

23rd September 2020

Dear Consultee,

Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-25

The Housing Executive is pleased to present the **Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-2025** (the Strategy) which sets out how we plan to provide Irish Travellers with access to good quality, culturally appropriate housing accommodation which fosters a sustainable, vibrant Traveller community and promotes inclusion, a sense of belonging and security.

In 2003, the strategic role and responsibility for the provision of accommodation for Irish Travellers was transferred from local District Councils to the Housing Executive under the Housing (NI) Order 2003.

The aims of the Strategy are to:

- Address the range of accommodation needs of Irish Travellers;
- Ensure the provision of adequate and suitable accommodation for Irish Travellers that meets their needs, promotes their equality of opportunity and promotes good relations among Traveller households and between Travellers and other members of the community.

The Housing Executive undertook a 12 week public consultation exercise on the Strategy and, as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic we have taken the decision to extend the public consultation period for a further 8 weeks. We hope that this gives consultees sufficient opportunity to take part in the consultation.

Parties wishing to participate in the consultation process can do so by completing the consultation form at <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations> . We will also accept responses which do not use the form as your official response. The consultation form can also be made available in alternative formats on request.

A summary of responses will be published on completion of the consultation process, in line with the [Freedom of Information Act 2000, Confidentiality of Consultations](#) .

Completed consultation responses should be returned by 5pm on 18th November 2020 by email to david.glasgow@nihe.gov.uk or in writing to:

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If you have any queries on any aspect of the consultation please contact

david.glasgow@nihe.gov.uk who will be glad to offer assistance.

Thank you.

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