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London Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment



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London Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) assesses accommodation needs for Gypsy & Traveller, Travelling Showpeople and Roma households across London from 2022/23 to 2031/32, over two five-year periods:

- **2022-23 to 2026-27**
- **2027-28 to 2031-32**

The GTANA covers the entire Greater London area, using:

- information from local GTANAs
- online surveys
- face-to-face interviews
- site surveys.

This document is a summary of the original 183-page report, published in November 2025 by the Greater London Authority (GLA).

You can read the full GTANA report by visiting <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-gtana-2025-2z16p>

Thank you

We want to thank everyone who took part in the surveys and the community interviewers and organisations, without which this GTANA would not have been possible. The information shared by everyone who took part is crucial to provide a clear picture of the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers, Roma and Travelling Showpeople.



The 32 London boroughs and the City of London played an important role providing information about local populations and current accommodation provision, as did Gypsy, Roma and Traveller organisations that promoted awareness of the GTANA and assisted with the survey work.

Carrying out the GTANA

The study used the following research methods to gather information:

- surveys of households living on Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople yards
- online surveys for Gypsy and Traveller households living in houses or flats
- online surveys for Roma households
- analysis of Census data, Traveller Caravan Counts and previous local studies
- information provided by London boroughs and community organisations.

Different survey methods were used to reflect the different experiences and living situations of Gypsies and Travellers,

Travelling Showpeople and the Roma community. Survey questions were tailored to each group.

Groups	Accommodation needs
English Romany Gypsies Irish, Welsh and Scottish Travellers	Permanent pitches Transit pitches Bricks and mortar accommodation
Travelling Showpeople - members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows	Plots
Roma community (primarily of Central and East European Heritage)	Bricks and mortar accommodation

The need for pitches and plots that the GTANA identifies will inform the draft London Plan and borough Local Plans.

How can the GTANA be used?



- The need for additional pitches and plots that the GTANA identifies will inform the draft London Plan and borough Local Plans
- Help support funding applications for pitches and culturally appropriate accommodation, for example, to the Mayor's Social and Affordable Homes Programme
- To prompt new ideas and suggestions for creative ways to meet accommodation needs.

Why do we need a GTANA?

National policy requires us to plan for the housing needs of all groups, including Gypsies and Travellers, Roma and Travelling Showpeople. The GTANA helps us to understand these needs.



Part 2

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs

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Introduction

This section considers the accommodation needs, current provision and GTANA survey findings for Gypsy and Traveller households living on sites and in bricks and mortar homes.

Accommodation needs - London

- 699 permanent pitches for the first 5 years, from 2022/23 to 2026/27
- 177 permanent pitches for the next 5 years from 2027/28 to 2031/32
- 876 permanent pitches from 2022/23 to 2031/32
- 87 transit pitches from 2022/23 to 2031/32
- 1,006 additional bricks and mortar homes from 2022/23 to 2031/32.

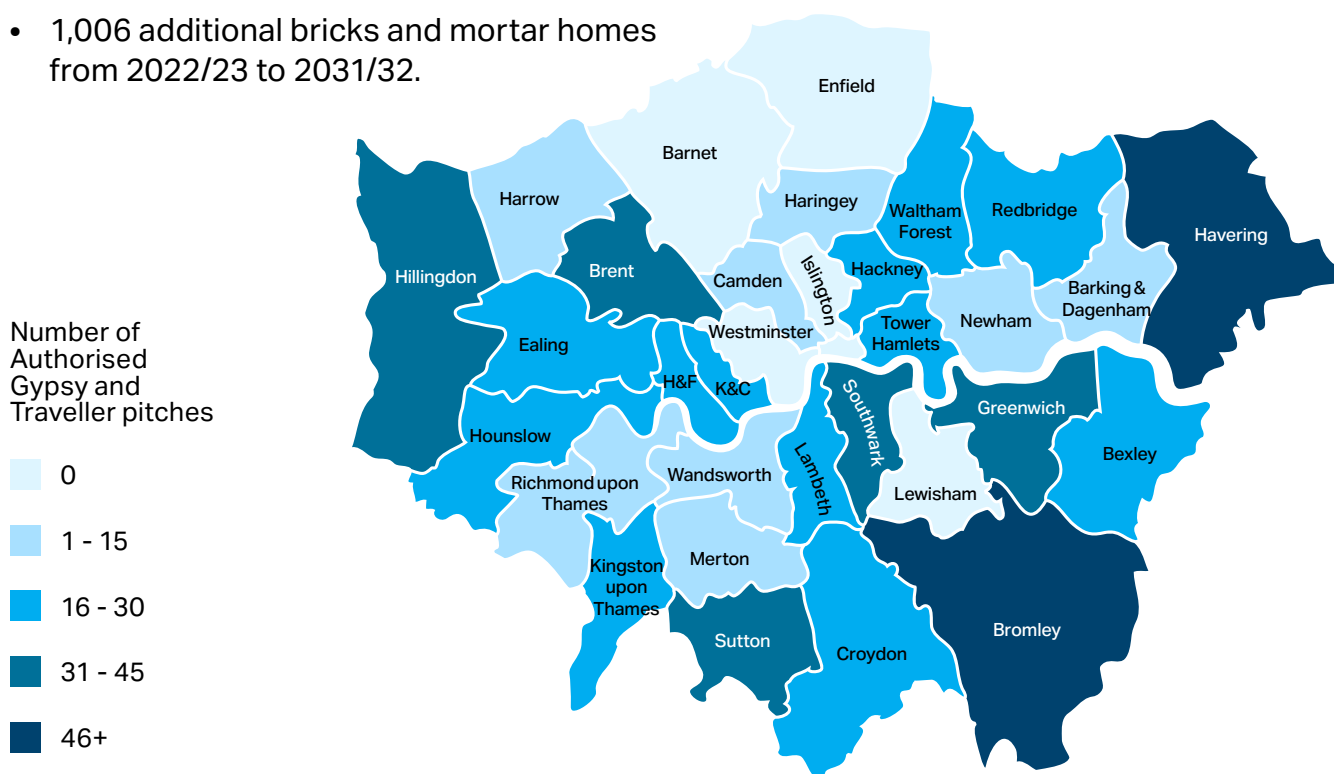
Gypsy and Traveller pitches in London

Current provision

There are twice as many authorised local authority and housing association pitches than authorised private pitches.

This map shows how the pitches are distributed around London.

There are 738 authorised pitches in London across 26 boroughs.



Map 1 - Authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches

Note - LBHF site shared with RBKC, as site used to be in LBHF but is now in RBKC.

Local Planning Authority	Authorised local authority/housing association pitches	Authorised private pitches	Total pitches
Barking and Dagenham	12	0	12
Barnet	0	0	0
Bexley	26	0	26
Brent	31	0	31
Bromley	37	16	53
Camden	4	0	4
City of London	0	0	0
Croydon	20	0	20
Ealing (see OPDC below)	0	0	0
Enfield	0	0	0
Greenwich	41	3	44
Hackney	27	0	27
Hammersmith and Fulham*	0	0	0
Haringey	10	0	10
Harrow	0	2	2
Havering	0	183	183
Hillingdon	21	11	32
Hounslow	30	0	30
Islington	0	0	0
Kensington and Chelsea*	20	0	20
Kingston upon Thames	18	2	20
Lambeth	16	0	16
Lewisham	0	0	0
Merton	15	0	15
Newham	15	0	15
OPDC	24	0	24
Redbridge	17	0	17
Richmond upon Thames	12	0	12
Southwark	38	0	38
Sutton	28	12	40
Tower Hamlets	19	0	19
Waltham Forest	12	5	17
Wandsworth	11	0	11
Westminster	0	0	0
Total	504	232	738

Table 5.1 - Authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches

*Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham share site.

Changes to pitch numbers, 2008 to 2022

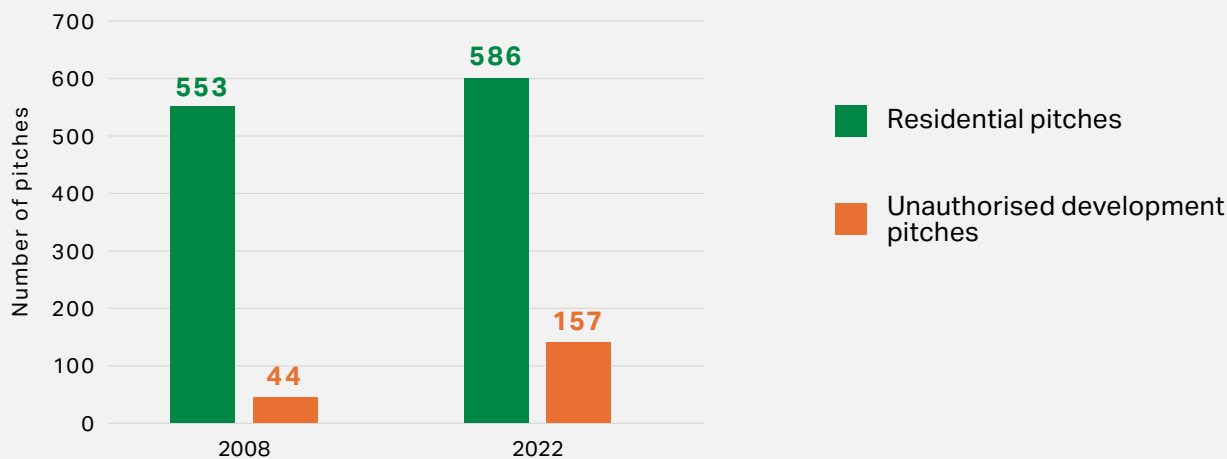


Table 3.16, Comparison of Gypsy and Traveller pitches in 2008 London GTANA and London Borough data 2022 (Page 37)



There has been only a small increase in Gypsy and Traveller pitch provision in London has since the 2008 London GTANA was undertaken. During the same period, there has been a substantial increase in

the number of unauthorised developments recorded. The number of unauthorised developments in London has increased from 44 (excluding encampments) in 2008 to 157 in 2022, an increase of 113 pitches.

Unauthorised pitches and pitches with temporary permission 2022

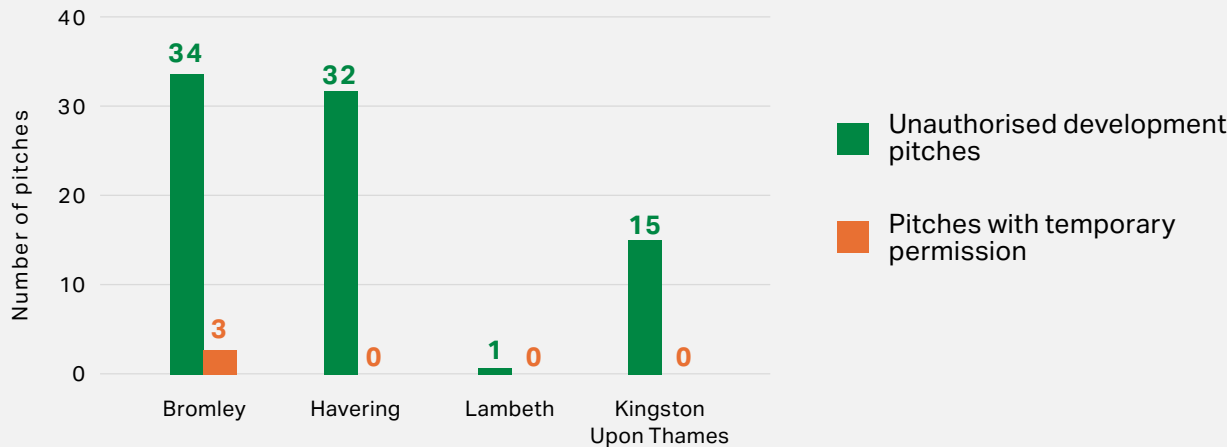
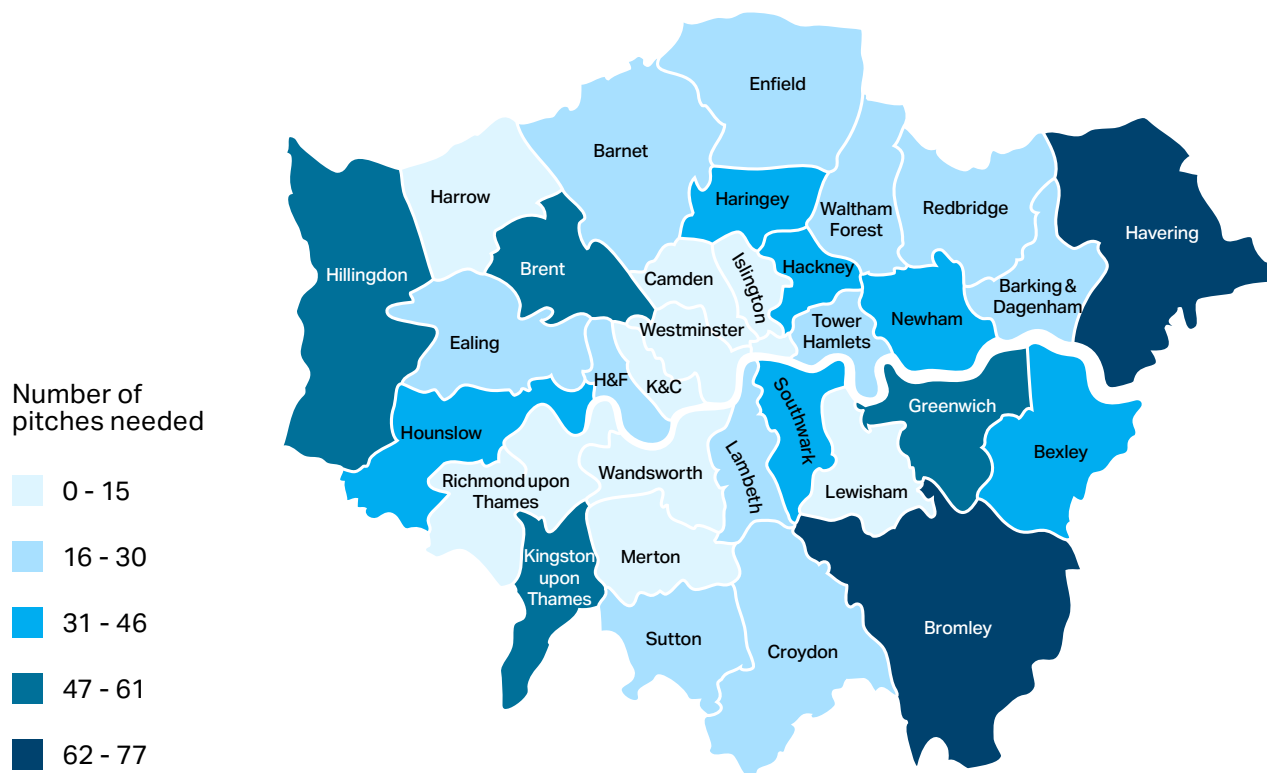


Table 5.2, Unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches and pitches with temporary permission (Page 63)



Need for additional pitches in London for Gypsies and Travellers



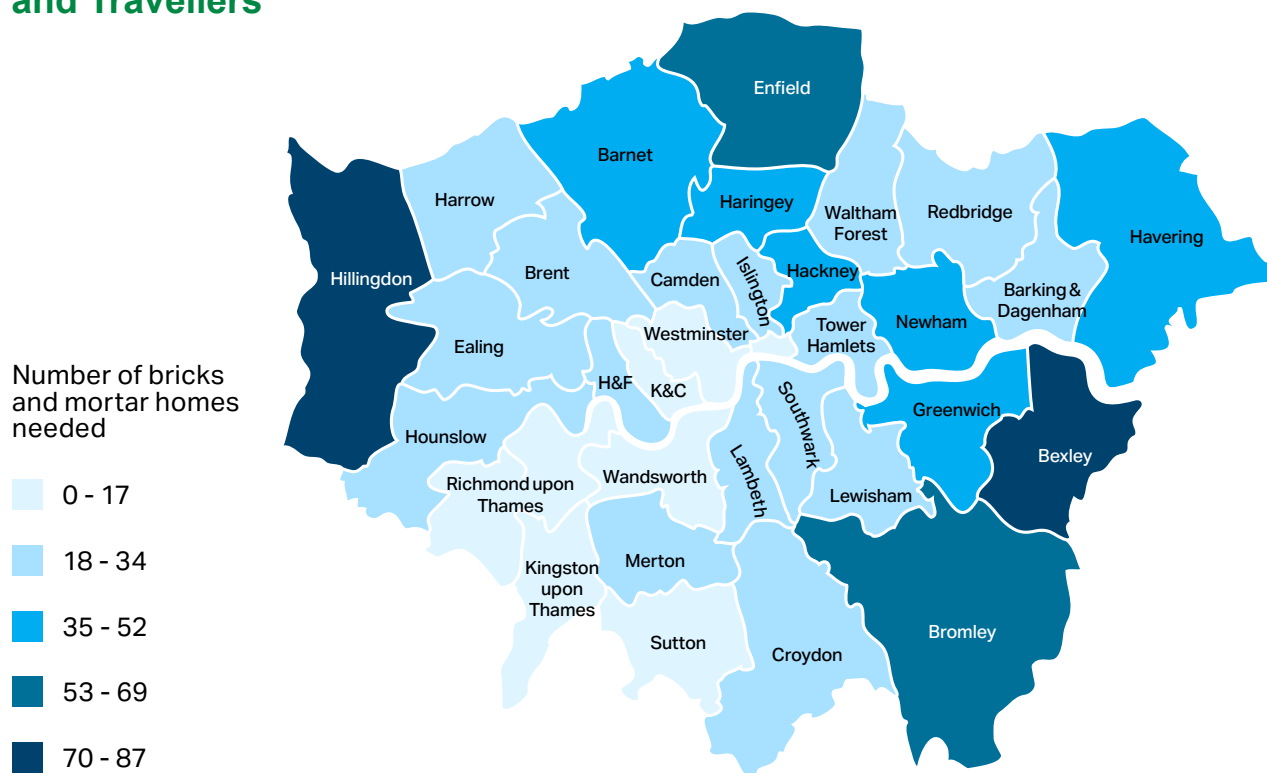
Map 2 - The need for permanent pitches 2022-23 to 2031-32

Note: *Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham share need.
 **Ealing colour reflects combined need of Ealing LPA and OPDC LPA.

Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32	Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32
Barking and Dagenham	17	Hounslow	35
Barnet	16	Islington	10
Bexley	39	Kensington and Chelsea*	0
Brent	55	Kingston upon Thames	52
Bromley	77	Lambeth	17
Camden	11	Lewisham	12
City of London	0	Merton	9
Croydon	25	Newham	34
Ealing (LPA)**	11	OPDC	13
Enfield	25	Redbridge	21
Greenwich	53	Richmond upon Thames	5
Hackney	40	Southwark	41
Hammersmith and Fulham	24	Sutton	16
Haringey	33	Tower Hamlets	17
Harrow	13	Waltham Forest	20
Havering	73	Wandsworth	7
Hillingdon	49	Westminster	6

Table 5.39 - Need for permanent pitches 2022-23 to 2031-32

Need for additional bricks and mortar homes in London for Gypsies and Travellers



Map 3: The need for bricks and mortar homes for Gypsies and Travellers 2022-23 to 2031-32

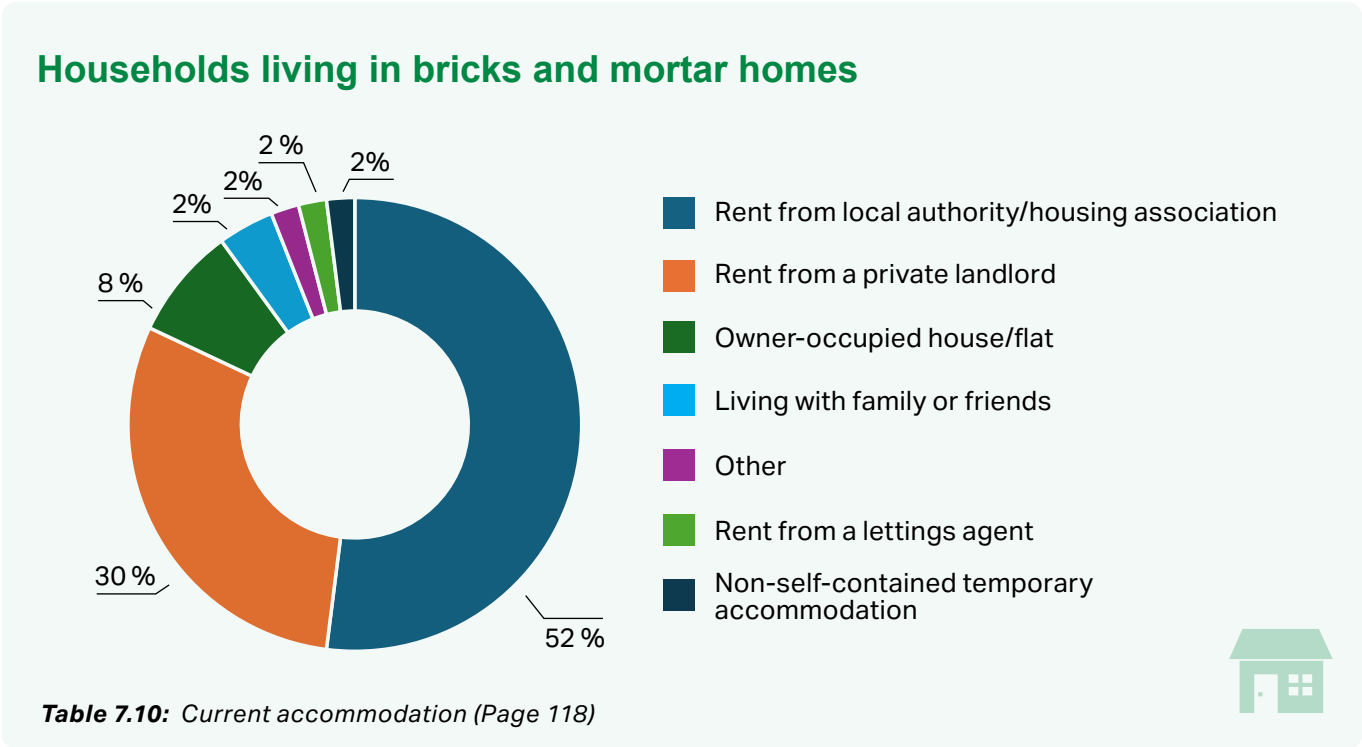
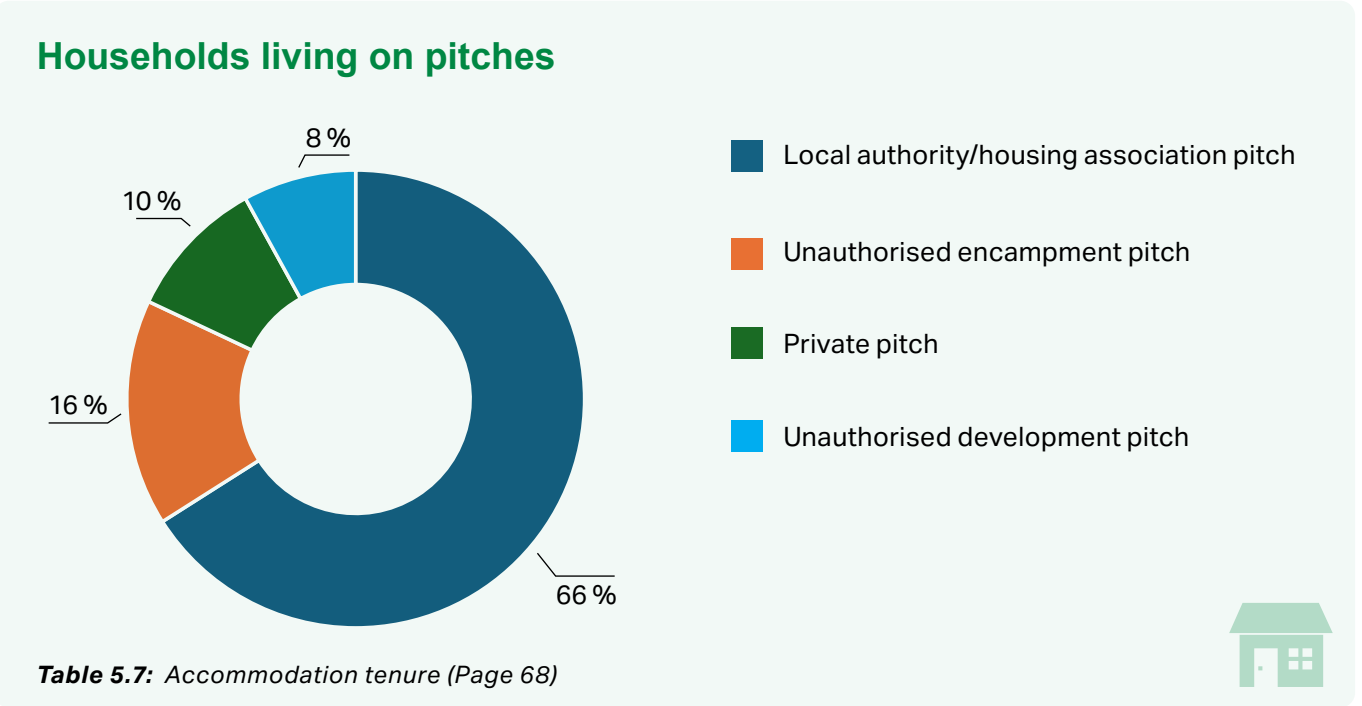
Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32	Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32
Barking and Dagenham	25	Hounslow	33
Barnet	38	Islington	26
Bexley	87	Kensington and Chelsea	9
Brent	27	Kingston upon Thames	13
Bromley	64	Lambeth	19
Camden	22	Lewisham	28
City of London	0	Merton	25
Croydon	29	Newham	49
Ealing	25	OPDC	6
Enfield	59	Redbridge	25
Greenwich	47	Richmond upon Thames	11
Hackney	37	Southwark	27
Hammersmith and Fulham	23	Sutton	9
Haringey	37	Tower Hamlets	18
Harrow	27	Waltham Forest	25
Havering	37	Wandsworth	15
Hillingdon	73	Westminster	12

Table 7.49 - Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers living in bricks and mortar accommodation and households on sites seeking bricks and mortar accommodation homes by Local Planning Authority

Current accommodation

The majority (66%) of Gypsy and Traveller households who live on pitches live on social rented sites run by London boroughs or housing associations; 10% live on a private pitch and the remainder (24%) on an unauthorised pitch.

Of Gypsy and Traveller households living in bricks and mortar homes, 52% live in the social rented sector; 32% rent from private landlords.



Accommodation – reasons for living in a house or flat

When asked about the reasons for living in a house or flat over half of respondents said this was due to a lack of sites and nearly

40% said they had 'no choice'. Just over a tenth (12 per cent) stated that they did so to live in better accommodation.

Reasons for living in a house or flat

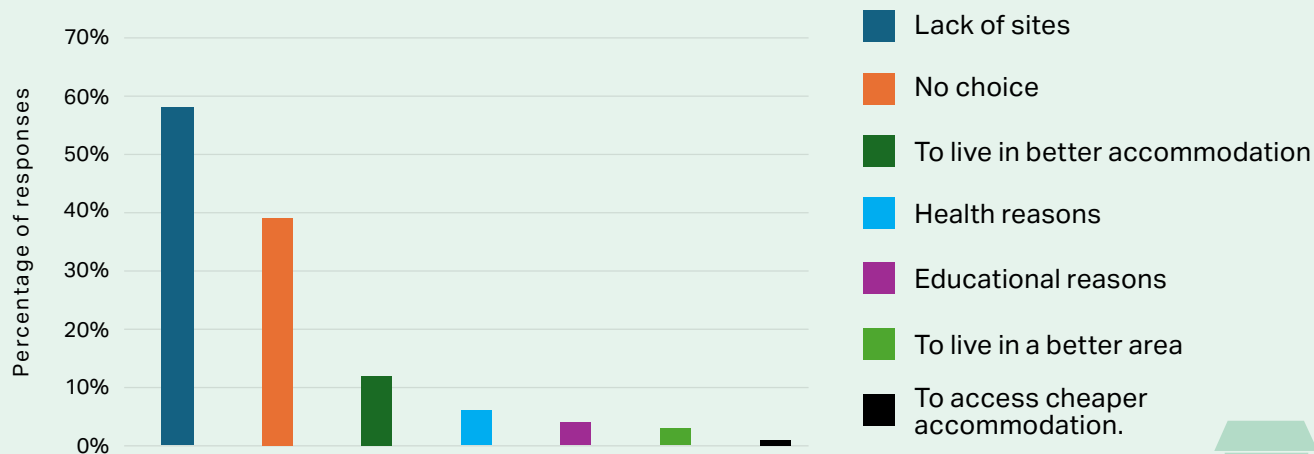


Table 7.16: Reasons for living in a house or flat (Page 120)



What respondents like and dislike about where they live

The three most common reasons Gypsies and Travellers gave for liking where they live was 'living with or near family', 'the local area' and 'good or close to facilities'.

Around a quarter of respondents living in bricks and mortar homes said there was nothing they like about where they live.

Like about where they live – households living on sites

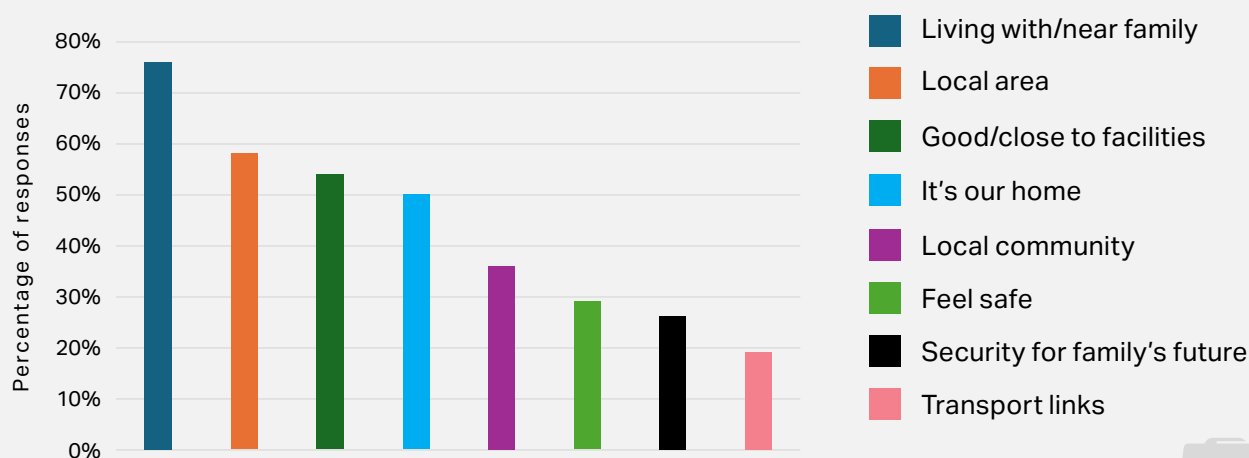


Table 5.12: Like about where they live (Page 71)



Like about where they live – households living in bricks and mortar homes

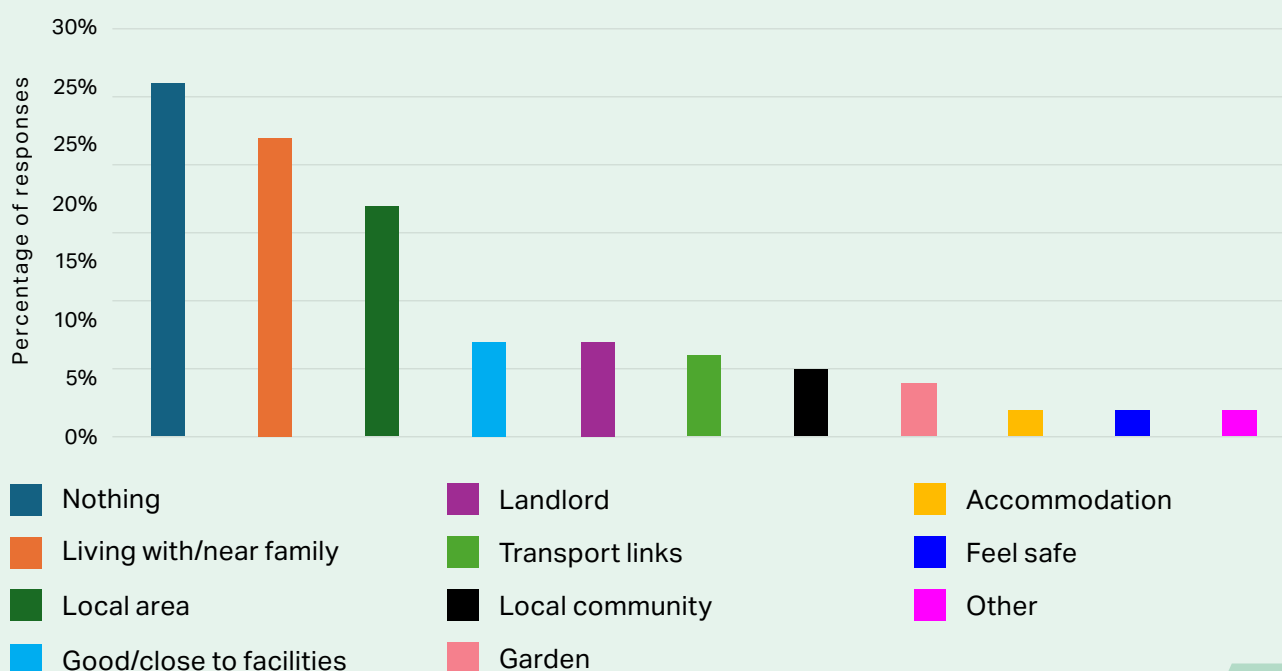


Table 7.18: Like about where they live (Page 121)



Nearly two-fifths of survey respondents living in bricks and mortar homes and just under a third of those living on sites said they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their current accommodation.

Common complaints included:

- Home or site in poor condition
- urgent need to repair the site
- lack of space/overcrowding

Don't like about where they live – households living on sites

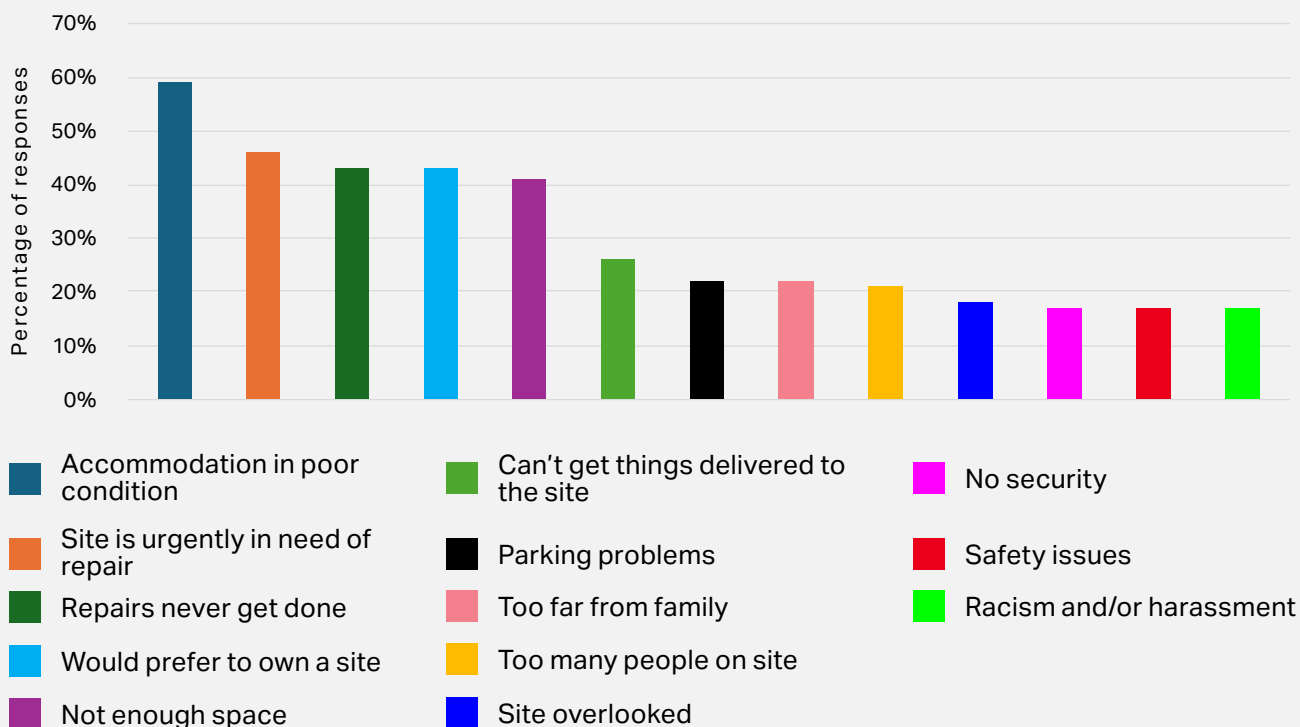


Table 5.13: Don't like about where they live (Page 71)



Don't like about where they live – households living in bricks and mortar homes

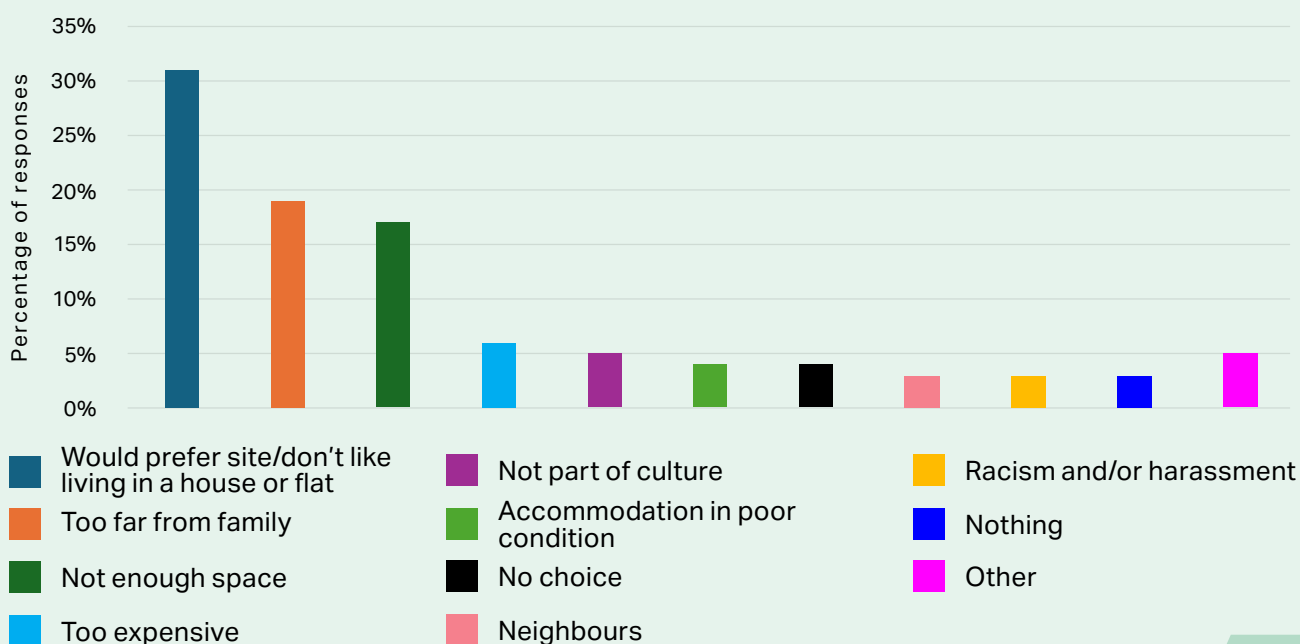


Table 7.19: Don't like about where they live (Page 122)



Accommodation preferences

Out of 160 households living in bricks and mortar who said that they need to move in the next five years, over two thirds indicated that they would prefer a to live on a site.

Almost four-fifths (77%) of household members requiring separate accommodation within the next five years said they would like to live on a pitch.

Type of accommodation households living in bricks and mortar homes who need to move in the next five years would prefer to move to

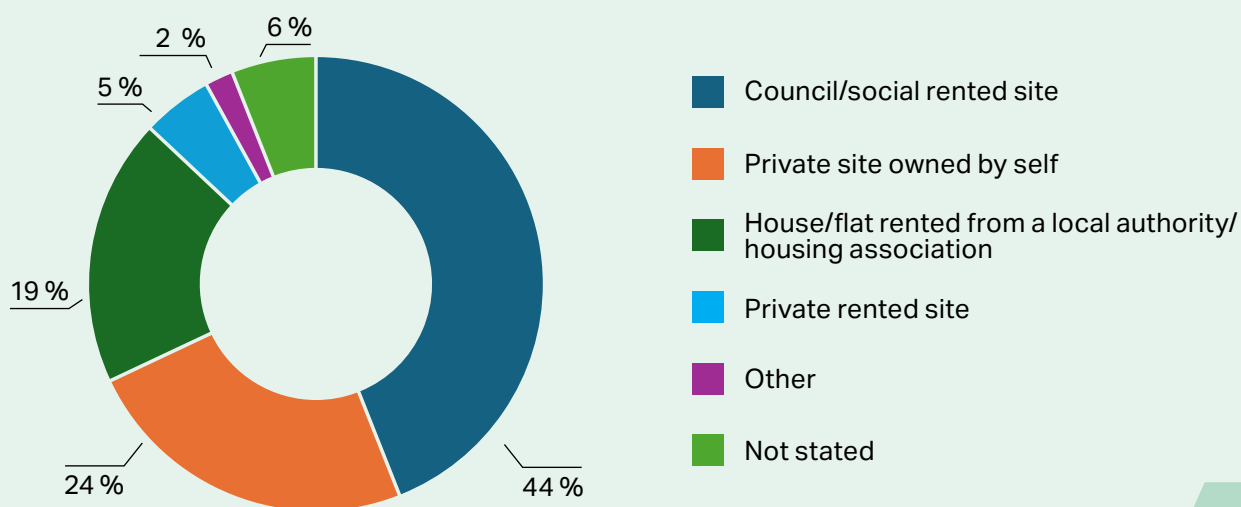


Table 7.38: Preferred tenure (Page 128)



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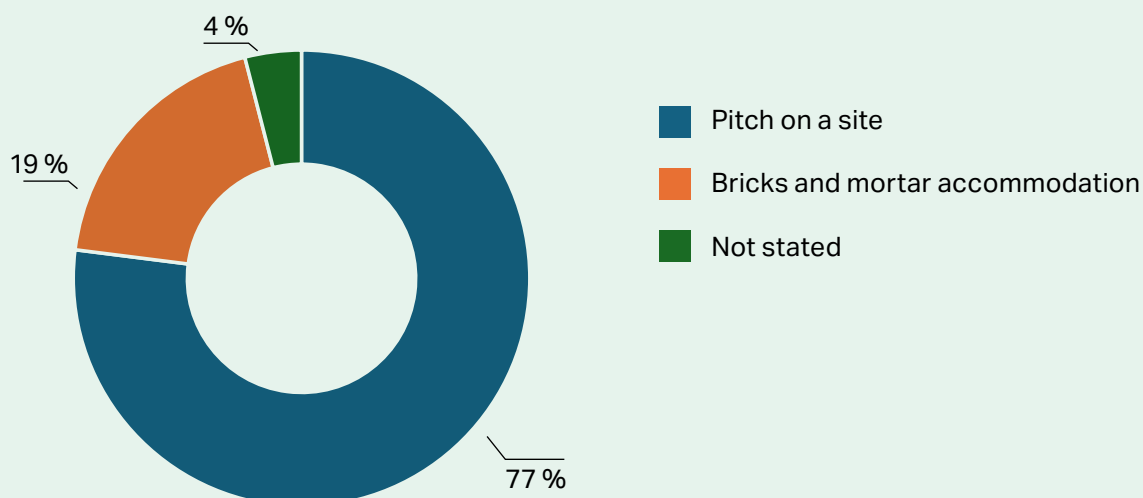


Table 7.42: Type of accommodation would like to move to (Page 130)



Developing or expanding a site

More than a third of households living on a site and over two fifths of households living in bricks and mortar said they would like to develop or expand a site. Of the 226 respondents living in bricks and mortar who

stated that they would like to develop or expand a site, just 3 per cent stated that they could afford to do so. One in 10 households living on a site were already developing a site and 3% were applying for planning permission.

Would you like to develop or expand a site? – households living on sites

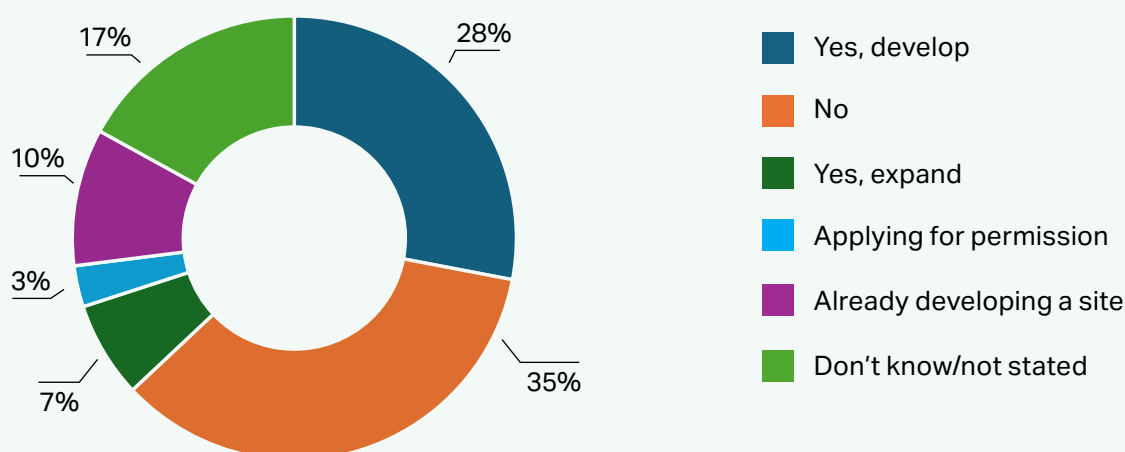


Table 5.31: Like to develop/expand site (Page 82)



Like to develop/expand site for family's own use – households living in bricks and mortar homes

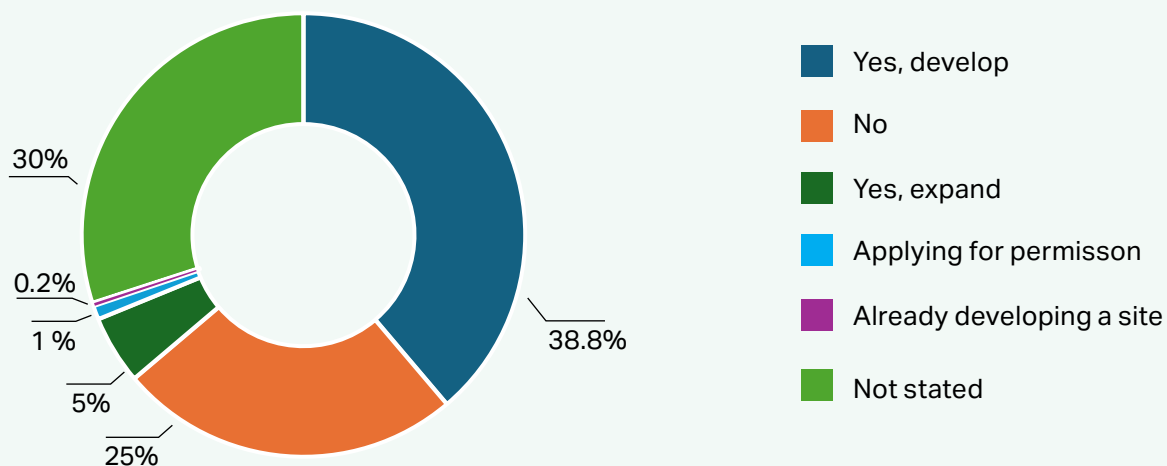


Table 7.34: Like to develop/expand site for family's own use (Page 127)



Could you afford to develop or expand a site? – households living in bricks and mortar homes

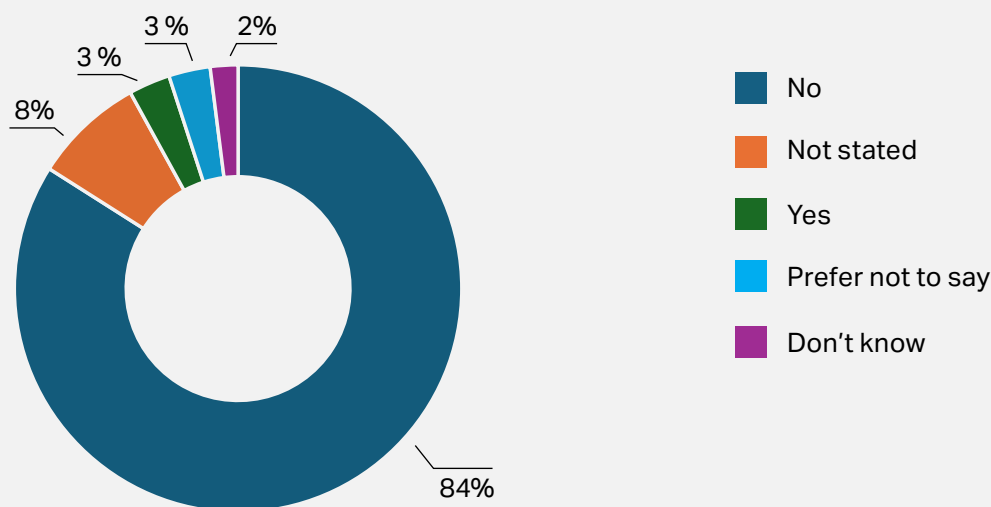


Table 7.35: Financially able to develop/expand a site (Page 127)



Travelling patterns

More than half of households living on sites and around a quarter of those living in bricks and mortar travel. Households living in bricks and mortar report that since the Covid pandemic, when the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 was passed, they travel less.

The main reasons respondents said they travel was their culture and to visit family and friends. For households living in bricks and mortar housing and on unauthorised encampments a lack of sites was a key reason for travelling.

Other reasons given for travelling included for work, to visit events and for holidays.

Reasons for travelling – households on sites

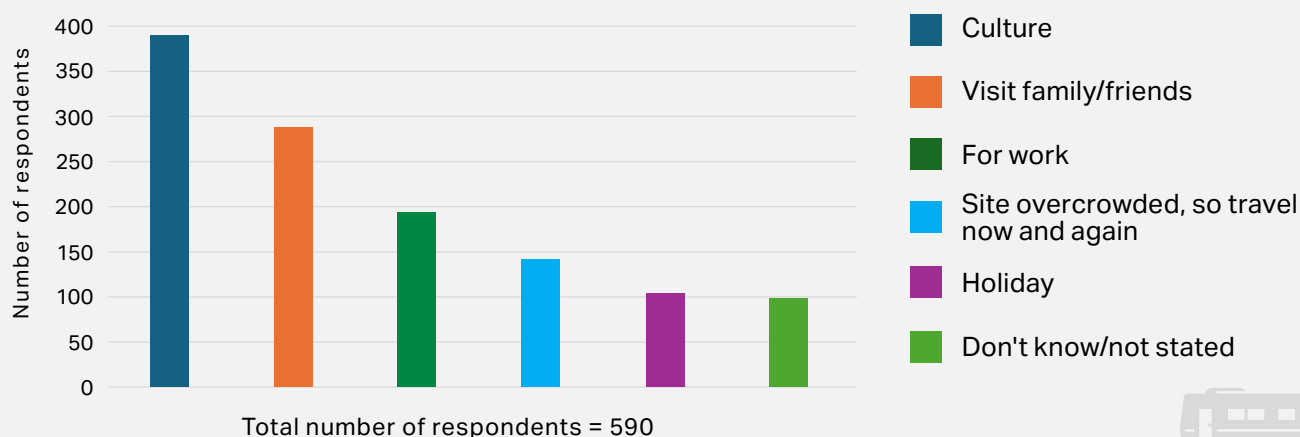


Table 5.21: Reasons households travel (Page 77)



Reasons for travelling – households living in bricks and mortar homes

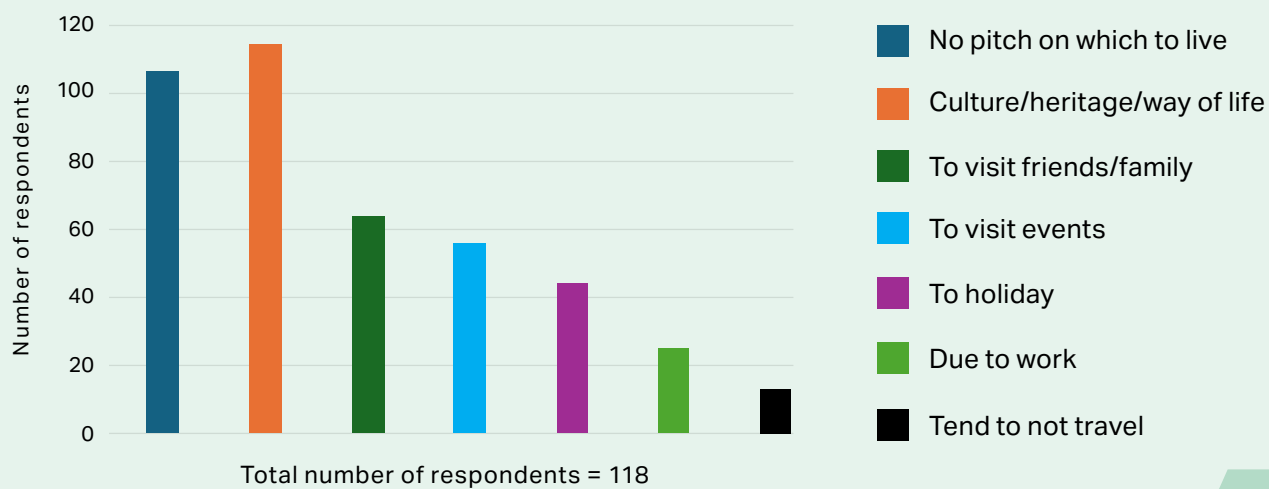


Table 7.25: Reason(s) for travelling (Page 124)



Reasons for travelling – households living on unauthorised encampments

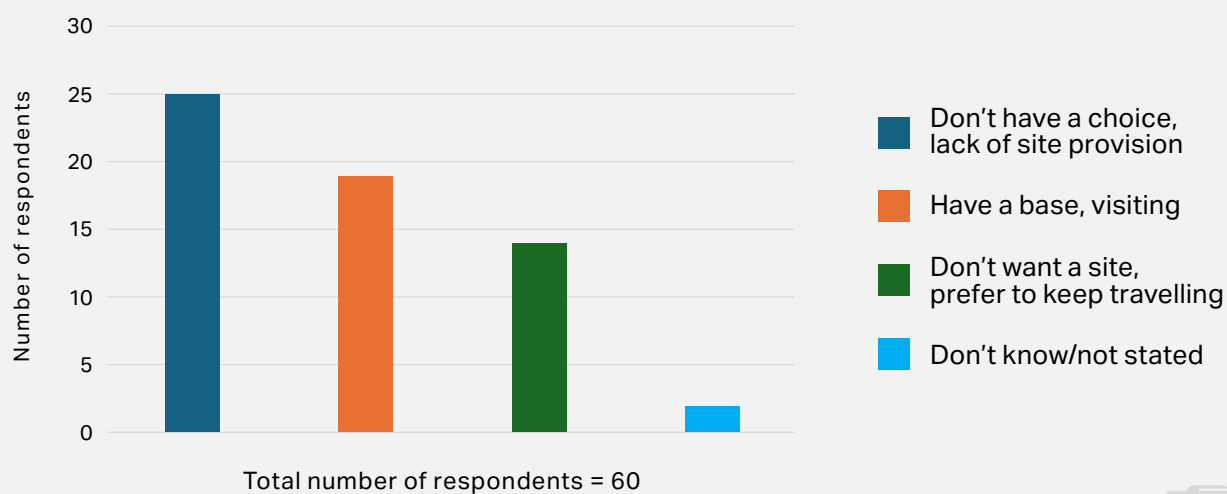


Table 5.22: Main reason households living on unauthorised encampments travel (Page 77)



Problems experienced while travelling

Gypsy and Traveller households, whether living on sites or in bricks and mortar homes, reported various problems they encounter while travelling. These include a lack of stopping places, discrimination,

abuse and harassment, a lack of basic facilities and the increasing cost of travel. Some households report having stopped travelling or reduced the amount they travel due to travel restrictions.

Problems while travelling – households living on sites

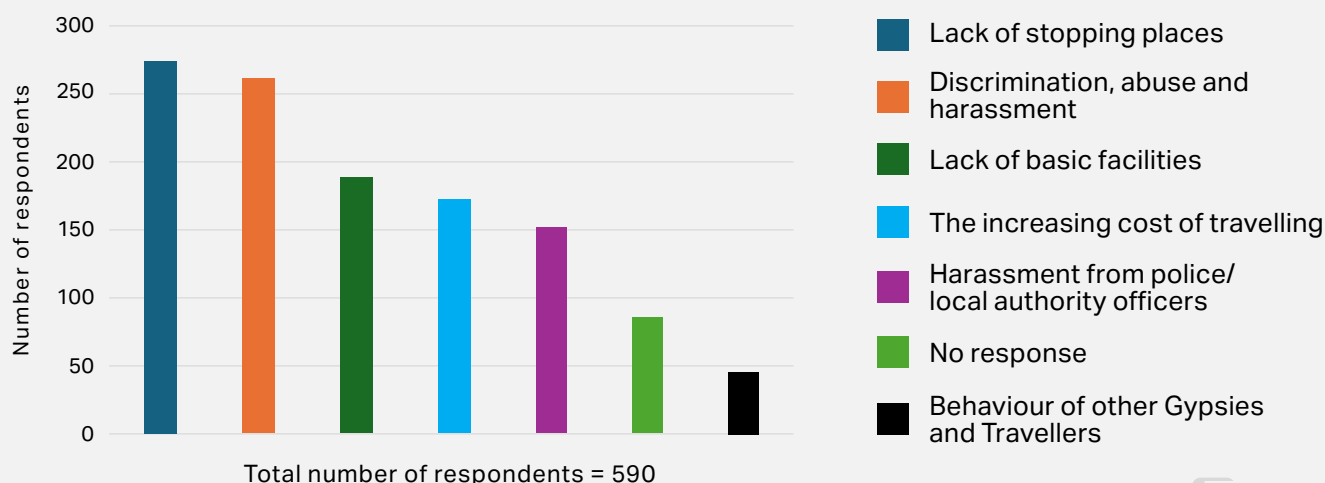


Table 5.26: Problems while travelling (Page 79)



Problems while travelling – households living in bricks and mortar homes

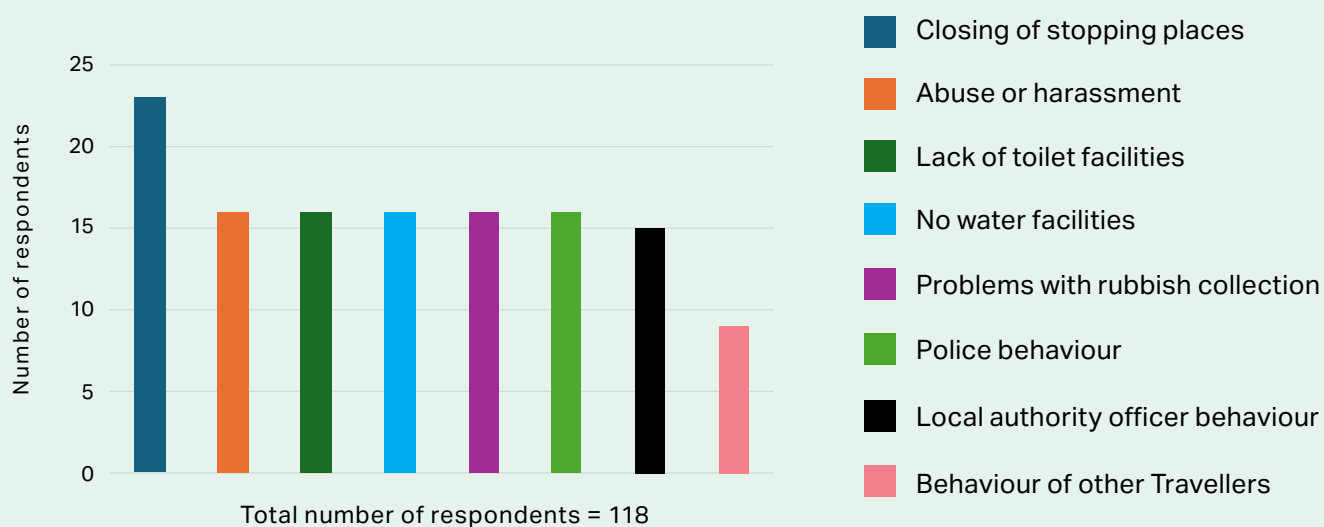


Table 7.30: Problems while travelling (Page 125)



The need for transit sites

Preferred type of transit provision – Households living on sites

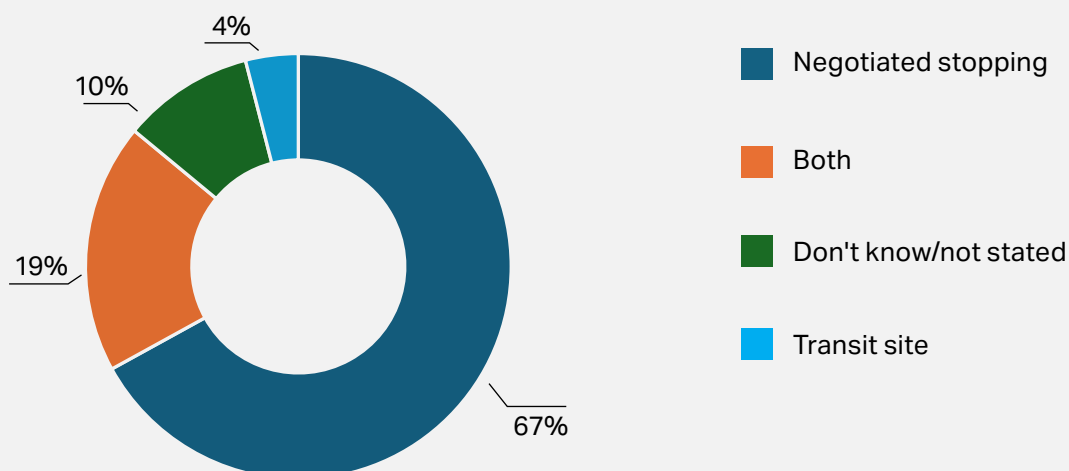


Table 5.28: Preferred type of transit provision (Page 80)



Households living in bricks and mortar homes and on pitches said more transit provision is needed in their area.

Respondents showed a high level of support for negotiated stopping – supported by 80% of households living

in bricks and mortar homes and 86% of households living on sites. Households living on sites considered negotiated stopping the best way to increase transit provision.

Are more transit sites needed in the local area? – Households living in bricks and mortar homes

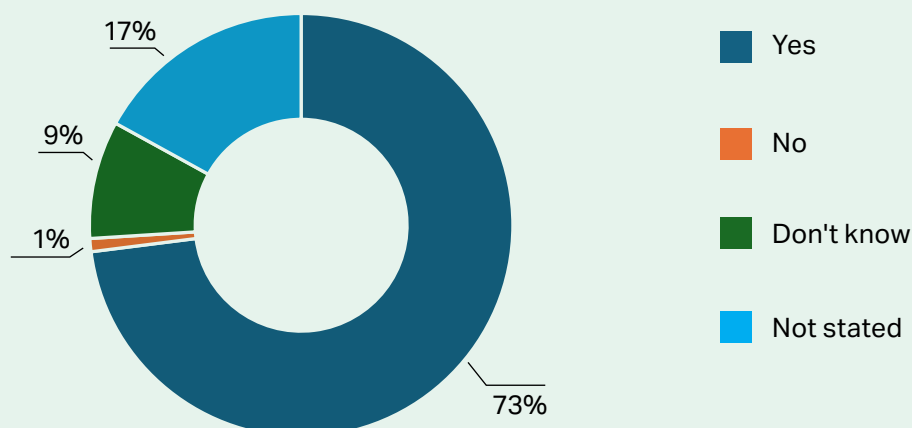


Table 7.32: More transit sites are required in the local area (Page 126)



Cultural preference for living on a pitch

Almost one-fifth of households living in bricks and mortar homes across London who need to move in the next five years have a cultural preference for living on a pitch.

Households were identified as having a cultural preference for living on a pitch if they gave the responses below to all of the following survey questions:

A6

Why do you live in a house/flat rather than a caravan?



Response categories: 'due to a lack of sites', 'no choice' or both
411 survey respondents or 82 per cent.

E6

'Do you need to move to a different home within the next 5 years?'



Response category: 'yes'
160 survey respondents or 32 per cent.

E8

What type of accommodation would you most prefer to move to?



Response categories: 'council/social rented site', 'private site owned by self', or 'private rented site'
118 survey respondents or 24 per cent.

97 households responded to all three questions in the response categories described above (19 per cent of the 500 households that responded to the survey).

This leads to the finding that 19 per cent of households living in bricks and mortar display a cultural preference for living on pitches.

Overcrowding

128 households living on sites require a pitch due to overcrowding.



How accommodation needs are worked out

Accommodation needs are worked out for each borough using replies from the surveys, taking account of the following:

- existing supply of pitches, their status (eg whether authorized or not) and whether they are occupied
- overcrowding
- number of household members aged 16 or over expected to need a separate home in the next five years

- number of bedrooms

The results demonstrated a need for sites in every London borough, including boroughs that have no sites at the moment.

This table and the table on the next page (P22) show steps used to calculate need for the first five year period. For the second five year period a growth rate is applied.

Steps to calculate the need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches 2022-27

1) Current occupied permanent residential site pitches	445
Additional accommodation supply	
2) Number of unused residential pitches available	8
3) Number of existing pitches expected to become vacant	15
4) Net number of households on sites expected to leave the area	6
5) Number of households on sites expected to move into housing	15
6) Residential pitches planned to be developed or to be brought back into use	24
Total additional supply	68
Additional accommodation need	
7) Needing permanent permission from temporary sites	3
8) Households seeking a pitch in the area	0
9) Households on transit pitches requiring residential pitches in the area	0
10) Households on unauthorised encampments requiring residential pitches	12
11) Households on unauthorised developments requiring residential pitches	50
12) Households currently overcrowded	128
13) Net new households expected to arrive from elsewhere	6
14) Newly forming households	132
15) Households in bricks and mortar needing site accommodation	368
16) Need identified from the six boroughs GTANAs/Local Plans	68
Total need	767
Balance of need and supply	
Total additional pitches needed	699

Table 5.32: Need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller site pitches 2022-23 to 2026-27 (Page 83)

Steps to calculate the need for bricks and mortar homes for Gypsies and Travellers 2022-27

1) Current homes occupied by Gypsy and Traveller households	2005
Additional accommodation supply	
2) Number of existing dwellings expected to become vacant through mortality	60
3) Dwellings vacated by those with a cultural preference for living on sites	381
4) Number of households in housing expected to move out of London	0
5) Dwellings vacated by movement within the stock	640
Total additional supply	1,081
Additional accommodation need	
6) Households in housing without a cultural preference for living on sites seeking to move	640
7) Households on unauthorised pitches seeking housing in the area	0
8) Households in overcrowded housing without a cultural preference for living on sites	325
9) Newly forming households	675
10) Households moving into housing from sites	73
Total need	1,713
Balance of need and supply	
Total additional housing needed	633

Table 7.46: Estimate of the need for homes for Gypsies and Travellers 2022-23 to 2026-27 (Page 132)

Gypsies and Travellers household survey response rates

- Gypsy and Traveller households living on sites: a response rate of 96 per cent was achieved across the 20 boroughs where site surveys took place.
- Gypsy and Traveller households living in bricks and mortar homes: 500 households completed the online survey, which was carried out in all boroughs, a response rate of 23 per cent across London.

Part 3

Accommodation needs of Travelling Showpeople

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Introduction

This section considers the accommodation needs and GTANA survey findings for Travelling Showpeople households.

Accommodation needs - London

83 permanent plots are needed for Travelling Showpeople over a ten-year period:

- 66 additional plots from 2022-23 to 2026-27
- 17 additional plots from 2027-28 to 2031-32



Travelling Showpeople plots in London

Change in plots from 2008 to 2022

In 2008 there were 161 Travelling Showpeople households living on plots across 14 London boroughs. By 2022 the number of boroughs with yards had fallen to five, with an estimated 91 plots in 5 boroughs (based on an assumption that one plot equates to one household).

Following yard visits and analysis of borough data the estimated number of authorised Travelling Showpeople plots in London is as follows:

Travelling Showpeople authorised plots 2022

Borough	Number
Bromley	33
Camden	1
Havering	5
Hillingdon	15
Hounslow	37
Total	91

Table 6.1: Travelling Showpeople plots (Page 96)

Travelling Showpeople's accommodation need by Local Planning Authority 2022-23 to 2031-32 (plots)

Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32
Bromley	37
Camden	0
Havering	5
Hillingdon	13
Hounslow	28
Total	83

Table 6.23: Travelling Showpeople's accommodation need by Local Planning Authority 2022-23 to 2031-32 (plots) (Page 110)

.Note: Havering's need was determined by the borough GTANA. No household survey was completed in Camden. At the time Camden's yard was visited there was understood to be one Showperson resident and no additional need identified.

Survey findings

Current accommodation

The majority of Travelling Showpeople households have lived on their yards for over five years, with some plots accommodating multiple generations. Households prioritised living together.

The number of people on each plot varied between one and 18. The ages of individuals ranged from newborn to over 85. Also, some households accommodate long- and short-term employees on yards.

Number of people on each plot

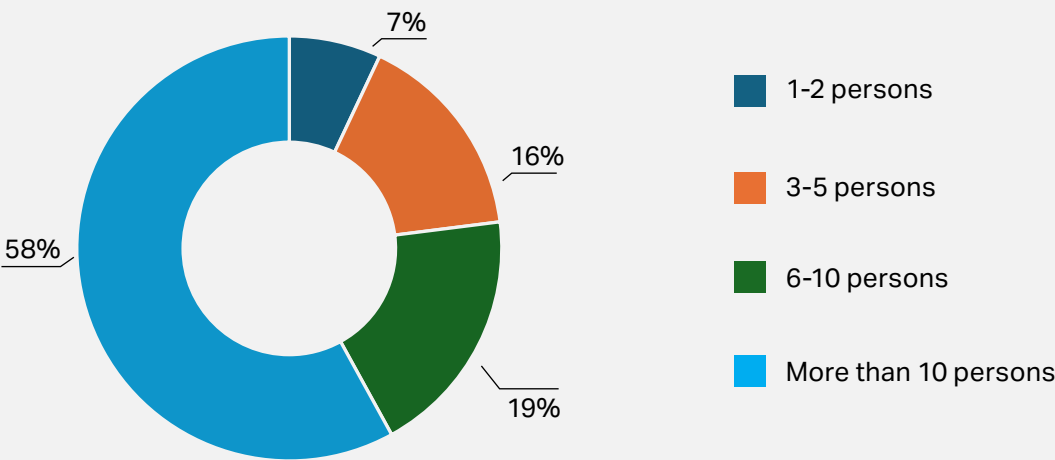


Table 6.6: Number of people on each plot (Page 98)

Need to move within the next five years

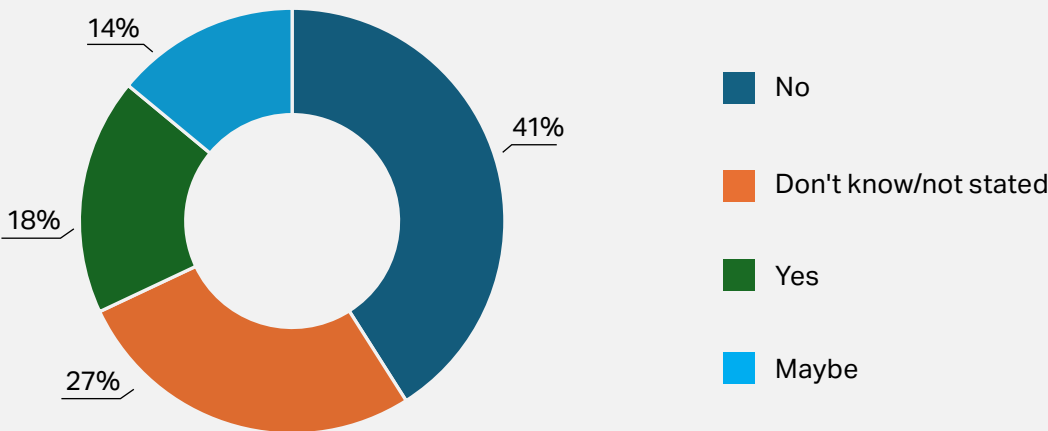


Table 6.5: Need to move within the next five years (Page 98)

What respondents like and dislike about where they live

Around a fifth of respondents were satisfied with their yard. Around a sixth were not. Survey respondents said:

- it was important to live together.

- there should be enough space for storing and maintaining equipment
- currently space is limited.

Satisfaction with yard

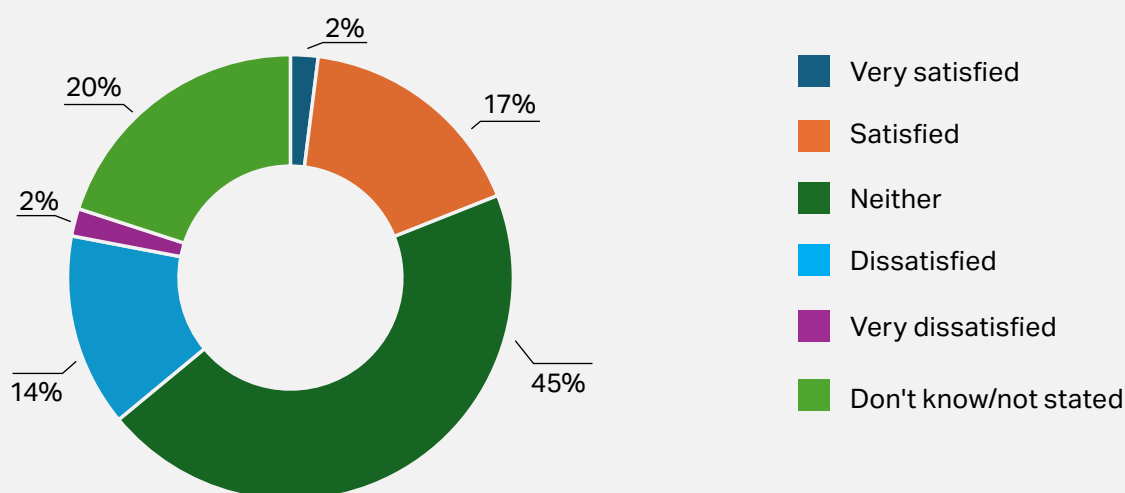


Table 6.7: Satisfaction with yard (Page 98)

Like about where they live

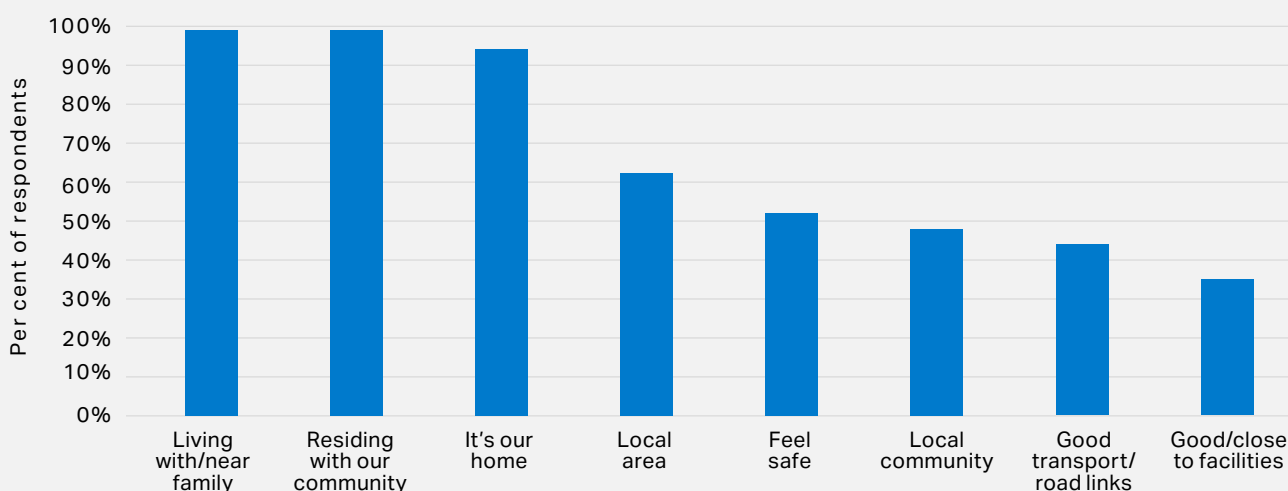


Table 6.8: Like about where they live (Page 99)

Don't like about where they live

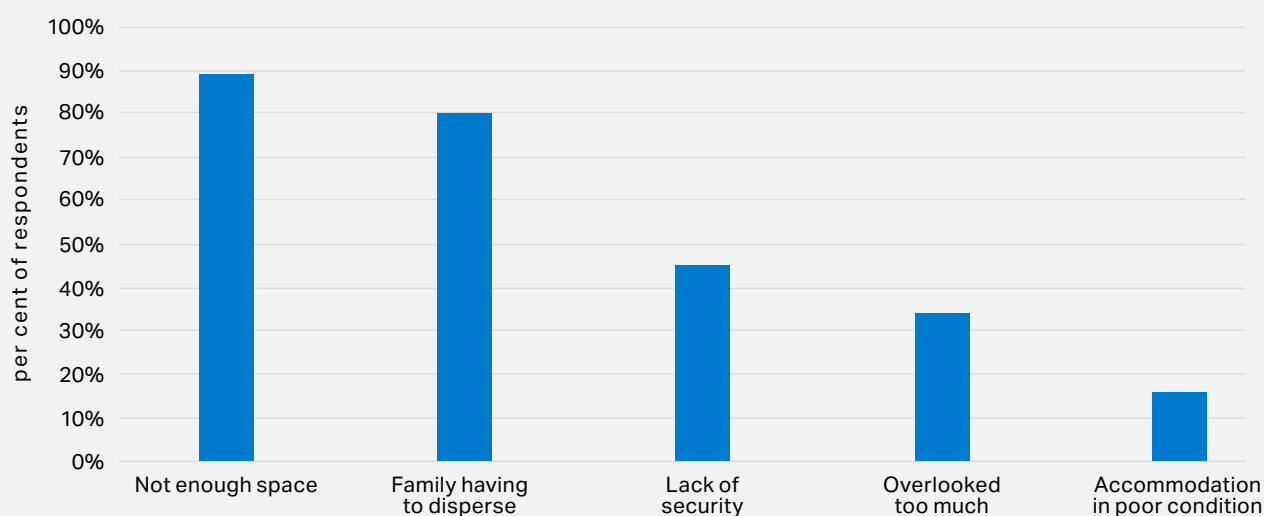


Table 6.9: Don't like about where they live (Page 99)



Overcrowding is a significant issue, with households comprising up to 18 individuals, due to several generations of the same extended family living together. Travelling Showpeople need additional space for storing equipment as well as living.

Developing plots

Some site owners with space to accommodate their own additional need were considering applying for planning permission to develop additional plots. Household members with accommodation need residing on yards without space for expansion would prefer to reside close to existing sites where their family live.

Some survey respondents commented on owning land they could use to accommodate family members. Some had land, or were considering buying land, to develop a site and rent plots to other Travelling Showpeople households.

Need for more permanent plots

Around three-quarters of households consider their area needs more permanent plots. When yards were initially developed, there was sufficient space for both household members and equipment. With more people occupying yards and larger equipment, some yards are no longer large enough for both accommodation and storage.

Households expressed concern that plots are becoming increasingly overcrowded. This means that many Showperson households have to store equipment elsewhere. With limited opportunity for families to develop new yards locally, some are forced to move away, sometimes outside London.

Reasons for travelling

Travelling Showpeople households reported that they travel primarily for work, but tend to travel less frequently and over shorter distances than in the past. This is because a larger proportion of families work at local events within a reasonable distance that enables them to travel to and from yards without staying overnight.

Transit sites

Travelling Showpeople who responded to the GTANA household survey stated that more transit provision is needed in their area.

A shortage of transit sites in London makes it difficult for Travelling Showpeople to find temporary stopping places when attending events important within their culture or travelling for work purposes.

Need for more transit provision

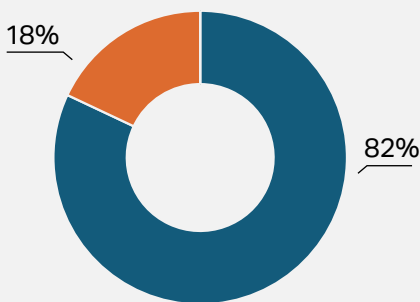


Table 6.13: Need for more transit provision (Page 102)

- Yes
- Don't know/not stated
- No*

* The number of respondents who answered "No" is zero

Preferred transit provision

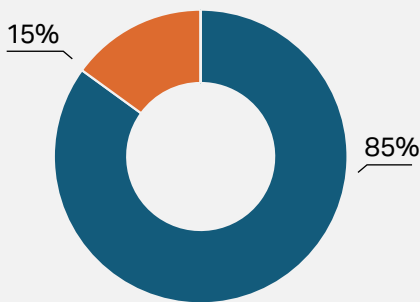


Table 6.14: Preferred transit provision (Page 102)

- Negotiated stopping
- Don't know/not stated
- Both*
- Transit site**

*** The number of respondents who answered "Both" or "Transit site" is zero



Survey response rate

The survey of Travelling Showpeople secured a 94% response rate of households on all known yards and plots in boroughs where fieldwork was carried out ie Bromley, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

Part 4

Accommodation needs of Roma Community

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Introduction

This section considers the accommodation needs and GTANA survey findings for Roma households.

An estimated 7,248 Roma households live in London. Most Roma people live in bricks and mortar housing, although experience disproportionate levels of homelessness and overcrowding.

Most common tenure among 61% of Roma households is the private rented sector

Accommodation needs

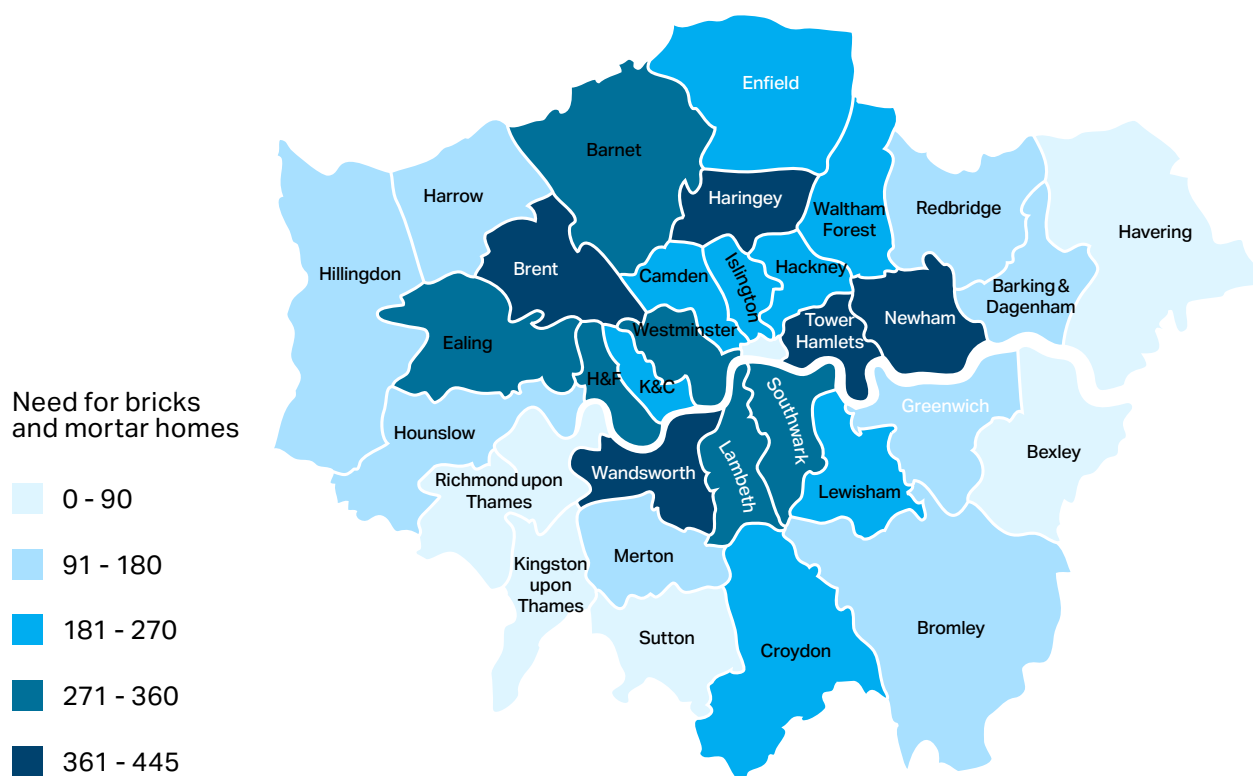
Roma households need 7,162 additional homes over 10 years, 5,129 in the first five years and 2,033 in the second five years.

Household survey responses indicated that the most common tenure among Roma households (for 61 per cent) is the private rented sector.

Around a fifth live with family and friends and a tenth rent from a local authority or housing association accommodation. A small proportion of households live in temporary housing or accommodation they own.



Image - Front cover of Roma Housing in London: barriers and inequalities' by Ted Sale for the Roma Support Group (Feb 2025)



Map 4: Number of additional homes needed for Roma households 2022/23 to 2031/32

Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32	Local Planning Authority	Total need 2022-23 to 2031-32
Barking and Dagenham	152	Hounslow	173
Barnet	313	Islington	208
Bexley	52	Kensington and Chelsea	254
Brent	434	Kingston upon Thames	87
Bromley	103	Lambeth	332
Camden	227	Lewisham	218
City of London	5	Merton	147
Croydon	186	Newham	384
Ealing	270	OPDC	22
Enfield	187	Redbridge	155
Greenwich	166	Richmond upon Thames	77
Hackney	187	Southwark	334
Hammersmith and Fulham	349	Sutton	63
Haringey	360	Tower Hamlets	444
Harrow	162	Waltham Forest	215
Havering	59	Wandsworth	376
Hillingdon	113	Westminster	348

Table 8.37 - Accommodation needs of Roma households living in bricks and mortar homes by Local Planning Authority (Page 161)

Comparing previous and current accommodation highlights an increase from 47% to 61% of Roma households renting

from private landlords or lettings agents while the proportion living with friends fell from 27% to 14%.

Previous accommodation

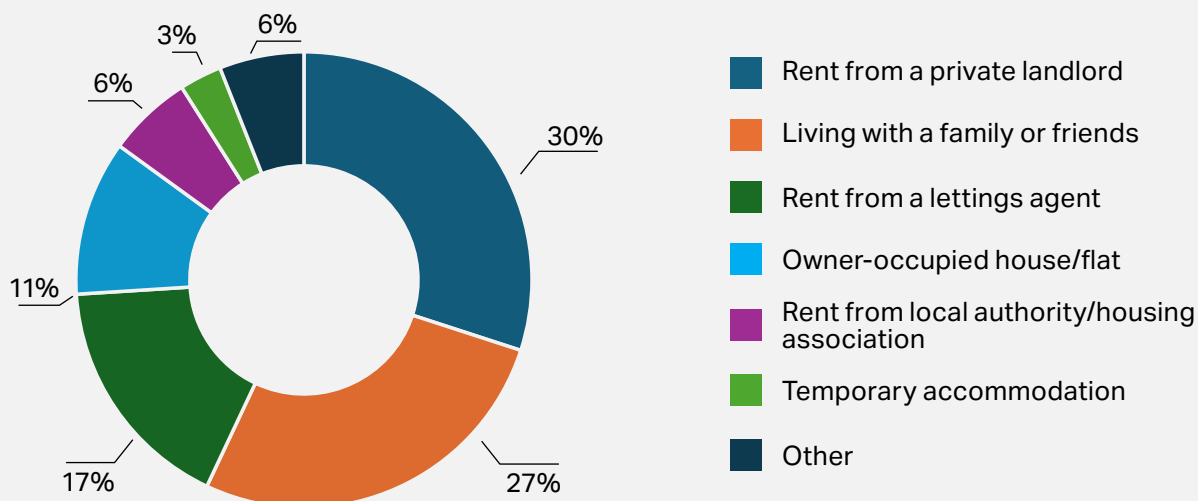


Table 8.19: Previous accommodation (Page 151)

Current accommodation

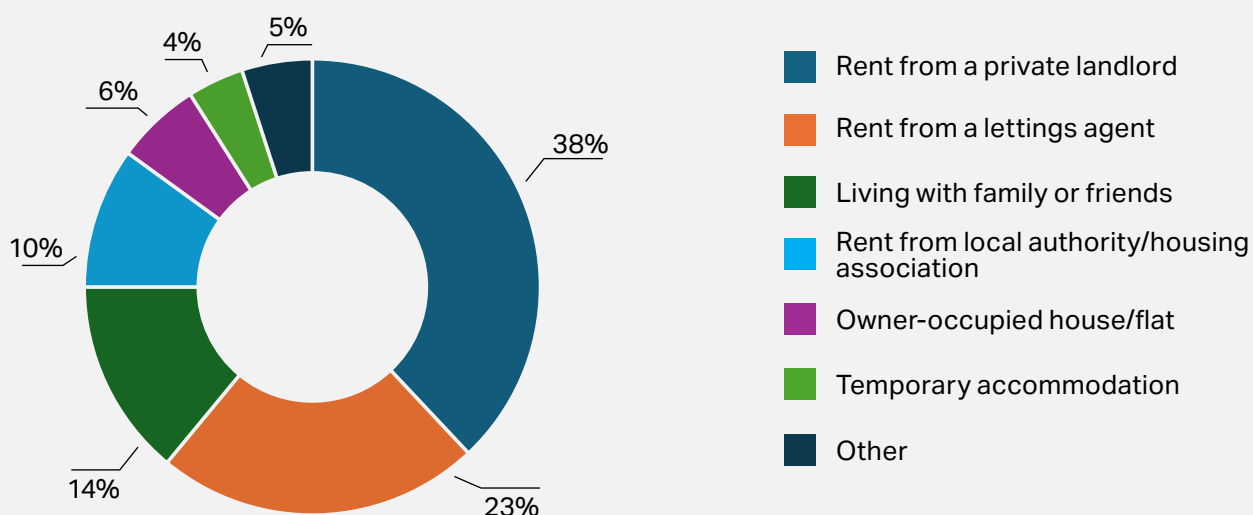


Table 8.15: Current accommodation (Page 149)

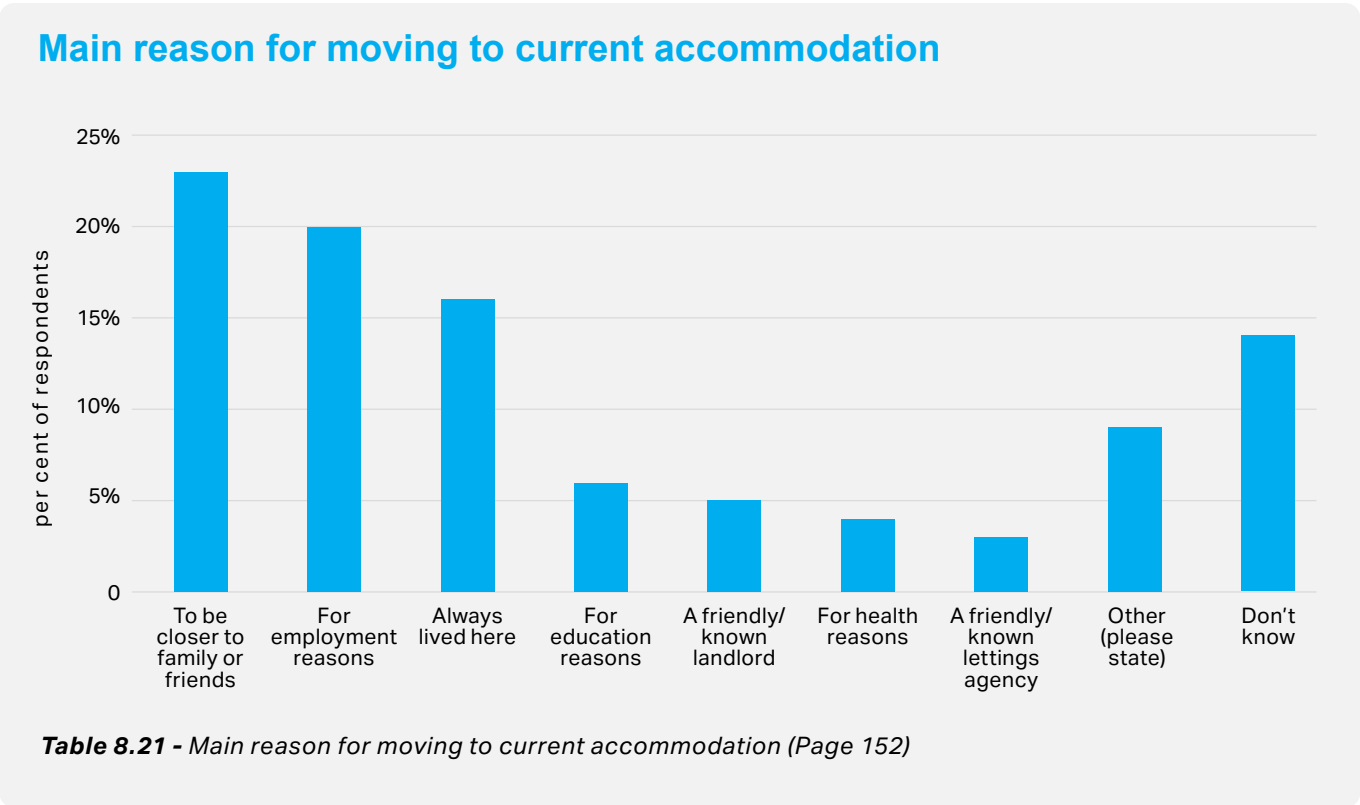


A key difficulty for the Roma community is accessing safe, affordable accommodation. As a result, Roma households often end up in poor-quality private rented accommodation, or in temporary accommodation.

Current accomodation

Nearly three-quarters of respondents to the Roma household survey had lived in the UK for more than five years, with a similar proportion having lived in London for the same length of time.

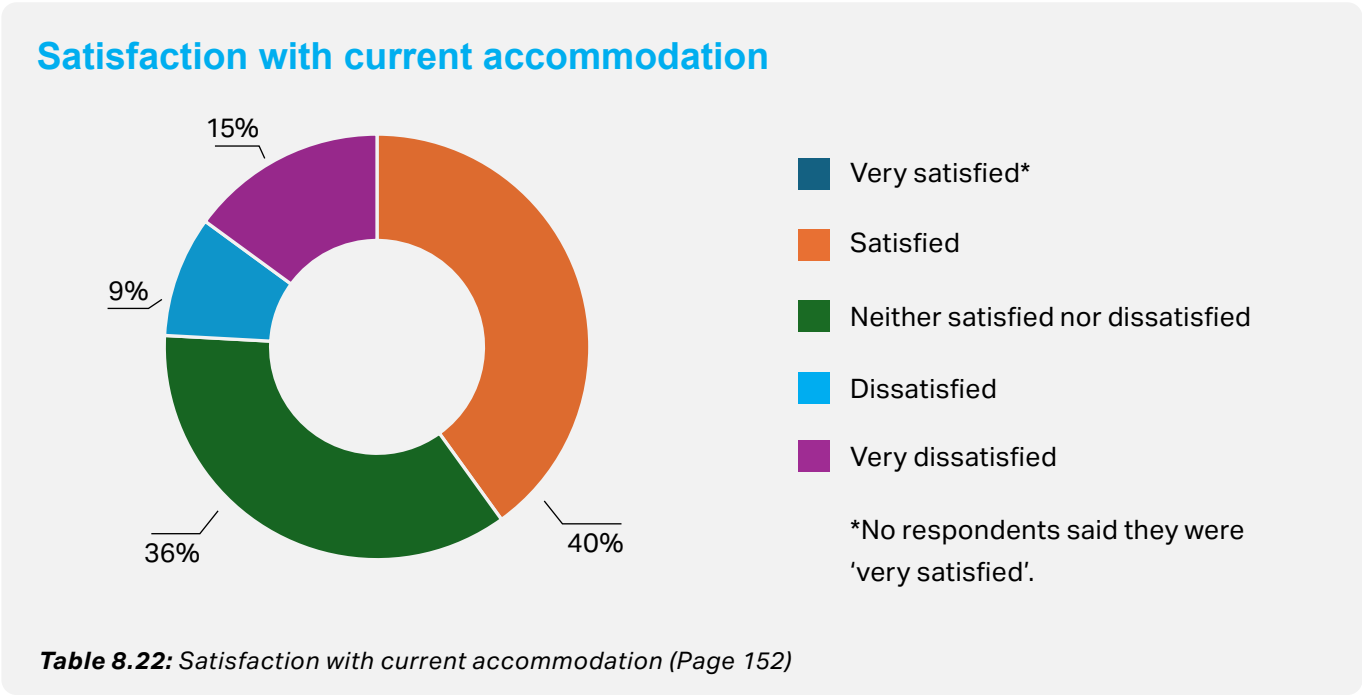
For around a quarter of households their reason for living at their current accommodation was to be close to family and friends. A fifth cited work reasons and around a sixth said they had always lived there.



Satisfaction with accommodation

Satisfaction with current accommodation was mixed; two-fifths were satisfied, almost a quarter were either 'dissatisfied' or 'very dissatisfied' with their current accommodation. This compares with 6.9 per cent of respondents to the English

Housing Survey (2022-23) who were very' or 'fairly' dissatisfied with their current accommodation. Less than half of respondents found their housing costs and utilities fully affordable.



Reasons for needing or being likely to move in the next five years

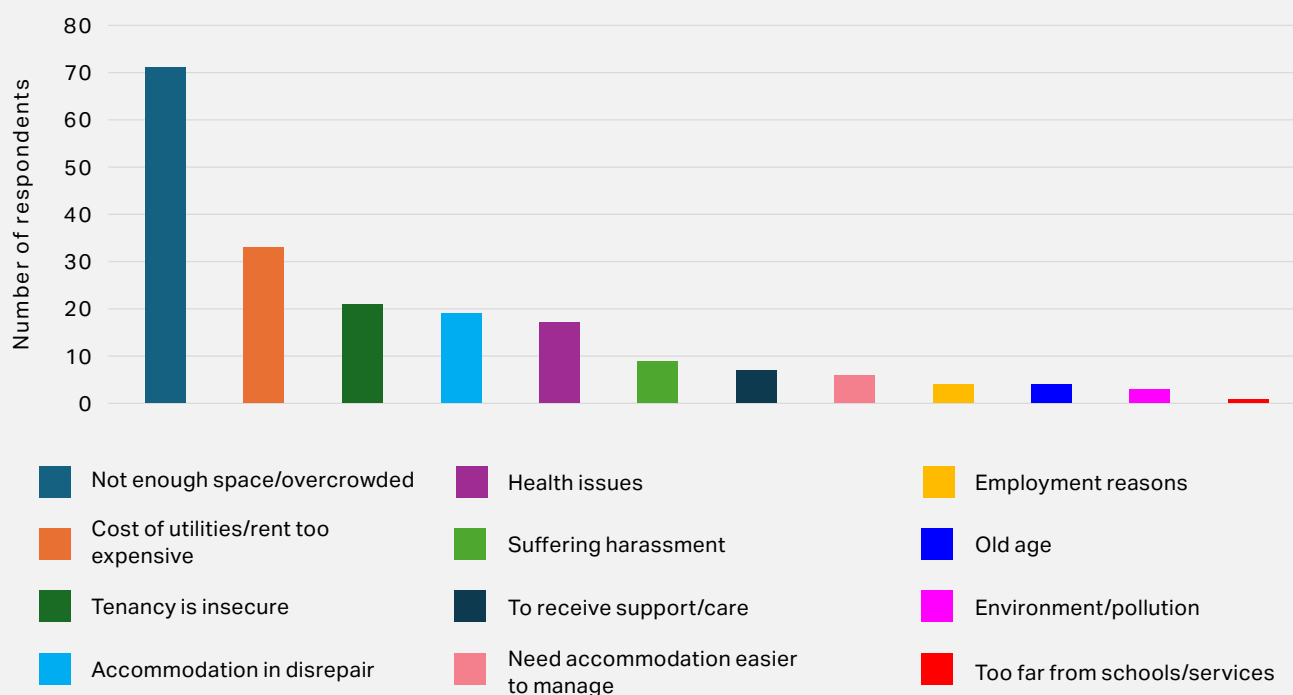


Table 8.26: Reasons for needing/being likely to move in the next five years (Page 154)

Overcrowding

Overcrowding is cited as one of the main reasons Roma households said they need or are likely to move in the next five years. 19 per cent of Roma households in London experience overcrowding.

Accommodation preferences

Households that said they wanted to move in the next five years were asked about the type of accommodation they would like to live in. More than half said they wanted to live in social rented housing run by a London borough or housing association.

Preferred type of accommodation

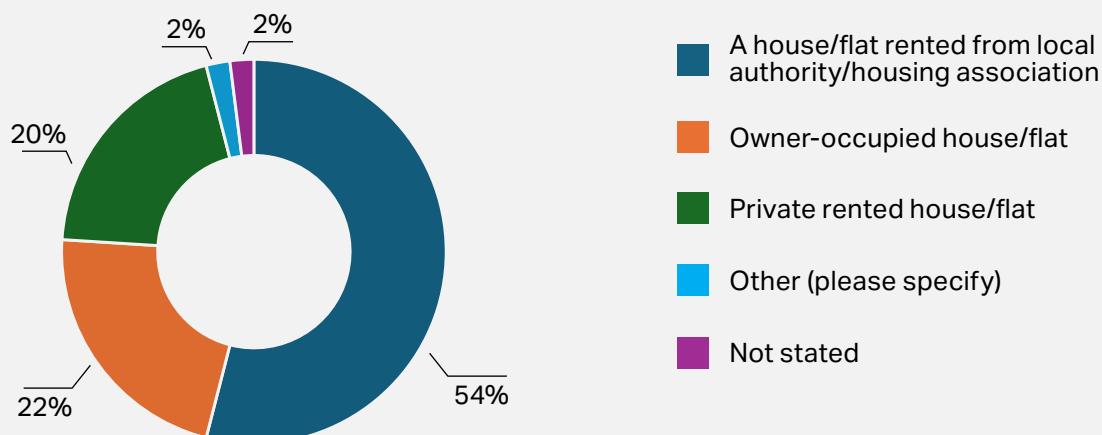


Table 8.27: Preferred tenure of accommodation (Page 154)

Access to services

Survey responses show that the majority of Roma households are usually able to access services such as health and education and around 1 in 10 households experience poor access. Households face significant barriers to accessing other services.

Over half of respondents said they were not aware or only slightly aware of how to apply for social rented housing. Nearly two-thirds of respondents were not aware or only slightly aware of how to access emergency or temporary accommodation.

Access to housing services

	Not able to access at all	Usually not able to access	Somewhat able to access	Usually able to access	Fully able to access	Not stated	Total
Permanent local authority/housing association housing	49%	15%	13%	8%	4%	11%	100%
Temporary accommodation	49%	15%	13%	8%	4%	11%	100%
Bidding for local authority/housing association accommodation	54%	13%	12%	8%	3%	10%	100%

Table 8.12: Access to housing services (Page 147)

Registered with GP

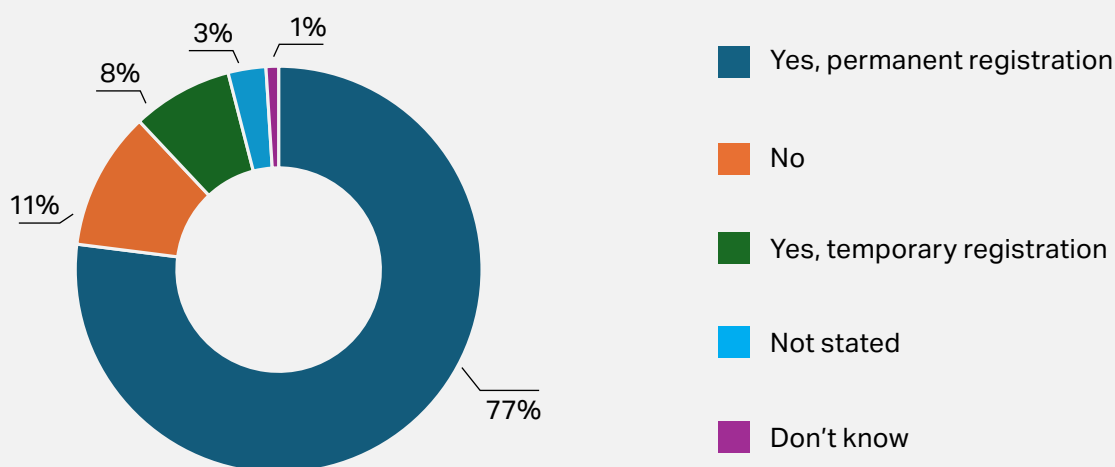


Table 8.6: Registered with GP (Page 143)

Usual way of accessing health services

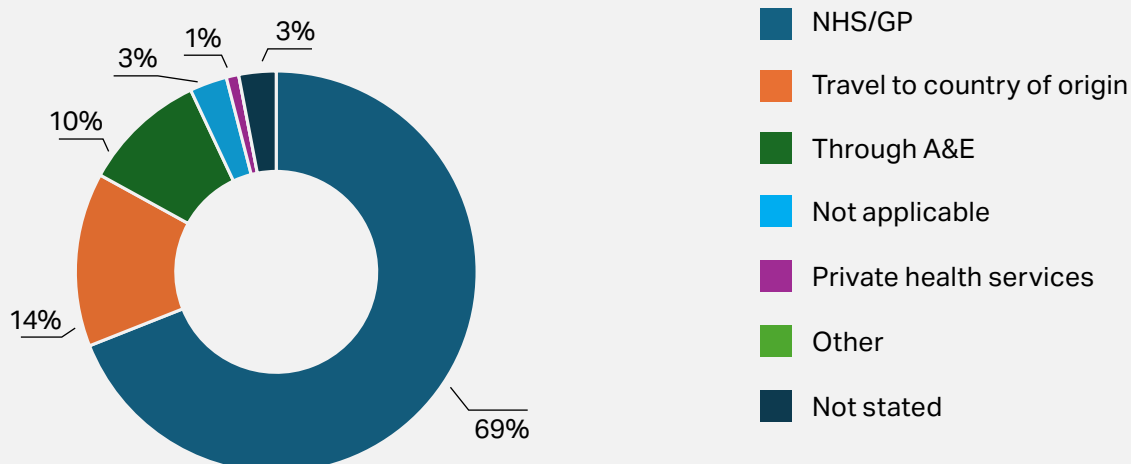


Table 8.7: Usual way of accessing health services (Page 143)

Improving access

For Roma households, issues such as overcrowding, health problems, and difficulties accessing secure, affordable housing are prominent. It was apparent that Roma survey respondents were not always aware of their housing rights, including:

- eligibility for social housing
- eviction processes
- security of tenure
- protection against harassment
- rights to benefits.

Affordability

Fewer than half of Roma households surveyed reported that they could afford to cover housing costs, such as their rent or mortgage and necessities, such as food and utilities.

Assessing the needs of London's Roma community

An online survey, designed for the Roma community, was carried out in all London boroughs and translated into the main languages spoken. The survey covered:

- awareness of housing rights
- affordability of accommodation and services
- accommodation needs.

Survey response rate

The online survey of Roma households secured 729 responses, a response rate of **10 per cent** across London

Part 5

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To determine accommodation needs the GTANA compared current accommodation provision with total accommodation needs.

Accommodation needs take into account the **cultural preference** of Gypsy and Traveller households who currently live in bricks and mortar accommodation, but need to move and would prefer to live on a pitch.



Household surveys

Site and yard surveys were carried out with Gypsies and Travellers living on sites and Travelling Showpeople living on yards in 20 boroughs.

Site and yard fieldwork did not take place in Bexley, Haringey, Havering, Merton, Newham or Richmond. The GTANA Steering Group agreed that data from their recently completed GTANAs should be incorporated into the London GTANA.

Online surveys of Gypsy and Traveller households living in bricks and mortar accommodation and Roma households were carried out across all London boroughs.

The survey responses help us to work out the proportion of households who need accommodation for different reasons, which could be overcrowding or to accommodate new households.

Census data

The GTANA used Census data to calculate the size of the Gypsy and Traveller and Roma populations in order to determine how many survey responses were needed to secure a representative sample of households living in bricks and mortar homes, and to calculate these households' accommodation needs.

While the Census is considered an authoritative data source, it is acknowledged that due to lower completion rates among

the groups the GTANA covers, it may underestimate the size of the Roma, Gypsy and Traveller populations.

Census data was not used to calculate the needs of Gypsies and Travellers living on sites or Travelling Showpeople living on yards as the site and yard surveys achieved response rates exceeding 90% so the GTANA did not need to use the Census for these groups.



Survey questions, accommodation needs and supply by borough

Appendix 13 of the London GTANA Appendices 1-17 November 2025 includes accommodation needs and supply by each London borough for Gypsies and Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and the Roma Community.

The London GTANA Technical Appendix November 2025 includes all household survey questions.

Both documents, along with the main GTANA report, can be downloaded from this link:



<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-gtana-2025-2z16p>