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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI580472124

Thank you for your request for information relating to Traveller sites.

You have requested the following information:

1. Since 2016, how many new traveller sites have been created within the council's area?

None.

2. How much money has been spent on delivering or attempting to deliver pitches since 2016?

The Council has spent £80,000 for designs and surveys supporting the securing of a planning consent in 2022 for the demolition of the previous facilities and erection of 12 new permanent pitches for Gypsies and Travellers on the Siskin Drive site Coventry.

The site is currently under construction and is being developed, run and managed by Rooftop Housing Association.

3. How many pitches has the council calculated it still needs?

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planning-policy/coventry-local-plan-2011-2031

Please note that the Local Plan is currently under review which may alter the number of pitches required going forward.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infoqov@coventry.gov.uk

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Yours faithfully

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