst its residents are temporary and a maximum period of stay is usually imposed.

Travelling Showpeople: People who move (or have moved) from place to place with living vehicles to provide travelling fairs or circuses and associated services. Most Travelling Showpeople are members of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain.

Unauthorised development: A Gypsy and Traveller site established on Gypsy owned land without appropriate planning permission or site licence.

Unauthorised encampment: A piece of land where Gypsies and Travellers reside in vehicles or tents without permission. The land is not owned by those involved in the encampment. Unauthorised encampment normally involves trespass.

Unauthorised site: Land occupied by Gypsies and Travellers without the appropriate planning or other permissions. The term includes both unauthorised development and unauthorised encampment.

Winter quarters: Term sometimes used for a **site** occupied by Travelling Showpeople when not engaged in providing fairs or circuses. Originally occupied over the winter period when there are no fairs, Showpeople sites are now used much more flexibly and often involve year-round occupation.

Yard : Term used for a **pitch** or **site** occupied by Travelling Showpeople. Some sites in the Study Area comprise a number of clearly delimited yards owned or rented by different families. Gypsies and Travellers also use the term for a small **site** or a house with land which can accommodate trailers.