

Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Dear Jenny,

Provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

We are writing to share an update received from the Welsh Government regarding implementing the recommendations of our inquiry into the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

Given the Equality and Social Justice Committee's interest in this area, please find attached the Welsh Government's response for your information and consideration.

We would particularly draw your attention to the Welsh Government's response to Recommendation 7 of our report, which stated: *"The Welsh Government should explore how the Sites Capital Grant could be used to support the development of private sites"*

In their Anti-Racist Action Plan, the Welsh Government had previously committed to *"Review the current funding policy for Gypsy and Traveller sites and assess its effectiveness, with a view to piloting additional or new ways of funding site provision, including support for private sites"*

The intended output of this commitment was to have a *"Commissioned review of the funding approach with recommendations for alternative and additional funding models."*

Welsh Government initially aimed to complete this by 2024.

However, the latest response is relatively limited in detail as to how this will be taken forward. It states: *"Officials are considering how best to support the development of private sites. Insights from the private planning advice pilot will inform our approach to this recommendation"*.



In light of this, we wonder whether there is potential for your Committee to consider pressing for further clarity on this point during your upcoming scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip on the draft budget for 2026-27. We would be grateful if you could update us on any discussions you have with the Cabinet Secretary on this.

Yours sincerely,



John Griffiths MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.