

A Code of Conduct for Unauthorised Encampments

Standards of behaviour on unauthorised encampments should be the same as those expected of the wider settled community. We have produced a code of conduct which we will expect to be followed on unauthorised encampments. This code will be made available to the settled and traveller communities and any other groups or individuals that illegally encamp on land without the landowner's permission.

Intimidation from *and* towards the unauthorised encampment will not be tolerated.

You are occupying this location illegally. You are requested to vacate it as soon as possible/within 24 hours. This Council is considering what, if any, legal action to pursue in line with its protocol on unauthorised encampments.

Whilst you are on this location, please:

- Keep groups small and inconspicuous.
- Drive and park vehicles safely and consider your own and others health and safety.
- Do not engage in acts of vandalism or criminal damage.
- Do not create a hazard to road safety or health and safety.
- Look after the land on which you park and do not cause problems for nearby residents.
- Do not allow the site or surrounding areas to become polluted with household, human or trade waste.
- Consider the dangers of fire, electrical cables and generators and passing traffic.
- Do not dump or burn rubbish and leave the land clean and tidy.
- Keep animals, especially dogs, under control.
- Co-operate with those responsible for the land (e.g. Local Authority Officers) and do not park on land needed for another purpose i.e.; Parks and Country Parks, Playing Fields and Playgrounds and areas of special scientific or nature interest.
- Do not block Rights of Way with vehicles, property, clotheslines and cables or block the progress of walkers or riders in any way.
- Do not intimidate or threaten the landowner, his agents or any other persons having legitimate access to the land.

- Once any agreed period of occupation has run out the site must be vacated and not be reoccupied.
- When encamped within earshot of residential properties do not run generators after 10.00pm, or before 7.00am.
- Do not engage in noisy work activities during the hours of darkness.
- Do not go to the toilet in public view, and do clear up afterwards.
- Respect the local community.

If anyone causes a nuisance, or is anti-social or abusive to anyone or identifiably involved in criminal activity or dumping of rubbish, in most cases we are likely to evict and we will always seek to prosecute as quickly as possible.

Any crime, disorder and criminal activity will always be reported to the Police.

Evidence of fly-tipping will always be reported to the Environment Agency or Council Environmental Health Services or other as appropriate.