

Scottish Borders Council

Why we are engaging with Scottish Borders Council (Scottish Borders)

We are engaging with Scottish Borders about its **site for Gypsy/Travellers**.

Scottish Borders had previously told us it expected to be compliant with the Scottish Government's minimum standards for its Gypsy/Traveller site by June 2019. The deadline for compliance was June 2018. Scottish Borders has now told us that it will not comply with the standards until October 2019.

What Scottish Borders must do

Scottish Borders must provide us with monthly reports on its progress in meeting the minimum standards for its Gypsy/Traveller site. It must also confirm that its site complies with the standards by the end of October 2019.

The reports on progress should be submitted to us by the end of each month from September 2019 until October 2019 and should include assurance that Scottish Borders is meeting its health and safety obligations towards residents of the site.

In relation to the outcomes for people who are homeless, Scottish Borders has recently made progress in reducing the number of unintentionally homeless people for whom it did not know the outcome.

What we will do

We will:

- monitor Scottish Borders' compliance with Gypsy/Traveller site standards; and
- consider our regulatory engagement with Scottish Borders in light of its progress at the end of October 2019.

We will also review Scottish Borders's performance in relation to the outcomes for people who are homeless as part of our 2019/20 annual risk assessment.

Regulatory returns

Scottish Borders must provide us with the following annual regulatory returns:

- Annual Assurance statement; and
- Annual Return on the Charter.

It should also notify us of any material changes to its Annual Assurance Statement, and any tenant and resident safety matter which has been reported to or is being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive or reports from regulatory or statutory authorities or insurance providers, relating to safety concerns.



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