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**Response to the DCLG consultation on  
Planning and Travellers 2014**

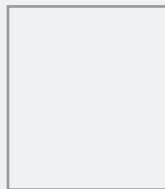
(Q1) As a Gypsy/Traveller I strongly disagree with the changes to the planning definition of Travellers to only include those who are travelling.

Most Gypsies and Travellers don't have a nomadic way of life anymore because it has become very difficult to travel. There are no stopping places, few transit sites and families on the roadside face constant evictions. Families have been forced to settle in housing because there aren't enough sites. Those who are on sites cannot easily travel due to the risk of losing their pitch.

(Q12) These changes mean that our children will have no future as Gypsies and Travellers.

As most families are settled they will no longer be counted and so councils will not have to build the pitches that are needed.

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Even more families will be pushed into housing and denied our culture and way of life.

The impact will be that Gypsies and Travellers will have to move onto unauthorised encampments so they are counted as needing a pitch.

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

**Post code**.....

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