

London Borough of Tower Hamlets Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Scheme

The aims of the allocation scheme:

To comply with the requirement to meet the housing needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (See appendix A for definition of Gypsy and Traveller).

To establish a fair, transparent and equitable system for the allocation of pitches on the Council's managed site that is clearly defined and followed.

To ensure that pitches are allocated to both Gypsies and Travellers so as to maintain the presence of both groups on this site.

The establishment of two bands namely: the Gypsy and Traveller Housing Needs Band and the Gypsy and Traveller Housing Option Band; for those who meet the criteria below.

Band A G&T Housing Needs

- family with children living with other families/household and causing overcrowding or unsatisfactory housing conditions and no recent ASB .
- family with children living in Tower Hamlets/ Tower Hamlets Homes homeless accommodation who have connection with the site and no recent ASB.
- family with children and special needs such as need to give or receive care and to access specialist medical treatment together with no ASB issues.
- family who have lived on site and moved way and wish to come back but consideration will be given to the likely impact the family would have on the site including the relationship of existing residents.

Band B G&T Housing Options

- Family with adequate accommodation for their family
- Family with children and vulnerable person with a history of ASB including low level ASB on site.
- Family who is homeless and claim to be G and T but provide no statement to claim that this they meet the definition.
- single applicant with medical needs and or vulnerable
- single homeless applicant.

Data Protection

The council cannot give members of the public information relating to who has made application or which band a person is in.

The Data Protection Act 1998 governs how organisations can use the personal information they hold, including how they collect, store, share or dispose of it.

MAKING AN OFFER

The successful applicant will be informed by phone and letter that a provisional offer has been offered subject to the applicant agreeing to accept the terms and conditions of the site agreement and satisfactory reference if not known.

Appendix A

Meaning of Gypsies and Travellers for the purposes of Section 225 of the Housing Act 2004. See Statutory Instrument 2006 No. 3190