

Our vision for including Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in London

Community voices are listened to and translated into policy

Clear, coherent and complete information is provided to tenants

All families have kitchens

The human rights to adequate housing and to protection from discrimination are the basis for policy



2000 new pitches on communal sites are built

Overcrowding is eased

Homelessness is reduced

Race, ethnic and disabled access needs, provision and discrimination in housing is consistently counted

House and caravan within urban context. Image courtesy of Darren Ward, Modern Nomad

The 2025 London-wide Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (draft) is not inclusive. It is factually wrong and it is unfair to Gypsies, Roma and Travellers.

The draft 2025 London GTANA:

- Uses Census numbers for minority populations even though they are known undercounts.
- Does not add population growth between 2011 and 2022.
- Does not count most Gypsies and Travellers who need to move from unsuitable bricks-and-mortar housing onto pitches.
- Does not properly count Roma who are in overcrowded housing.

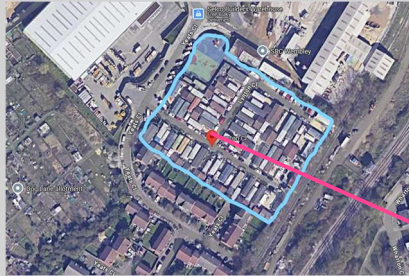
While the 2008 London GTANA proposed a need for **1626** pitches by 2017, the 2025 GTANA proposes **851** pitches by 2032. Approximately 12 pitches were built in the interim.



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GYPSIES &
TRAVELLERS**

To find out more, go to
<https://www.londongypsiesandtravellers.org.uk/>

Example: Brent



Local GTANA 2018: need is **90** pitches

Brent Local Plan 2022: **no** additional pitches

London GTANA 2025: need is **52** pitches

In Brent, 52 pitches would barely accommodate Travellers currently overcrowded on Lynton Close Site.

- The undercount undermines our campaign for pitches.
- The flawed method will be copied by other planners.
- More Gypsies and Travellers will be pushed into homelessness.

Communities ignored

London's communities need the GTANA to be done correctly **now** because once it's published it will set the policy for **ten years to come**.



Together with other community organizations, London Gypsies and Travellers:

- met **seven times** with Greater London Authority planners and the GTANA researchers "RRR" between May 2022 and October 2024.
- wrote **six times** with detailed comments and corrections.
- met **twice** with Deputy Mayor Tom Copley to explain our concerns.

We achieved **two** improvements:

- The 2025 London GTANA uses the term *cultural preference* rather than *psychological aversion*.
- It proposes a method for calculating local need for transit pitches.

Can the government to listen to marginalized voices?

- **Correct the GTANA numbers.**
- **Make the research methods fair.**
- **Plan and provide adequate housing where it is needed to the people who need it.**