

Candidate enquiry – March 2021

Please could you tell me the number of long term Traveller sites and short term sites within Avon and Somerset by Council Area and also this figure by pitches. Every Council Web site is different and I hope you have these figures at your finger tips.

PCC election board response

Unfortunately a comprehensive list and breakdown by pitch, as you have requested it is not held by the constabulary. This information would be recorded by the respective councils.

The Constabulary are aware of a number of sites due to community engagement, and any other involvement for a policing purpose.

As you are aware the information you have sought is readily assessable to you on the respective council's websites, therefore there is no obligation to provide the information.

The exemption applicable to this information is Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute and class based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test.

The information requested is publicly available to view, and I have provided some links for ease of reference. I hope this assists you.

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/housing/housing-advice/gypsy-and-travellers>

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/gypsies-and-travellers>

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/equality-and-diversity/gypsies-and-travellers/>

The link below is regarding vehicle dweller site should this also be of interest to you.

<https://news.bristol.gov.uk/news/council-considers-new-housing-options-for-vehicle-dwellers>