

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Direction To Leave Under S.77 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 Unauthorised Encampment on Land Adjacent to A44/A49 Roundabout on the South Side of Worcester Road, Leominster, Herefordshire and Subsequent Court Proceedings If Not Complied With
Date of decision:	16/04/2025
Decision maker:	Interim Director of Commercial Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated July 2023 updated August 2023 (line 33) gives the Interim Director of Commercial Services the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Leominster East
Consultation:	Legal Services Environmental Health Gypsy and Traveller Team
Decision made:	Direction To Leave Under S.77 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 Unauthorised Encampment on Land on the South Side of Worcester Road, Leominster, Herefordshire and Subsequent Court Proceedings If Not Complied With.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travelers have set up an unauthorized encampment and are currently inhabiting land owned by Herefordshire Council. - Section 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 grants local authorities the power to direct individuals residing in vehicles on certain types of land to remove their vehicles and belongings and leave the land. - Multiple complaints have been received from residents regarding the burning of materials at the site and the general condition of the area. - Herefordshire Council's Gypsy and Traveller Team and Environmental Health Officers have undertaken welfare checks regarding the suitability of the site for long-term inhabitation.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land will need to be cleared at HC's expense.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allowing the individual to remain on the site was considered, however, this was rejected for multiple reasons, including the disruptive activities being undertaken on the site and concerns regarding the suitability of the site for long term use.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 16/04/2025

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Job Title: Interim Director of Commercial Services