

## SUMMARY SHEET SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IA)

Policy Option - Phased closure of unsafe and unsuitable individual pitches

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Lead service Communities

Contact person for process

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### Names of those involved in process

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### Summary of IA

The Council is required to publish the findings and results of all IAs conducted. The publication should include a summary of the following:

#### Research and data (section 3)

What was used to assess the impact of the policy and a summary of the findings? Who was involved and consulted during the assessment stage? What were the findings from the consultation and how was this information used to develop the policy?

#### What evidence has or will be used to identify any potential positive or negative impacts?

##### a. Who has been involved in the policy development so far?

Property, Estates and Programmes, Legal Services, Planning, Equalities, Education, Strategic Housing and Housing and Licensing Standards, Gypsy Traveller Site Residents, Community Council

##### b. What research are you using?

- <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-equality-evidence-finder/>
- Improving the lives of Gypsy/Travellers: 2019-2021
- Coronavirus (COVID-19): framework to support Gypsy/Traveller communities
- Improving Gypsy/Traveller sites: guidance on minimum sites standards and site tenants' core rights and responsibilities

- Dumfries & Galloway Local Housing Strategy 2018-2023

- Dumfries & Galloway Housing Needs & Demand Assessment 2016

- Scottish Housing Regulator paper Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland, a thematic inquiry

##### c. What data is available locally or nationally to inform the group?

- Gypsy/Traveller Service Occupancy Levels
- Gypsy/Traveller census analysis - Gypsy/Travellers - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))
- Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland - A Comprehensive Analysis of the 2011 Census

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHR Annual satisfaction survey</li> </ul> <p>d. <b>What feedback is available to inform the IA?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey of Gypsy/Traveller site Occupants</li> <li>Members Seminar on options appraisal 24 August 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impact Assessment (section 4)</b> From the summary table at number 25 list the impacts.</p>	<p>Positive Impact(s) – 0 No Impact(s) – 11 (Age, Sex, Gender reassignment and Transgender, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or belief, Sexual orientation, Health &amp; Wellbeing &amp; Health Inequalities, Economic &amp; Social Sustainability and Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Energy Management) Negative Impact(s) – 2 (Disability, Human Rights)</p>
<p><b>Monitoring and review (section 5)</b> How is the policy to be monitored - how often and by whom?</p>	<p>The policy will be reviewed depending on what option is taken forward.</p>

### Summary of actions arising from the Impact Assessment

Transfer details from table at number 26

Actions	Responsibility	Timescale
Disability, Human Rights.		<p>There are risks to option 4 for Thistle Grove both on disability and human rights. However, if this option was chosen there would be a phased approach to the closure of the pitches and maximisation of best pitches as and when residents left. No eviction would be pursued and continued safe occupation would be maintained through ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>A flexible unauthorised encampment policy would be developed with suitable funding as no new residents would be admitted to the site.</p>

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