

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Decision title:	Unauthorised Traveller Encampment at Romany Close, Hereford
Date of decision:	17 May 2019
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Authority for the specified officer to take this decision is contained within the Economy & Place Directorate's Scheme of Delegation for Environmental Health & Trading Standards.
Ward:	Redhill
Consultation:	Licensing & Traveller Service Manager consultation.
Decision made:	To apply for a Removal Order.
Reasons for decision:	In order to maintain management of the site and fulfil Herefordshire Council's duty of care towards the residents already residing at the Grafton Romany Close Traveller site.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	There will be further cost implications if the removal order is granted, as bailiffs will need to be employed to implement this. However, if no further action is taken then there will also be further cost implications as the site is likely to be vandalized and/or other families may move off site, reducing income. The council must be fair in allocating new plots on any traveller site in accordance with its policy and must not encourage a precedent where families can bully themselves onto sites without council consent.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Occupants of any unauthorised encampment in Herefordshire could approach the council's Homeless Team for assistance, although this route has been rejected by the travelers in the unauthorised encampment.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 17 May 2019