

To: HOUSING COMMITTEE		Subject:  TRAVELLING PEOPLE - PITCH TARGETS
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING		
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As a result of the restructure of local government the Secretary of State has given his Advisory Committee on Scotland's Travelling People the remit to reassess the pitch targets for the provision of sites for travelling people. The Committee has now completed the first stage of this reassessment and has formally consulted the Council on the proposed target for its administrative area. (Appendix 1 refers)

Since the deadline for the Council's response was outwith the Committee cycle, I have replied having consulted the Housing Chair on the matter and a copy of this reply is attached at Appendix 2 for homologation by the Committee.

The implications of the proposed pitch target for the new authority are as summarised in the undernoted table from which it can be seen that the Council, upon completion of the ongoing projects at Kirklee Road, Mossend and Forrest Street, Airdrie will have met the targets specified by the Secretary of State.

	Site Name	Private Sector Provision	Local Authority Provision	
Motherwell	Kirklee Road, Mossend		20	to be completed December 1995
	Glu-pot, Harthill	4		
	Allanton	32		
Monklands	Annathill		16	
	Forrest Street, Airdrie		16	to be completed 1996
Total		36	52	88 = target

A further report will be made to Committee on the non-harassment policy which will no longer apply after the specified pitch targets have been met.



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### SCOTLAND'S TRAVELLING PEOPLE PITCH TARGETS FOR THE NEW UNITARY AUTHORITIES

As a result of the restructuring of local government, the Secretary of State has given his Advisory Committee on Scotland's Travelling People the remit to reassess the pitch targets for the provision of sites for travelling people. The Committee has now completed the first stage of this reassessment and wishes to formally consult your Council on the proposed target for its administrative area.

Within your Council's boundary, the pitch target has been assessed at 88 pitches.

The Committee considers that, where a Council's administrative area is made up of two or more former District Council areas, it is likely to be in the best interests of both travelling people and the local community, that the overall target is sub-divided into approximately the former District areas. As a result, where the former District has met its pitch target it will continue not to be required to tolerate illegal camping. It is, therefore, proposed that the overall pitch target for your area be subdivided on the following basis:

District	Target
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	0
Monklands	32
Motherwell	56

Your attention is drawn to the limited availability of 100% Capital Grant Aid provided by the Secretary of State, which ceases to be available to any authority not making application for grant by 31 December 1996. If the pitch target in your area has not been achieved, it is

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important for your Council to encourage the existing District Councils to make as much progress as possible, prior to your Council taking over responsibility in April 1996. I look forward to receiving your Council's response to this consultation, if at all possible by **FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER.**

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mrs Hamon

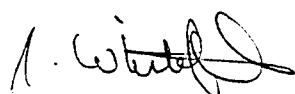
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I refer to your letter of 5th October regarding the above subject.

I would endorse the approach outlined in your letter to sub divide the overall pitch target for the new authority into the former district areas. Both Motherwell and Monklands District Councils have plans in place to achieve the pitch targets and action will be taken to ensure that any outstanding grant matters, in relation to these projects, are dealt with by the deadline of 31st December 1996.

I trust that the foregoing comments will be taken account of in progressing the consultation exercise.

Yours sincerely



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