

Gypsy & Traveller Analysis 2017

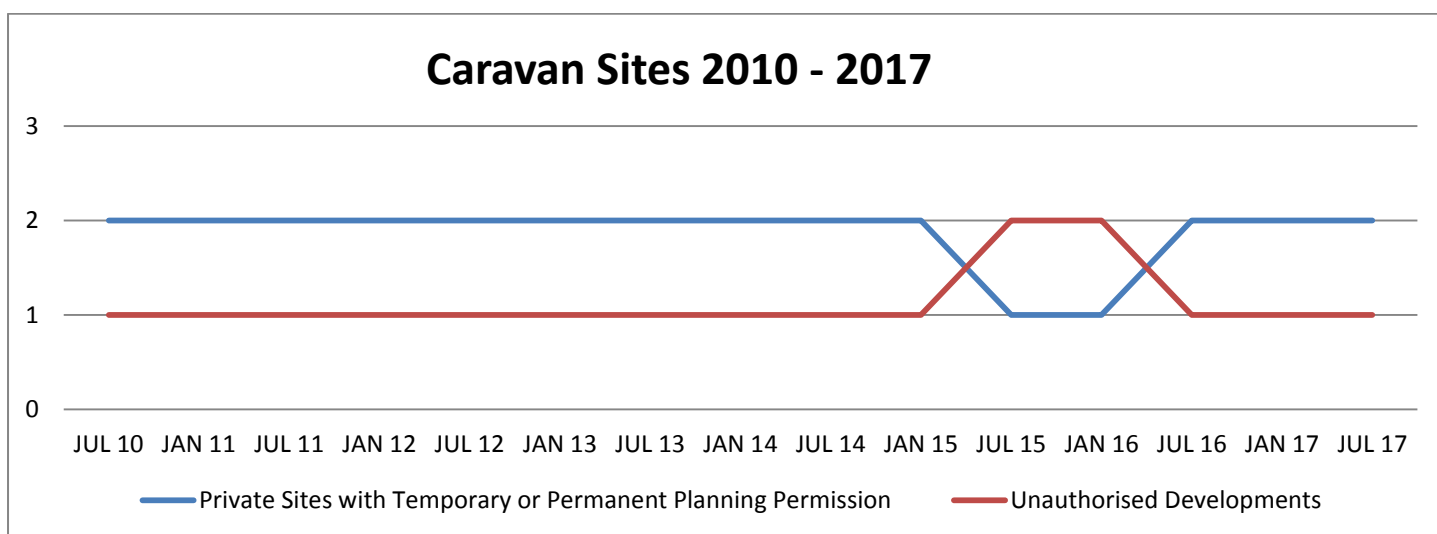


The following data has been collated from the following sources:

- a) Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Bi-annual Caravan Count returns
- b) Craven District Council Traveller Housing Needs Survey 2013
- c) Environmental Services & Housing Records of Unauthorised Encampments

Number of Caravan Sites in Craven 2011 – 2017

The number of Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites has remained static at 3 – although the status of one of these sites has changed over the 2010-2017 period during its transition through the planning process to obtain Permanent Planning Permission in 2016.



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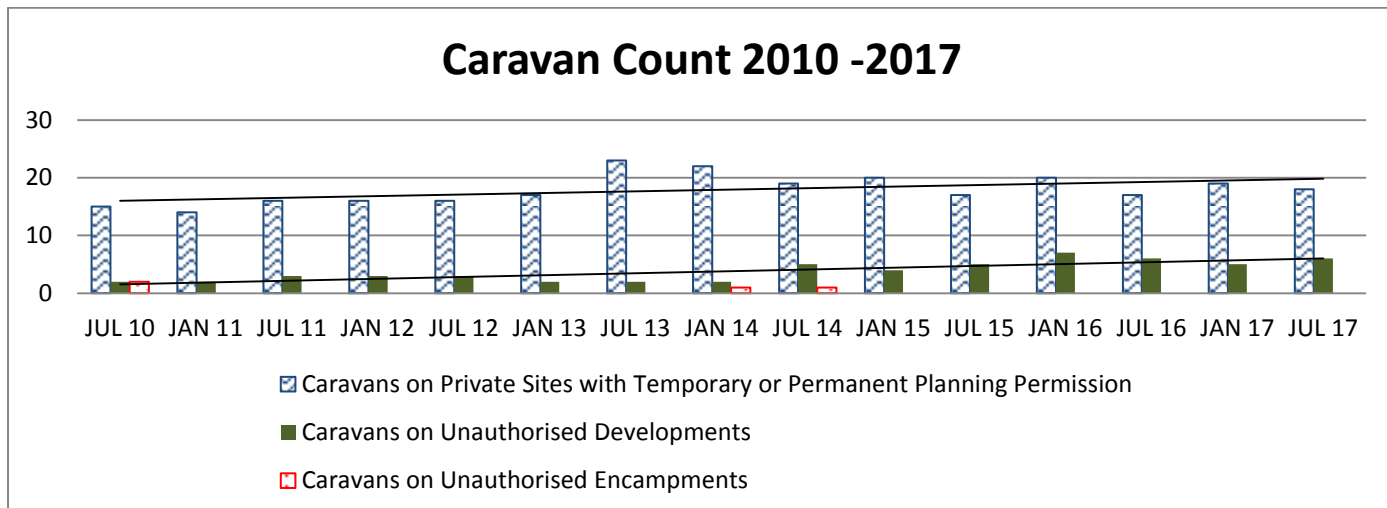
Name of Site	Location	Status (as at 08/2016)	Number of pitches	Comment
Bold Venture	SKIPTON	Private site with Temporary or Permanent Planning Permission	9	8 Caravans and 1 Mobile Home
Clay Barn	BURTON IN LONSDALE		1	Family site only for 1 Caravan and 1 Mobile Home
Snaygill	SKIPTON	Unauthorised Development	9 Pitches	No planning permission – but tolerated site
TOTAL			19 Pitches	

The Craven District Council Traveller Housing Needs Survey 2013 concluded that when the Clay Barn site was given Permanent Planning Permission – this would satisfied need within Craven.

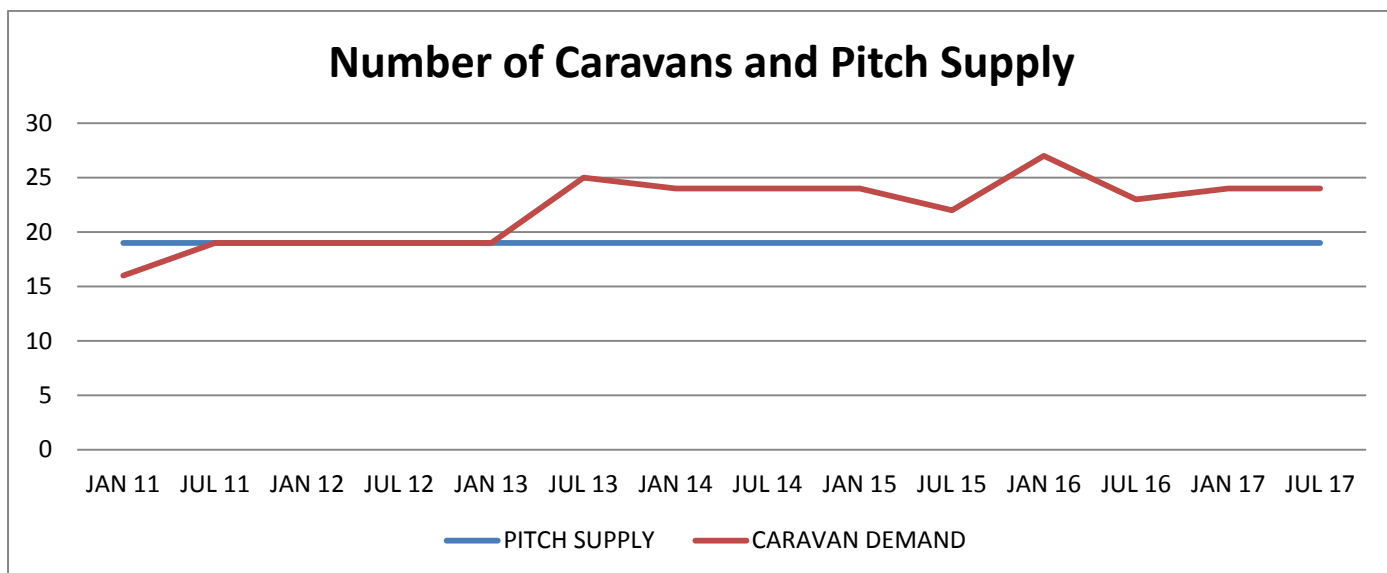
There is currently no identified need for additional Gypsy & Traveller site provision in Craven.

Number of Caravans on sites in Craven 2011 – 2017

The number of Gypsy and Traveller Caravans has been steadily rising over the period 2010 – 2016.



The number of caravans exceeds the supply of pitches:



This is primarily due to the fact that:

- a) The Clay Barn site is counted as one pitch but accommodates 1 Caravan and 1 Mobile Home
- b) The Bold Venture Site has single caravan pitches – but households may have more than one caravan per “pitch”

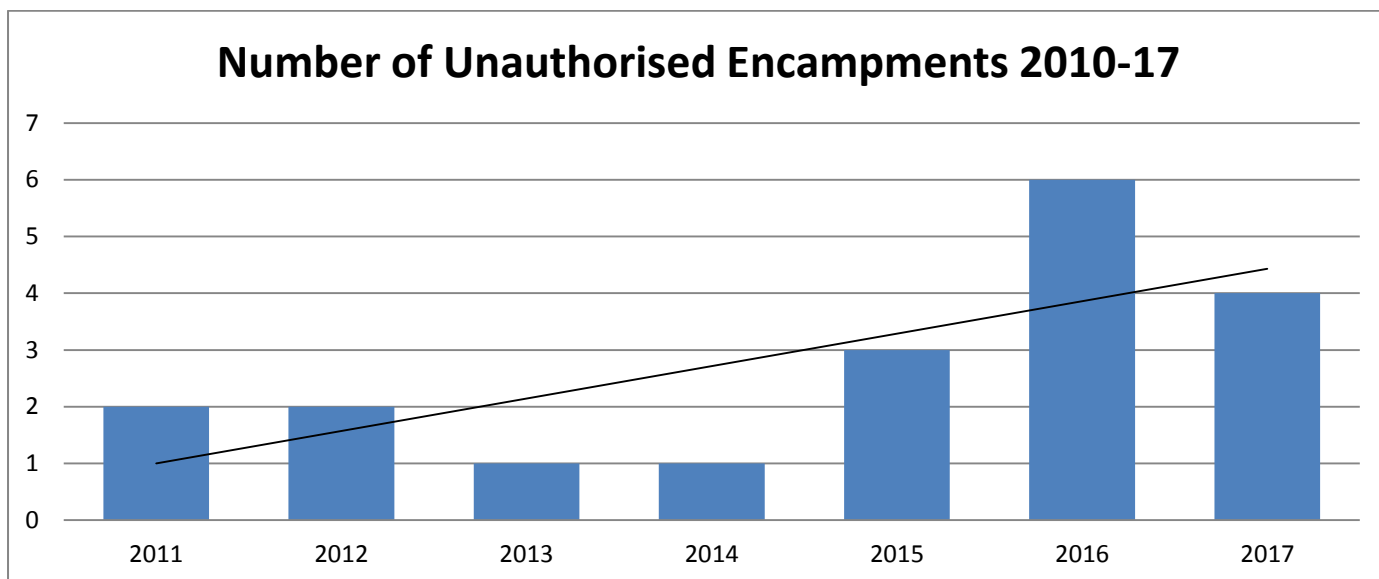
The number of caravans per household is dependent on its size. In common with some other ethnic minority communities, some Gypsies and Travellers often have larger than average families, for instance where members of an extended family live together.

On balance, whilst the number of Caravans counted on the Bold Venture Site regularly exceeds the pitch allowance the Craven District Council Traveller Housing Needs Survey 2013 concluded that

“this study does not anticipate household formation amongst the local population of Craven will generate a requirement for additional pitches.”

Number of Unauthorised Encampments

The number of unauthorised Encampments spiked in 2016 compared to previous years:



Not all of these Unauthorised Encampments required action by the landowner (Private, North Yorkshire County Council or Craven District Council) either because they were reported sightings only without complaint or they moved on within an acceptable timescale. Craven has regular visitors passing through the District on their way to and from Appleby Fair and not all Caravans that are passing through are reported to the Council as they do not present as a safety or nuisance issue. However, since 2015 we have seen each year **one** unauthorised encampment of multiple caravans on Craven District Council land (public car parks and Aireville Park, Skipton) requiring commencement of the legal process to enforce eviction.

During the 2011 – 2017 there has only been one Unauthorised Encampment requesting housing in bricks and mortar and this was facilitated in partnership with GaTEWAY NY – North Yorkshire housing related support service delivered by Horton Housing.

CONCLUSION

There is no demand at present for additional pitch provision but it is important that we retain existing supply to satisfy current and future demand.

The issues arising from unauthorised encampments should be monitored and appropriate interventions and support put in place in partnership with GaTEWAY NY.

Craven's Unauthorised Traveller Encampment policy has been drafted and is currently being consulted upon. It is anticipated that this policy and procedure will be considered by Members in February 2018.

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