

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people are part of Wales's history. They have lived, worked and travelled here for hundreds of years.

Today, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people are recognised as ethnic groups protected by the Equality Act 2010. Some live in housing or permanent sites, while others continue to travel.

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 says that Councils must understand and plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people in their area.

If you are a member of the Gypsy, Roma or Traveller community, please fill in our questionnaire and return it to us by July 31st, 2026.

If you'd prefer to speak with someone in person, please contact Fabian Jones by email: Fabian.Jones@ceredigion.gov.uk or give him a call on 07980 698954.

We're asking these questions to help us understand your housing needs now and in the future. There are no right or wrong answers, and nothing you say will affect any services you receive. You don't have to answer anything you're uncomfortable with.

Section A – About where you live now

A1. Where are you living at the moment?

(Please tick the option that fits best)

- A council residential site
 - A council transit site
 - A temporary or agreed stopping place
 - A private site with planning permission
 - A private site without planning permission
 - An unauthorised encampment
 - A house or flat – rented from the council or housing association
 - A house or flat – privately rented
 - A house or flat – owned by you
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A2. How do you feel about where you're living right now?

- I'm happy with it
- I'm not happy with it
- I'd rather not say

If you're not happy, **what could be better or different?**

A3. What are the main reasons you're living here at the moment?

(You can choose more than one)

- It's close to family or work
 - There wasn't another authorised place available
 - I haven't been able to find a house to move into
 - Health or age reasons
 - I prefer living in a house rather than a caravan
 - Something else (please tell us about this):
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A4. How long have you been living here?

- Less than a month
 - 1–6 months
 - 7–12 months
 - 1–2 years
 - 2–5 years
 - Over 5 years
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A5. If you've moved in the last year, was your last home in Ceredigion?

Yes

No

If you'd like, please tell us a bit about your last place:

- What type of accommodation was it?
- Did it have planning permission?
- Which local authority was it in?
- What made you decide to move on?

A6. How long do you think you'll stay where you are now?

Just a day or two

A few days up to about a month

A few months

Between 3 months and 2 years

2–5 years

Longer than 5 years

I don't plan to move

I'm not sure

A7. Would you stay longer if changes or improvements were made to your current accommodation?

(We may not be able to make improvements – but understanding the problems with your accommodation may help).

Yes

No

What sort of things would make a difference? (Tick any that apply)

- Repairs are needed
 - More space / a bigger site
 - Making the accommodation safer
 - Getting planning permission
 - Adaptations needed (please tell us what)
 - I'm just passing through
 - I want a council pitch in a different area
 - I'd like to move into housing
 - Getting on better with my family
 - I prefer caravan living
 - Something else, please tell us below:
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Section B – Your Family

B1. Who lives with you at the moment? *For each person, please tell us what you're happy to share.*

- Their relationship to you
- Their age
- Their gender
- How they describe their identity (for example: Romani Gypsy, Irish Traveller, New Traveller, Showperson, Roma, or something else)
- Are there any reasons this accommodation doesn't work for them long term?

B2. If you live in caravans, do you feel there are enough sleeping spaces for everyone? *If you don't live in caravans, go to B4.*

Yes

No

B3. Is there space for extra trailers if needed, to avoid overcrowding?

Yes

No

If yes, how many extra sleeping spaces could fit safely?

B4. Would anyone in your family like to be added to a waiting list for a pitch or for housing?

Yes

No

If yes, we can send out information and an application pack. Please let us know:

- A contact address
- Whether anyone is already on a waiting list (and where)

Section C – Your Future Plans

C1. Are you thinking about moving to a different place?

Yes *(please answer the questions in Section C)*

No *(please go to Section D)*

I'd prefer not to say *(please go to Section D)*

C2. If you are planning to move, where are you hoping to go?

Somewhere in Ceredigion

Somewhere else in the UK

Another area in Wales (please say where)

C3. What are the main reasons you're thinking about moving? Tick any that apply.

- We need more space
 - We need different facilities
 - To be closer to family or work
 - To be closer to schools or other services (please say which)
 - Job opportunities
 - Other reasons, please tell us below.
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C4. What sort of accommodation would you ideally like to move to?

A site:

- Council or housing association site
- Private site you own
- Private site owned by someone else

Or a house/flat:

- Owned by you
 - Rented from council or housing association
 - Privately rented
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C5. Do you own land in Ceredigion which you'd like to be considered as a possible future site? There's no guarantee anything would happen, but we could contact you to discuss this and offer support.

- Yes
- No
- I'd prefer not to say

If yes and you'd like the council to talk to you about it, you can leave contact details.

C6. If you needed a pitch, would you consider a council-managed site if one was available?

Yes

No

C7. If a pitch was available in another local authority, would you consider moving there?

No

Yes (please tell us which areas)

Section D – Family Changes

D1. Is anyone in your household likely to want their own place in the next five years?

Yes

No

Not sure

I'd prefer not to say

D2. If yes, would that be in Ceredigion?

Yes

No

I'd prefer not to say

D3. How many people in your household do you think might need their own place, and when might they need it? Please include the type of accommodation, number of people, and roughly when.

D4. Do you have family members who live elsewhere but regularly come and stay in this area?

- Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure
 - I'd prefer not to say
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D5. If they'd be willing to talk to us, please share their contact details and where they usually live.

Section E – Transit Sites

E1. In the past year, have you stayed on the roadside or on a transit site while travelling in Wales?

- Yes
 - No
 - I'd prefer not to say
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E2. If yes, which local authority areas did you stay in?

E3. When travelling, how long would you usually stay in one place?

- 1–2 days
 - A few days
 - 1–2 weeks
 - A few weeks
 - A month or more
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E4. Do you think there's a need for more transit sites in Wales?

- Yes
 - No
 - I'd prefer not to say
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E5. If yes, where do you think they're most needed? *Please name areas or specific places if you're happy to say.*

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Thank you

Your answers will help us understand and plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people in Ceredigion.

Please return the questionnaire to: Fabian Jones, Housing Standards officer, Ceredigion County Council, Penmorfa, Aberaeron SA46 0PA.

Or, you can hand it in at your local Library or Leisure Centre and they will send it to Fabian.