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Office of the Minister of State

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Ms. Alison Gilliland
Lord Mayor of Dublin,
Mansion House,
Dawson Street,
Dublin 2



Dear Lord Mayor,

I refer to your correspondence in relation to Traveller Accommodation, which was forwarded from Minister Darragh O'Brien.

The Traveller Accommodation Expert Review report reviewed the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, and other legislation that impacts on the provision and delivery of accommodation for Travellers.

In July 2019, the Expert Group delivered 32 recommendations across the four topics considered. The recommendations range from changes to procedure and policy, to changes to legislation. Delivery and implementation will involve several areas within my Department, as well as input from other Departments, local authorities and other external stakeholders.

The 32 recommendations made in the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review report to accelerate the delivery of Traveller accommodation are comprehensive and wide ranging, and include proposals aimed at:

- addressing research deficiencies, including how information is gathered and used;
- removing any potential delays and obstacles in the planning system in terms of delivery;
- increasing resources and delivery capacity; and
- strengthening governance arrangements.

My Department has progressed a number of short term recommendations and established working groups in relation to others. Officials from my Department report progress on the implementation of the recommendations at the National Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (NTACC) meetings and seek their input as major stakeholders.



A dedicated Programme Board has been established by my Department with representatives from the national Traveller representative organisations and the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and met for the first time on the 24th March 2021. The Board has agreed a 2021 work programme for consideration of 18 of the 32 recommendations contained in the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review report. The recommendation you refer to in your letter is not one of the recommendations agreed by the Programme Board to be considered in the 2021 work programme. The work programme will be reviewed again by the Programme Board in 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Burke T.D.
Minister for Planning and Local Government

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