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Information Officer

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Dear Sir/Madam

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please could you provide me with information pertaining to the District Councils proposed draft allocations to accommodate Gypsy and Travellers within the Staffordshire Moorlands region.

Please send me:

- Details of the funding that has been allocated, or is available for the proposed sites within the region, specifically what is the budget for the potential land acquisition and site construction costs.
- In particular, is this being funded by central government, for example the 2014 “Affordable Homes Programme”?
- What is the overall budget for the allocated sites, and budget per site (either permanent or transient?)
- Under what circumstances would the SMDC undertake compulsory purchase of land for a traveller site? Is there an SMDC policy on such matters, and if so can you supply me with a copy.

I would like the above information to be provided to me in either paper or electronic format.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me within 7 working days as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidentiality, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed prior to the date of this request.

I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that you are required to respond to my request for this information within 20 working days of receipt of this request. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Stevenson