

## **Submission for the New Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024:**

Bray Traveller’s Community Development Group and Wicklow Traveller’s Group have been a part of the LTACC from the onset. We will continue to be committed and supportive of this process. We are asking for the same commitment from local councillors, senior staff officials from both Bray and Wicklow County Councils.

An accommodation assessment was carried out by both the WTG and BTCDG, along with a Social Worker from Wicklow council at the end of July 2018. This assessment denotes the preference and needs of families living in the various locations and types of accommodation:

<b>New developments</b>	<b>Traveller Specific Units</b>	<b>Developments</b>
Ballinteskin	2	1
Greystones	2	1
Kilcarra Bend	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Expansion of Existing Schemes</b>		
Silverbridge	1	
Ballinteskin	2	
Ballinteskin	3	
Scratnagh	2	
Glasnarget	1	
Bahana Ballinaclesh	1	
Ballyhenry	1	
St. Clare’s Vale Road	3	
Rathdrum	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>Re-developments of Existing Schemes</b>	<b>Traveller Specific Units</b>	<b>Re-developments</b>
Rocky Valley	3	1
Windgates	3	1
Bray	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Standard Housing</b>		
Homeless and Sharing	23	
Private Rented	21	
RAS	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	

<b>Present Location</b>	<b>Traveller Specific and Social Housing</b>	
St. Clare's Vale Road	2	
Vale Road	1	
Cooldross Close	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	

The total number of families including those in Ras housing is 88.  
There are 10 families in Ras accommodation.

### **Relationship of Traveller Accommodation to Health and Wellbeing.**

It is well known and has been concluded in many reports (e.g. All Ireland Traveler Health Study 2010) that ill health in Traveller families is associated with poor accommodation, including overcrowding, cold, damp and unsanitary conditions.

The health statistics for Wicklow Traveller's, as collated by Community Health Workers, and submitted to HSE, show clearly that a large number of adults and children are suffering from Asthma, COPD, Depression, and a range of Infectious diseases.

We would emphasize again that proper accommodation is the only long term solution to these health problems and would ask you to bear this in mind in making your decisions on the accommodation program for Wicklow County.

### **Our recommendations:**

1. We would like a demonstration of commitment from all members and officials of the LTACC meetings within the next 5 year plan
2. We would like proper accommodation to be sought for Traveller's in County Wicklow in order to address the outstanding health issues facing families and individual's living in sub-standard conditions.
3. We would like to see a transit halting site for Traveller's within the County of Wicklow in the next 5 year accommodation plan.