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Dear Julian,

Thank you for submission of your Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for consideration by the Welsh Ministers. I have considered the Assessment and approved its content, in accordance with section 102 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. The Council is required to publish its approved Assessment.

I note the Council has used an amended household formation rate. I feel that the new, lower new household formation rate is realistic.

I understand the project work for the 2018 GTAA was conducted during a short time period, which I feel may have led to a disappointingly low survey response rate, perhaps exacerbated by residents' survey fatigue as they had been surveyed only 2 years previously. In the case of this GTAA, I am prepared to overlook the low survey response, because other evidence suggests that it is likely that a fresh GTAA would turn out a similar end result: that no additional pitches are likely to be needed in the County Borough during the Local Development Plan period.

When you conduct your next GTAA in 2023 I strongly urge you consider using a longer survey period, to aim for a significantly higher response rate, and to use a steering group to help you find additional Gypsy and Traveller residents in your area.

The Council will be required to undertake and submit a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment to the Welsh Ministers by 12 October 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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