

### Gypsies/Travellers Information Leaflet

#### Key Points

Aberdeenshire Council recognises that:

- Gypsies/Travellers wish to maintain their way of life.
- There should be no acts of discrimination against Gypsies/Travellers because of their lifestyle.
- We are responsible for balancing the needs and wishes of Gypsies/Travellers and the Communities in which they live.

Gypsies/Travellers must recognise that they are under the same duty to behave responsibly as members of the settled community. If Gypsies/Travellers breach the Code of Conduct, or camp somewhere unsuitable, and they are on Council owned or controlled land Aberdeenshire Council will take enforcement action against them, including seeking eviction.

Gypsies/Travellers who are evicted will not be able to return to the encampment for 4 weeks.

If the encampment is on private land the landowner may take eviction action.

Aberdeenshire Council and Grampian Police may take action if there are issues regarding

fly-tipping or any other unacceptable behaviour.

A Council Officer and the Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer from Grampian Racial Equality Council will visit the encampment to offer help and information, and to check that those on the camp are following the Code.

#### Code of Conduct

You must:

- not overcrowd the site.
- park vehicles safely;
- look after the land you park on and respect local residents;
- keep pets quiet and under control and don't let them disturb neighbours;
- not leave litter or unwanted goods behind you;
- dispose of litter and other rubbish in bags or bins provided;
- not fly tip;
- use recycling centres for disposal of goods not suitable for bins;
- use portaloos provided;
- comply with the highway code;
- not start fires;
- keep reasonable control of your children.

You and those living with you must not harass or act in an anti-social manner to any persons in the neighbourhood. Anti-social behaviour means speech, actions or writing which causes another person alarm or distress. This includes damage to their property.

#### Useful Telephone Numbers

This leaflet is available in different formats, such as compact disc.