

Subject: Gypsy/Traveller Unauthorised Encampment Force Procedure - Formartine
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Grampian Police is currently carrying out a review of its Force Procedure in respect of Gypsy/Traveller unauthorised encampments. As part of this process, we have conducted an Equality Impact Assessment and wish to use the opportunity this presents to consult with our communities on this issue.

Attached below is a draft copy of our proposed new Force Procedure, along with a number of questions that we would invite you to respond to. This will allow us to consider the views of our communities to assist in shaping our future policy in respect of this issue.

You may respond by replying to the email address communitysupportconsultations@grampian.pnn.police.uk, or in writing to

Inspector Jim Hume
Community Engagement Inspector
Grampian Police
Community Support Department
Woodhill House
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Please note that there are aspects of this document that are enshrined in legislation and which must be present in it. These include the references to the definition of Gypsy/Travellers, the applicable legislation and the presumption against prosecution for unauthorised encampment offences in accordance with guidance issued by the Lord Advocate for Scotland. These aspects will not be considered for amendment at this time.

The questions we would ask you to consider are as follows.

- 1) Is the procedure easily understood?
- 2) Does the procedure make the clear the role of the Police in respect of unauthorised encampment by Gypsy/Travellers?
- 3) Does the procedure assist you in understanding what the Police can and cannot do in respect of unauthorised encampments and why this may be the case?
- 4) Is there anything else that you believe should be added to the procedure?
- 5) Is there anything that you believe should be deleted from the procedure?
- 6) Do you wish to make any further observations on the content of the procedure?

Please note that the consultation period for this document is limited to two weeks and will close on **Friday 11 March 2011**. This will allow us to consider any amendments which may be necessary and have a new procedure completed by the end of March 2011.

Many thanks for your consideration of this matter and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Jim Hume
Community Engagement Inspector