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Minister of State for Equalities and Levelling Up

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Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2022.

The ring-fenced funding is welcome news, and it is encouraging to see Government's recognition of the need for more support for the creation of Gypsy and Traveller sites.

It is positive to see that the scheme supports applications for a range of provision, both permanent and temporary and for new pitches as well as refurbishments. This will have a lasting impact for the families that this will reach.

We would be very interested to see how the scheme progresses and what scope there will be for an extension of it, once this one ends in June.

In particular, we hope that a national network of negotiated stopping places can be set up, with measures on a regional basis to address concerns that local authorities may have over resources, including availability of land.

Yours sincerely,

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