

Chronology of contact with Hayes Road Occupiers – as of 21/06/2018

2012/13	The 2012 GTAA indicates that Council officers had visited the site and established that there were between 13 and 17 households. It has not yet been established which officers visited the site, what else was established and what advice the occupiers were given at the time. (Visits referred to in 2013 GTAA)
Prior to Sept 2013	ORS made contact with the occupiers of the site for the purposes of preparing the 2013 GTAA. They were told that there were 20 households resident at that time with a further 10 households who lived on the site in winter. (2013 GTAA)
December 2015	Council Officers had made contact to complete a Welfare Report. (Referred to in the 2016 GTAA)
January 2016	ORS spoke to some residents on site but were unable to engage with them for the purposes of the GTAA.
Jan/Feb 2016	South Wales Police attended the site but were unable to make contact. (referred to in 2016 GTAA)
Late February 2016	Tai Pawb visited the site on behalf of ORS. Identified a mix of new travellers and travelling show people. It was confirmed that 25 adults and 5 children were on the site, but it was not possible to confirm the number of households.
21 st June 2016	Letter sent from VR advising of the LDP hearing sessions and the 5 years free of enforcement action. The letter asked that the occupiers contact the Council to for the purposes of finding another site.
19 th July 2016	PT sent-mail to resident (BWJ) outlining the Council's wish to meet with the residents at the Hayes Road, Sully site to discuss how they would like to engage with us in order to find them a suitable permanent site.
20 th July 2016	PT email was shared with all of the occupants by BWJ and she responded positively on 20 th July 2016 suggesting Sully School for a meeting but that there were some seasonal workers away from the site until October 2016 and so she would email them too for their input and would come back to me.
18 th Aug 2016	Emma Reed letter sent to occupiers re H&S and a request for a site inspection.
23 rd Aug 2016	PT email sent to resident (BWJ) chasing an update. BWJ responded highlighting that the residents were upset with the notification from the Council about a planned health & safety visit to the site and that she would try to placate them and come back about a meeting
24 th Aug 2016	H&S site inspection
26 th Sept 2016	PT email to resident (BWJ) requesting an update in order to arrange a meeting
10 th Oct 2016	PT email to resident (BWJ) but has had no response to date.
3 rd Nov, 2016	H&S letter sent from ER

14 th Nov, 2016	Letter hand delivered to occupiers by JMM & AS. Both were able to talk to the occupiers (B&J) and arranged a meeting with them at the Council offices.
24 th Nov, 2016	JMM, VR & PT met with some of the occupiers at the Docks office. The list of questions was put to them and plans were made for the next meeting.
6 th Dec, 2016	Letter sent from JMM regarding the 24 th Nov meeting and to enclose the list of questions with some remarks about the discussion that took place, as promised. Further meeting provisionally booked and confirmed in the letter on 5 th January, 2017.
3 rd Jan, 2017	JMM called JD (occupier) to confirm if meeting 5th Jan was going ahead. She advised not suitable as many occupiers unavailable.
4 th Jan, 2017	PT emailed Bethan to advise the provisional meeting 5 th Jan was not convenient for some of the occupiers. Therefore seeking to rearrange a suitable date soon.
9 th Jan, 2017	JMM Called the contact numbers she has for residents (B, PS and JD). She spoke to PS who is away at present but will return to the site this weekend. He said that he would speak to the rest of the group on his return to advise them of our wish to meet and progress the site finding process. JMM would contact him again on Monday (or visit the site on Monday) to progress this. No answer from residents B or JD's mobiles.
13 th Feb, 2017	<p>JMM visited the site to hand deliver a letter asking for a response to the December letter. JMM spoke to resident B. She had expressed the concern of the residents on site with regard to the information the council were seeking to collect with the December letter. She also said that the members of the group who attended the November meeting should not have given the information that was given.</p> <p>JMM confirmed that the Council were asking the questions in the letter for the purpose of identifying a site for them to occupy that would meet their needs. There was no other agenda for the collection of that information and at this stage there was no intention of that information being used for any other purpose. JMM explained that it was essential for the Council to find a site as the process of site finding was currently on hold until a response had been received.</p>
May 2017	Resident B phoned and spoke to PT. It was indicated that there was disagreement amongst the group and she indicated that her and the group members with children now wanted a site that was not shared with certain other members of the group. She indicated a willingness to work with the Council to achieve this.
23 rd May, 2017	PT e-mailed resident B providing the list of questions provided with the Dec 2016 letter.
9 th June, 2017	<p>PT again e-mailed resident B following the telephone conversation and e-mail correspondence. She suggested a meeting in order to progress matters.</p> <p>Resident B responded the same day to agree to a meeting.</p>
12 th June, 2017	PT emailed resident B to arrange a meeting and gave some provisional dates. No response with regard to this particular request.

15 th Sept, 2017	JMM wrote to the occupiers again seeking their input into the process. No response to date.
9 th November 2017	Health & Safety and Welfare Assessment carried out on the site by the Council.
22 nd November 2017	PT contacted the Gypsy & Traveller Wales Project to request assistance in engaging with the travellers on the Sully site to try to arrange a meeting to discuss their site requirements.
25 th January 2018	Gypsy & Traveller Wales Project (GTW) commissioned by the Council to make contact with the travellers in Sully to discuss their site requirements and preferences and how they would like to engage with the Council, including a request for them to suggest a meeting date, time and venue.
21 st February 2018	Visit by a representative from GTW to Sully site – did not manage to speak to any residents.
6 th March 2018	Visit by a representative from GTW to Sully site. They spoke to several residents. They confirmed their previous interactions with the Council and confirmed that they would be more than happy to engage with the Council in the future. They were not comfortable to speak for the community until they had had an opportunity to meet separately to discuss. It was agreed that the representative from GTW would return a few days later to see if they had a date/time/location in mind.
8 th March 2018	Text message conversation between GTW and resident who explained that they had not yet managed to meet or discuss with others and that they would be in touch as soon as possible.
20 th March 2018	Text message sent from GTW to resident to check if they had managed to meet or reach a consensus on how and when they would like to meet with the Council.
26 th March 2018	<p>Telephone conversation, letters and emails sent by GTW. In the morning a resident confirmed the challenges that they were facing trying to communicate with all community members and to allow everyone a fair and equal opportunity to contribute. They discussed the possibility of the Council offering possible dates for the community to choose from and the resident said this could work but were non-committal.</p> <p>In the afternoon GTW sent an email to update the Council and a letter was sent to the residents outlining the Council's request to engage with them and the invitation to propose how, when and where they would like this to happen. GTW also offered to assist in gathering commitment from the community.</p>
19 th April 2018	Email from the Council to GTW proposing a choice of 4 meeting dates.
8 th May 2018	Email, telephone call and letter sent by GTW to residents. Response from residents received by GTW to the letter by email explaining their difficulties in meeting before September 2018. GTW shared this information with the Council by telephone and a letter was sent to the residents advising them to expect a response after 24 th May 2018 when the next Council meeting to discuss a G & T site was taking place.

29 th May 2018	Email from Council to GTW to advise that the Council is going to have to move forward in order to meet its statutory requirement to provide the number of permanent residential pitches identified in the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment May 2016. The Council also confirmed its commitment that it was happy to meet with the Sully site residents at any time in the future.
31 st May 2018	GTW unsuccessfully attempted contact with the residents by telephone and email. No answer received.
14 th June 2018	<p>GTW unsuccessfully attempted contact with the residents by telephone and email. No answer received.</p> <p>Letter sent by GTW to the residents on the Sully site to advise them of the Council's response and providing them with contact details for PT in Housing which they could use at any time.</p>