



Our Reference: FOI000

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

18 December 2015

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email dated 4 December 2015 requesting information the Traveller Pitch Fund. For ease of reference your request is below.

*It has come to our attention that the figure of new/additional pitches in the HCAs published statistics on the Traveller Pitch Fund does not represent an actual net increase in the number of socially rented pitches provided as a result of the scheme. This is because, in some instances, the provision of the new pitches has been at the expense of the loss of existing pitches.*

***We would therefore be grateful if you could inform us of the net increase in the number of socially rented pitches as a result of the developments completed using grants from the Traveller Pitch Fund? We would be grateful if you would show the net increase/decrease figure against each of the sites listed in the published data and use the most recent data available?***

**Information not held**

We can confirm that the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) does not record or hold the information you have requested. The official affordable housing statistics, which include new traveller pitches, record the amount of new provision created through our affordable housing programme. These figures do not record the net difference in provision, for example, if the new provision is replacing an existing scheme.

Funding under the 2011-15 Traveller Pitch Funding programme was available for the creation of new pitches, adding additional pitches onto existing sites and the refurbishment of existing pitches on existing sites.

In some cases where the pitches on an existing site were not fit for purpose with no or derelict facilities provided, requiring the complete redevelopment of the site, the pitches created were counted as new for reporting purposes.

We have attached a list of the final programme allocations as of 31 March 2015 which shows the breakdown of new and refurbished pitches per site which may assist you although not directly in response to your request.

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

**Email:** [mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk](mailto:mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk)

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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services  
Homes and Communities Agency  
Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Online: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

Yours sincerely

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