

30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Damien English, TD  
Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government  
Customs House  
Dublin 1

**Reference: Emergency Safeguards for Travellers during COVID-19 health crisis**

Dear Minister,

We want to acknowledge the progressive work being undertaken to address measures for Travellers during Covid 19 in Traveller accommodation and our collective aim to ensure provisions have been adequately addressed and emerging matters taken account of.

We commend the effort of the officials in your Department and your support on the Circular of March 18<sup>th</sup> and the subsequent one of April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Much has been done across local authorities, however gaps remain, some of which continue to cause concern for the potential for Travellers to be sufficiently protected against infection with the Coronavirus and mitigation of contagion.

We are requesting now for your consideration, a further meeting to provide an overview of matters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Joyce  
Director