



Fordham Research: Gypsy and Traveller
Accommodation Needs Assessment

BLACK COUNTRY

GYPSIES / TRAVELLERS IN BRICKS AND MORTAR ACCOMMODATION

NAME OF INTERVIEWER:

I DECLARE THAT I HAVE CARRIED OUT THIS INTERVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNATURE:..... DATE:

[UPPER CASE TEXT GIVES DIRECTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS, AND IS NOT TO BE READ OUT]

READ OUT:

My name is <NAME> and I am carrying out interviews with Gypsies and Travellers to find out their needs. This information will help service providers in the Black Country plan better services and accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers in the future. I will not be asking for your name or anything else that could identify you and all information you give is confidential. I must stress that the questions are to help planning accommodation over the long-term and it can take several years for changes to come through. We are working for an independent research company and the Council will not see any of your replies. Would you be willing to talk to me? The interview will probably take about 40 minutes.

SCREENING QUESTIONS:

Have you already been interviewed for this survey?

- Yes END INTERVIEW
- No..... Continue

Do you regard yourself as a Gypsy or Traveller?

- Yes continue
- No..... END INTERVIEW

A ACCOMMODATION – FOR RESPONDENTS IN HOUSING

A1. How long have you lived here?

- Up to 6 months 1
- 6 to 12 months 2
- 1 to 2 years 3
- 2 to 5 years 4
- 5 to 10 years 5
- Over 10 years 6
- Always lived here 7

A2. How easy or difficult was it to find this place to live?

- Very easy 1
- Easy 2
- Neither easy nor difficult 3
- Difficult 4
- Very difficult 5

**A3. Why do you say that?
WRITE IN ANSWER**

A4. Do you own or rent your home?

- Owns outright 01
- Owns with a mortgage or loan 02
- Rents from the Council 03
- Rents from a Housing Association 04
- Rents from a private landlord 05
- <Other> 06
- <Please state>: _____

A5. Is your home permanent or temporary?

- Permanent 01
- Temporary 02
- Don't know 03

A6. Where did you live before you moved here?

Sites

- Council / social rented site 01
- Private site 02
- Unauthorised site on own land 03
- Unauthorised site on someone else's land .. 04

Housing

- Owner-occupied 05
- Rent from Council / Housing Association 06
- Rent from private landlord 07
- Other WRITE IN 08

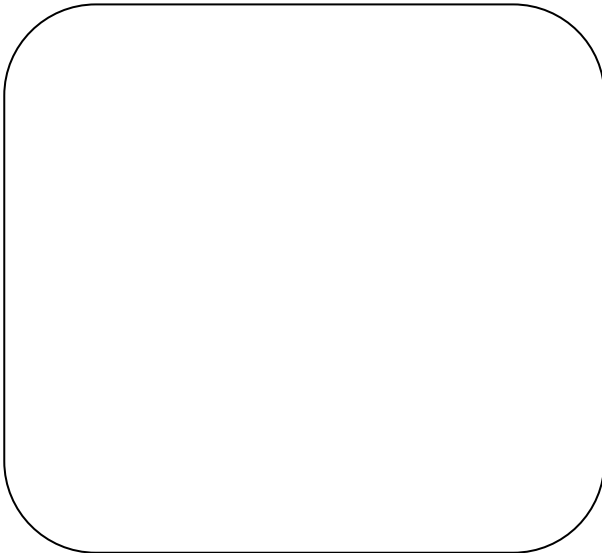
**A7. Why did you move to a house / flat?
WRITE IN**

A8. How satisfied are you with your current home?

- Very satisfied 1
- Satisfied 2
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 3
- Dissatisfied 4
- Very dissatisfied 5

A9. What's good about living in a house / flat? WRITE ANSWER

A10. What don't you like about living in a house / flat? WRITE ANSWER



A11. Are you looking for somewhere else to live in this area?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

A12. Do you feel safe living here?

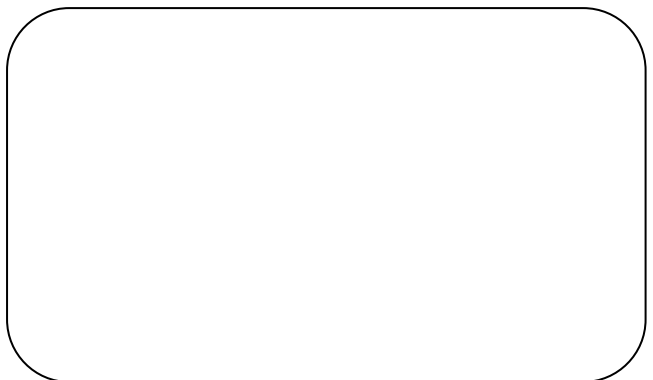
- Yes 1
- No 2

A13. Are there any problems with your home which mean you want to move?

READ OUT

- Dampness..... 01
- Excess cold..... 02
- Excess heat 03
- Entry by intruders..... 04
- Space to prepare food safely 05
- Water supply..... 06
- Separate toilet..... 07
- Bath / shower 08
- Falls / accidents / collisions 09
- Electrical hazards..... 10
- Fire hazards 11
- Hot surfaces / materials 12
- Structural collapse / failing elements..... 13
- <Other>..... 14

WRITE IN ANSWER



A14. If you could find a site when you felt safe and secure, would you like to live on one?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

A15. The councils in the Black Country are looking into the need for more places for Gypsies and Travellers to live. What do you think is needed?



B YOUR FAMILY – FOR RESPONDENTS ON HOUSING

B1. Please give the age, sex and relationship to you of all people in your family currently living with you (NAMES ARE NOT REQUIRED).

Relationship to respondent	Age	Sex Male/female
person 1 (respondent)	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 2 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 3 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 4 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 5 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 6 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 7 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 8 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 9 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 10 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 11 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2
person 12 _____	<input type="text"/> 1 2

B2. How many couples are there?

couple(s)

B3. How many bedrooms does your home have?

B4. Is this enough space for your family's needs?

GO TO:

Yes 1 B5
 No 2 C1

B5. How much more space do you need?

C LOCAL SERVICES AND ADVICE

C1. What's the best way to keep you informed about services for Gypsies / Travellers?

- Visit by liaison officer / support worker 1
- Visit by health / education worker 2
- Council housing department 3
- Voluntary group 4
- Newsletter 5
- Site notice board 6
- Don't know 7
- <Other> 8

WRITE IN ANSWER

C2. Have you ever been discriminated against when trying to access services?

- GO TO:
- Yes 1 C3
 - No 2 C4

C3. IF YES: What service was this? How did it happen? WRITE ANSWER

C4. Have you ever been a victim of racism, crime or bullying because of who you are?

- GO TO:
- Yes 1 C5
 - No 2 D1

IF YES:

C5. Did you try and report the crime to the police?

- GO TO:
- Yes 1 C6
 - No 2 C7

IF YES:

C6. What was the outcome? WRITE IN

IF NO:

C7. Why not? WRITE IN

C8. How do you think the media portray Gypsies and Travellers? [PROMPTS: radio, tv, local & national newspapers] WRITE IN

D HEALTH, EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT – ALL RESPONDENTS

D1. Are you registered with a GP surgery?

GO TO:

- Yes, permanent registration 1 D3
- Yes, temporary registration. 2 D3
- No 3 D2
- <Don't know> 4 D2

D2. IF NO:

Have you ever been refused to be taken on at a GP surgery?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

D3. Do you or anyone else in your family have any health issues? (CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY)

- Health or mobility problems due to old age . 01
- Physical disability (adult, not old age) 02
- Physical disability (child) 03
- A learning disability 04
- Long-term illness 05
- Severe sensory impairment 06
- Asthma 07
- Mental illness 08
- <Other> 09
- No health problems 10

D4. Do you / they receive help for this issue through the council or health service?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3
- <Not applicable> 4

D5. Have you ever used a hospital's Accident & Emergency department because you couldn't see a GP?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

D6. When you use health services in the area do you have problems?

[PROMPTS: Hard to get an appointment, refused registration, treated with dignity and respect?]

- Yes 1
- No 2

D7. How could health services be improved?

WRITE IN ANSWER

D8. Has any treatment been disrupted through being moved on/evicted?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

D9. Can I just check, are there any children of school age in your family?

GO TO:

- Yes 1 D10
- No 2 D12

D10. Do your children attend school regularly?

- Yes, all 1
- Yes, some 2
- No 3

D11. Has anything stopped your children going to school? (CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY).

- Lack of permanent address 01
- Evictions / being moved on 02
- Seasonal movement due to work 03
- Not having the right school uniforms 04
- Bullying 05
- Waiting lists for classes 06
- Inappropriate school curriculum 07
- Prefer to be taught at home 08
- Lack of transport 09
- <Don't know> 10
- Other 11

WRITE IN

D12. Do you think you've ever been denied work because you're a Gypsy/Traveller?

GO TO:

- Yes 1 D16
- No 2 D17
- Don't know 3 D17

**D13 if yes,
WRITE IN WHAT HAPPENED
[Prompts: where/when did this happen?
What type of work?]**

D14. Are there restrictions on this site that prevent the type of work you can do?
[PROMPTS: Can you keep all your equipment/vehicles here?]

GO TO:

- Yes 1 D15
- No 2 D16
- <Don't know> 3 D16

D15. IF YES, What are these restrictions?

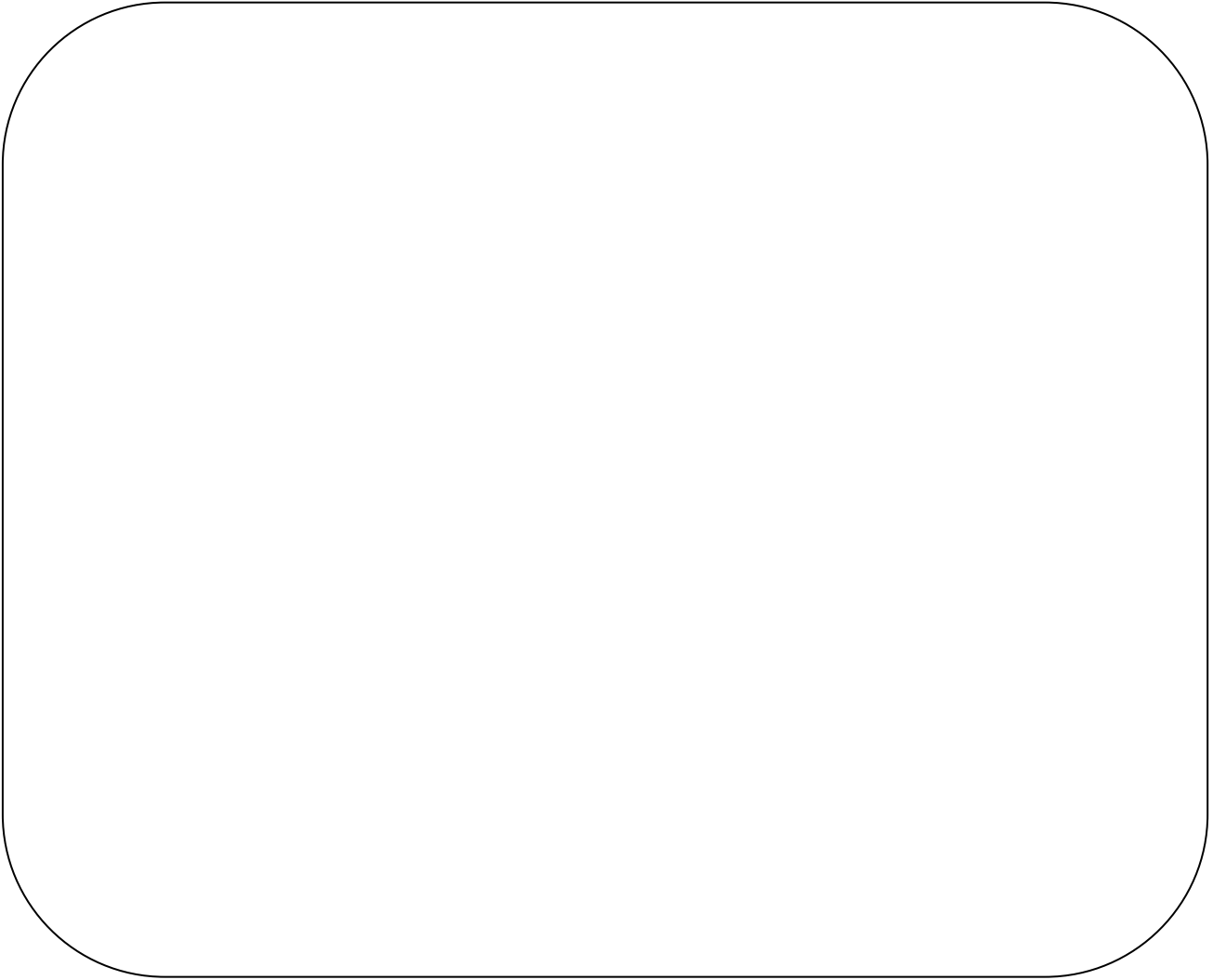
D16. Would training or education help your family in finding work?

GO TO:

- Yes 1 D17
- No 2 E1
- <Don't know> 3 E1

**D17. IF YES:
What type of training would you or your children like?**

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E TRAVELLING – RESPONDENTS IN HOUSING

E1. How many times have you travelled in the past 12 months? (IF NONE, ENTER '0' AND PROCEED TO F1)

number of times travelled

E2. What types of site did you stay on in the last year? (CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY)

- Council / social rented site 1
- Private site 2
- Unauthorised site on own land..... 3
- Unauthorised site on someone else's land.... 4
- <Other> 5

WRITE IN

E3. How long were you at the last site?

- Less than 1 month 1
- 1 – 3 months 2
- 4 – 6 months 3
- 7 – 12 months 4
- 1 – 2 years 5
- 3 – 5 years 6
- More than 5 years 7

E4. Have you been evicted or moved or from a site in the past year?

GO TO:

- Yes 1 E5
- No 2 E6

IF YES:

E5. What were the circumstances? How did this make you feel? WRITE ANSWER

E6. Can you see a time when you will stop travelling?

GO TO:

- Yes 1 E7
- No 2 F1
- Have stopped travelling 3 E7
- <Don't know> 4 F1

E7. If yes, when?

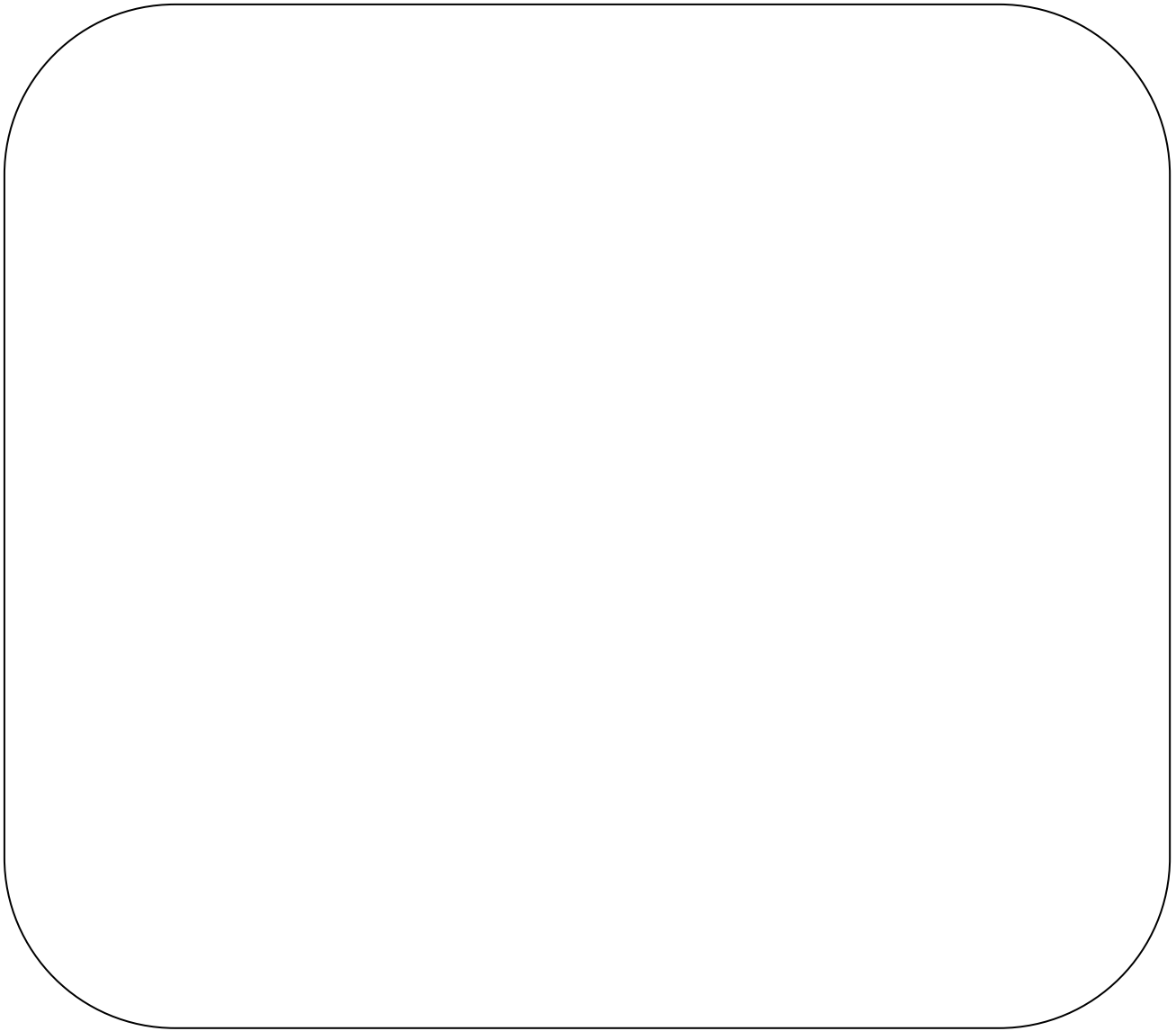
- Within the next 12 months 1
- In 1 – 2 years 2
- In 2 – 5 years 3
- In 5 – 10 years 4
- Over 10 years 5

E8. What are the main reasons for stopping travelling?

- Age / too old 01
- Health and/or support needs 02
- Employment 03
- Education / access to schools 04
- Safety / harassment 05
- Threat of evictions 06
- Lack of transit sites / places to stay 07
- Restrictions on spending time away from preferred site 08
- <Other> 09

WRITE IN

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F ACCOMMODATION PROVISION – ALL RESPONDENTS

F1. Do you think there are enough places for Gypsies / Travellers in <COUNCIL>?

- Yes 1 F3
- No 2 F2
- <Don't know> 3 F3

F2. Would you like to buy land to live on if you could afford it?

- Yes 1 F3
- No 2 F5
- <Don't know> 3 F5

F3. Where would this be?

- In <COUNCIL NAME> 1
- Elsewhere in the Black Country 2

WRITE IN COUNCIL NAME

- Elsewhere in the UK 3

WRITE IN AREA NAME

F4. Would you like advice with the process?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

F5. Do you think you'd be able to afford to buy your own land in the Black Country?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- <Don't know> 3

F6. Do you need and/or are you likely to move to a different home?

GO TO:

- Now 1 F7
- Within a year 2 F7
- In 1 to 2 years 3 F7
- In 2 to 5 years 4 F7
- No need/not likely to move 5 G1
- <Don't know> 6 G1

F7. What type of accommodation would you like to move to?

Sites

- Council / social rented site 01
- Private site owned by self 02
- Private site owned by a Gypsy / Traveller ... 03

Housing

- Owner-occupied 04
- Rent from Council / Housing Association 05
- Rent from private landlord 06

Other WRITE IN 07

IF MOVE TO A SITE

F8. Would this be a permanent or transit site?

- Permanent / residential 01
- Transit 02
- Don't know 03

IF MOVING TO HOUSING

F9. How many bedrooms would you need? WRITE IN NUMBER

bedroom(s)

F10. Where would you move to?

- In <COUNCIL NAME> 1
- Elsewhere in The Black Country 2

WRITE IN COUNCIL NAME

- Elsewhere in the UK 3

WRITE IN AREA NAME

F13. What are the main reasons for moving to a different home?

- Not enough space here..... 01
- Need somewhere cheaper 02
- Too far from school / other services..... 03
- Suffering harassment..... 04
- Want somewhere smaller 05
- Want somewhere easier to manage 06
- To receive support / other care 07
- Employment reasons 08
- Environment / pollution 09
- Other WRITE IN 10

SPACE FOR ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

G YOUR FAMILY’S FUTURE NEEDS – ALL RESPONDENTS

NB: If children are present – and if the parent consents – these questions should be asked directly to them.

G1. Will any of the other people in your family need and/or are they likely to move to their own separate home within the next five years? (Eg, son or daughter, a parent, etc)

GO TO:

Yes 1 G2
 No 2 H1
 <Don't know> 3 H1

G2. How many separate homes will be needed?

homes

FOR G3 FILL OUT A SEPARATE COLUMN FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER ('FM') WHO WILL NEED A NEW HOME

G3. When will they need separate accommodation?

	FM1	FM2	FM3
Now	1	1	1
Within a year.....	2	2	2
In 1 to 2 years.....	3	3	3
In 2 to 5 years.....	4	4	4

IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN THE FAMILY NEEDS AND/OR ARE LIKELY TO MOVE TO THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, PLEASE NOW ASK ABOUT THE PERSON WHO WILL NEED THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION/ARE LIKELY TO MOVE FIRST.

G4. What type of home do you think they would like?

- Sites**
- Council / social rented site 01
 - Private site owned by self 02
 - Private site owned by a Gypsy / Traveller ... 03
- Housing**
- Owner-occupied..... 04
 - Rent from Council / Housing Association 05
 - Rent from private landlord..... 06
 - Other WRITE IN 07

IF MOVE TO A SITE

- G5. Would this a permanent or transit site?**
- Permanent / residential 01
 - Transit 02
 - Don't know 03

IF MOVE TO A SITE

- G6. Would they like to live on this site?**
- Yes 01
 - No 02
 - Don't know 03

G7. Where would they move to?

- In <COUNCIL NAME> 1
 - Elsewhere in the Black Country 2
- WRITE IN COUNCIL NAME**

- Elsewhere in the UK 3
- WRITE IN AREA NAME**

SPACE FOR ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

H FURTHER INFORMATION – ALL RESPONDENTS

H1. Have you experienced any harassment in the last year?

- Yes – from local people 1
- Yes – from other Gypsies or Travellers..... 2
- Yes – from local authority service providers.. 3
- Yes – from other authorities incl. police 4
- Yes – from any other source..... 5

WRITE IN

No..... 6

H2. How would you describe you and your partner's ethnic origin?

a) Self b) Partner

- Romany / Gypsy01 01
- Irish Traveller.....02 02
- Scottish Traveller.....03 03
- Welsh Traveller.....04 04
- New Traveller.....05 05
- Roma.....06 06
- Travelling Showperson07 07
- Any other background.....08 08

WRITE IN

<No partner> 09
<Refused>..... 10 10

H3. Would you feel comfortable living close to other Gypsies and Travellers who might be different to your own?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- <Don't know>..... 3

H4. Have you ever hidden your identity to get housing, work or access to services?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- <Don't know>..... 3

H5. Finally, how many Gypsy and Traveller families do you know who live in housing in this area, <COUNCIL NAME>?

WRITE IN NUMBER AND, IF POSSIBLE, SPECIFY WHICH GROUPS

Thank you very much for your time