

From paper to pitches: meeting the need for Gypsy and Traveller sites



What's the problem?

- Shortage of sites
- Public attitudes towards Gypsies and Travellers: “...the last acceptable form of racism...” (Trevor Phillips);
- Gypsies and Travellers are the most socially excluded group in the country

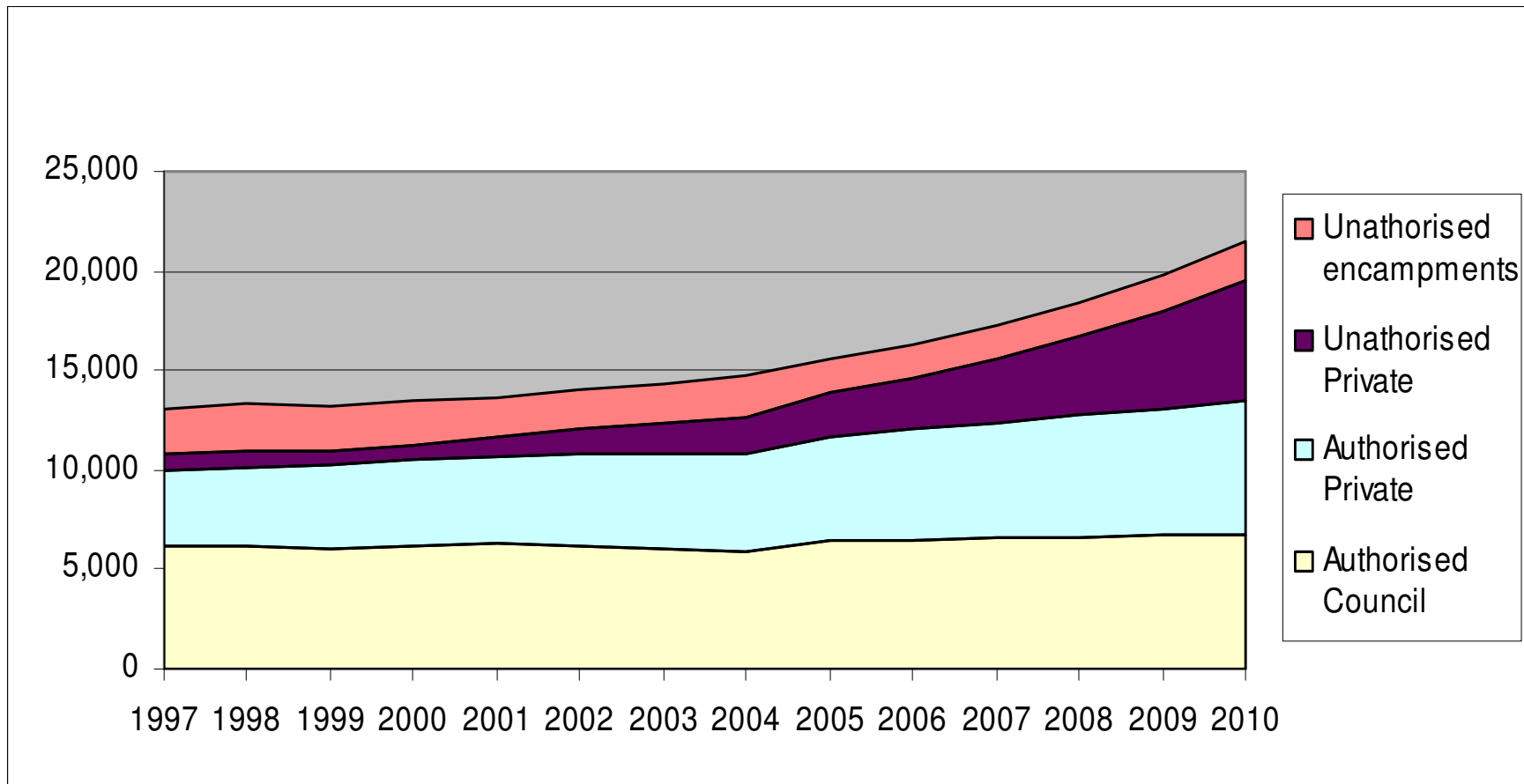


What are we trying to achieve?

- Gypsies and Travellers and the settled community living peacefully together
- More sites
- Enforcement laws that work fairly



Growth in Gypsy and Traveller caravans



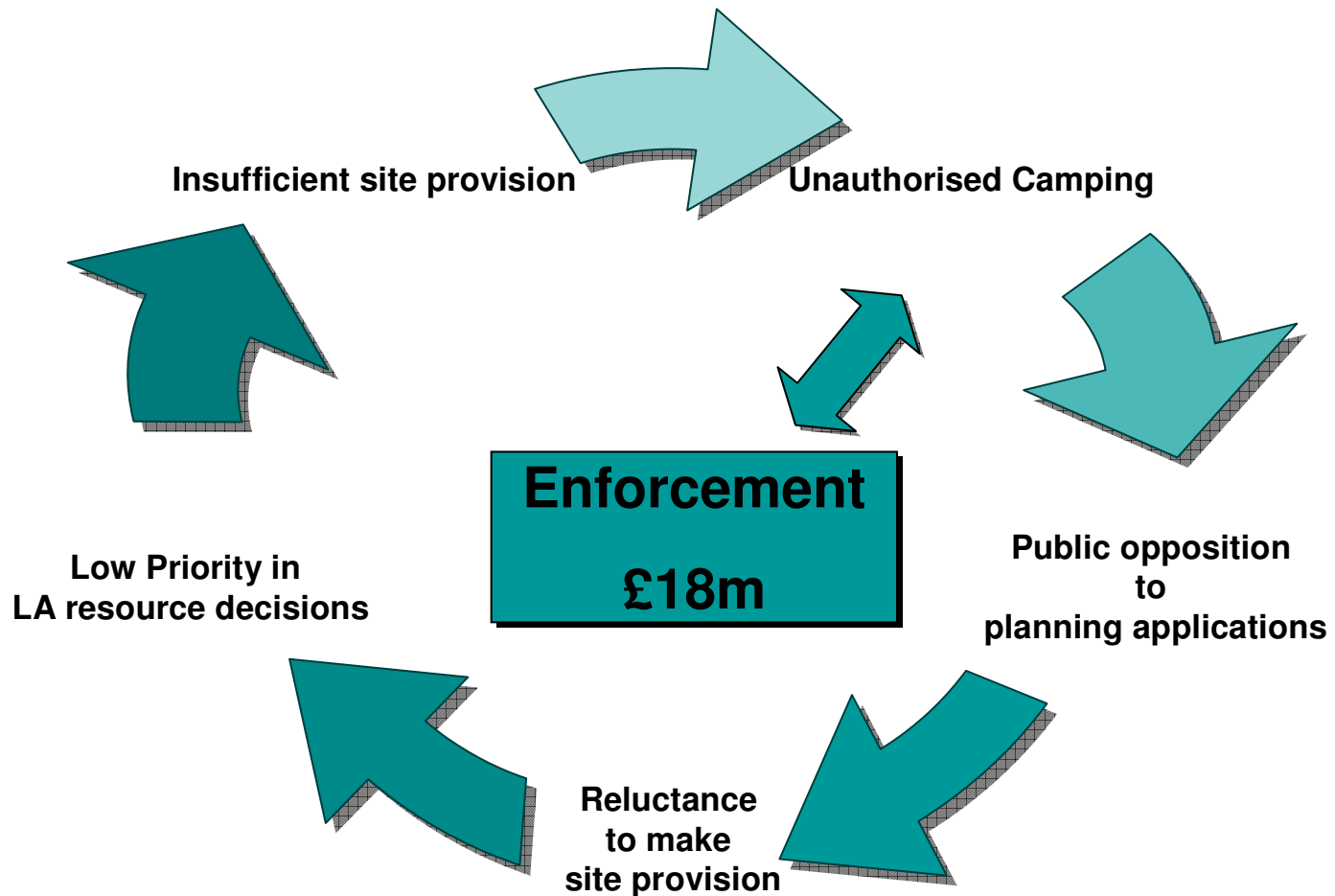
Factors to take into account

- Population growth
- Reduction in traditional stopping places
- Reduction in travelling
- Shortage of sites
- Unauthorised camping and developments
- Health issues
- Poor educational attainment
- Racism and community cohesion
- Community tensions
- Impact on planning system

Planning Framework

- Site Delivery key to improve life chances of Gypsies and Travellers
- Task Group – Framework is the right one but progress too slow
- GTAAs complete – drive forward with LDF
- Where there is immediate need, no need to wait for outcome of the RSS.

Alternatively?



CLG Expectations

- Leadership
- Race legislation obligations
- **Communications Strategy**
- Local Area Agreements
- Comprehensive Area Assessments

Key messages

Local Authorities to:

- increase significantly the number of Gypsy and Travellers sites
- address under provision in next 3-5 years
- Transitional arrangements
 - DPDs can run ahead of the RSS



**Work collectively and
proactively.**

Don't wait

Delivery, Delivery, Delivery



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