

Supplementary Council Agenda



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Council Tuesday, 19th April, 2005

Place: Civic Offices, Epping
Room: Council Chamber
Time: 7.30 pm
Committee Secretary: Council Secretary: Ian Willett
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6.1 **Motions**

To consider the following motion, notice of which has been given under Paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

UNAUTHORISED GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

“That this Council recognises:

- (a) harmonious relationships exist between many settled gypsy sites in Essex and their neighbours;
- (b) the law-abiding traveller and gypsy communities within the County are part of our heritage; and
- (c) the provision of legally regulated sites for these communities should continue,

and calls on the Government to:

- (a) prevent human rights legislation from frustrating planning laws;
- (b) strengthen the powers of local authorities to prevent abuse of the law by the process of seeking retrospective planning permission;
- (c) create a criminal offence of “aggravated trespass” to cover large unauthorised encampments;
- (d) give stronger guidance and support to the Police and local authorities on law enforcement in such cases”.

Mover; Councillor Mrs D Collins

Seconder: To be advised