Dear Chief Executive

**UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT MAPPING**

 I’m sure that you will be aware of the letter sent by  Lord Greenhalgh, Minister for Communities to local authority Chief Executives to highlight the fact that some members of Gypsy and Traveller communities are likely to be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, and may need support in accessing basic facilities such as water, sanitation and waste disposal, to enable them to adhere to public health guidelines around self-isolation and social distancing during the outbreak: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-mitigating-impacts-on-gypsy-and-traveller-communities>

While noting, in his letter,  that “it is for Local Authorities to determine how best to support vulnerable groups during this unprecedented period in line with their public health responsibilities”, Lord Greenhalgh goes on to state that “to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health guidance on hygiene requirements, access to basic facilities is essential. This might involve the provision of additional temporary water, sanitation and waste disposal facilities to those currently lacking access to these, or making alternative stopping places available, such as transit sites, suitable local authority land, and holiday campsites which may have closed and have established facilities”

In order to get a better picture of the number of families who are living on Unauthorised Encampments during the current “lockdown” period and the facilities being provided to meet their needs, we are sending the brief questionnaire below to every local authority in England. We would be most grateful if you could forward this to the relevant person/department. The completed questionnaire should be returned to the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups at natglg@outlook.com

Yours faithfully

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1. Do you have any Unauthorised Encampments (UE) at the moment in your borough or district? If so, how many?

1. How many families are on these encampments + number of caravans and number of people?

1. Are there basic services on site (e.g. water and toilets)? If so, what are these

1. Are you as a local authority providing these? If not, who is providing them?
2. Have you formally established a temporary transit site or are you using a different form of provision (e.g. tolerated stopping) - if the latter, please detail)?

1. Is there any agreement in place written or verbal between the Council and those living on the UEs? (if there is a written agreement could you please attach a copy of it to your reply)

Name of Person Completing this:

Name of Local Authority:

Date of completion: