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The Most Rev & Right Hon Stephen Cottrell,  
Archbishop of York,  
House of Bishops Representative,  
Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns

**Re: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities**

We write as Co-chairs of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsies, Travellers and Roma. We were heartened to see your valuable work in securing the motion adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 2019 to tackle the prejudice experienced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

We would be very grateful to hear about the progress of each of the commitments and indeed we are keen to work with the Church of England in order to address the challenges faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, which are ever more pressing in the year ahead.

We are also encouraged to hear the Church will be taking positive action to achieve racial equality with the establishment of the Racism Action Commission. We would be interested to learn how the experiences of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities can be included in the work of the Commission.

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The work of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsies, Travellers and Roma is essential to hold Government to account with regard to protecting the rights of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities and we welcome all Bishops with an interest in these issues who sit in the House of Lords to join the APPG.

We would be keen to meet with you to discuss the points raised in this letter.

Sláinte Mhath,

Yours sincerely,

Martin Docherty-Hughes M.P.

Baroness Janet Whitaker