



Illegal encampment on land managed by Stoke Gifford Parish Council

Mike Gallivan Fields

Hazard Identification & Evaluation

- **Public Health & Sanitation**
 - *Hazard:* Accumulation of domestic waste or lack of toilets leading to human waste disposal in public areas.
 - *Control:* Provide refuse sacks, scheduled clean-up operations agreed between ground staff and head of traveller group.
- **Site Safety & Environmental Risks**
 - *Hazard:* Unsafe vehicle movement, blocked access roads, or camping near dangerous infrastructure (community building, sporting pitches, active roadways).
 - *Control:* keep barriers unlocked whilst on site, restrict parking near critical pathways, Road traffic cones blocking parking bays near field entrance gate and notify highways or environmental health teams.
- **Community & Public Friction**
 - *Hazard:* Reports of anti-social behaviour, noise complaints, or intimidation of local residents/ businesses.
 - *Control:* Increase local police or community warden patrols; Clerk received daily updates from SGC and updated Cllrs and residents via the SGPC website.
- **Welfare & Safeguarding Needs**
 - *Hazard:* Vulnerable occupants present (children not in school, pregnant individuals, medical or elderly care needs).
 - *Control:* SGC and Police to conduct a multi-agency welfare assessment via local council services or health visitors within 48 hours.
- **Enforcement & Eviction Safety**
 - *Hazard:* Confrontation or potential violence during site visits, serving notices, or clearance operations.
 - *Control:* SGC and Police to coordinate site visits with local police (PCSO's) support; ensure staff do not engage alone if hostility is present; follow formal legal protocols (such as Human Rights Act considerations and formal notices).

Action Plan & Review

- **Record details:** Date, exact location, estimated number of vehicles/people, and land ownership status.
 - Up to 28 vehicles on site many vacating to and from site each day
 - Travellers entered through the top corner of the site, mounting the curb on highway, removing two bags of 1tonne of sand and a small boulder before entering onto the field. Head Groundsman and Clerk arrived on site and ordered by the Police to open the field gate to allow all



travellers into the field. 12-15 vehicles were parked up and awaiting entry.

- Parish Clerk spoke to Head of group (John or Shaun) on first day on site
- Groundsmen and Caretaker spoke to Head of group to arrange litter picking and dumping of all general waste whilst on site
- Groundsmen and Cllr Penny Richardson each give the Travellers a box of litter bags each
- SGC and Police were first-class in linking with Parish Council keeping the Clerk up to speed with the steps taken
- Travellers left site after four days
- Review undertaken by staff following the departure and additional steel plates being designed to further protect the site padlocks from being vandalised. Two bollards installed on entrance by Grounds staff the day after leaving. One concrete bollard also installed to back field where Travellers removed a wooden stake.
- **Damages and costs to SGPC:**
- Staff man hours
- 1 x additional Sort-It tip run (Yate)
- Two steel bollards supply only (installed in-house)
- Legal costs to include Courts and formal eviction approx.£6k

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