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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-1621 - Unauthorised Gipsy Traveller Camps  
**Date:** 27 November 2017 15:45:16  
**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 01 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Can you please tell me how many unauthorised gipsy traveller camps there have been in your area in each of the last 3 financial years?**

Jan – Dec 2015: 28 Unauthorised Encampments  
Jan – Dec 2016: 41 Unauthorised Encampments  
Jan – Dec 2017: 26 Unauthorised Encampments

**Has the council taken legal action to remove any of the settlements and if so what was the outcome in each case?**

2015 – 11 court actions – Proceeded to eviction  
2016 – 5 court actions – Proceeded to eviction  
2017 – 0 court actions

**For each legal action what were the costs to the taxpayer?**

2015: Court Costs - £651.62, Sheriff Officer costs - £1662.04  
2016: Court Costs – 456.92, Sheriff Officer costs - £602.64  
2017: Court Costs – 0, Sheriff Officer Costs - £547.98

**How many complaints has the council received about unauthorised gipsy traveller camps in each of the last 3 financial years?**

2017/18 – no complaints received  
2016/17 – no complaints received  
2015/16 – no complaints received

We follow the Scottish Local Authority Complaints Handling Procedure. Under this procedure, a 'complaint' is defined as "an expression of dissatisfaction regarding our actions, or lack of action, or the standard of service provided by us or on our behalf". There are some topics that cannot be considered as a 'complaint', such as first time requests for a service including the reporting of unauthorised campsites.

For more information please visit [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/complaints](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/complaints) and refer to the 'What is a complaint?' section.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Officer

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST**

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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