

**1. What issue do you think should be investigated by a scrutiny panel?**

Provision for Gypsy Roma and Traveller groups within our city. Health/education/homes etc What outreach work is there and how is it carried out. Do all the various groups/departments within the council work together or in isolation. How can it be improved?

**2. Why do you think that this issue is important?**

Because the GRT community is one of the most marginalised and abused by the rest of society. As Mr Jake Bowers and Lord Avebury- (both well known campaigners for GRT equality) have said- 'the last bastion of accepted racism'. Well not in Brighton and Hove.

**3. How does this issue affect Brighton & Hove?**

There is a large GRT community and they have only one place to stay which is a transit yard at Horsdean. There are rarely positive messages ever published about the GRT groups in Brighton and Hove. Normal newsprint is very negative and stereotypical. We need to build bridges between the settled community and GRT groups.

**4. Do you have any personal or professional experience of this issue?**

Indeed. For the last 6 years I was head of Gypsy Roma and Traveller Education Services for the London Borough of Havering. In my time there I increased the number of GRT children attending mainstream school from 19 to over 270. I was made redundant at the end of April 2011 as part of widespread job cuts.

**5. What is your connection to Brighton & Hove? (please put a X next to all that apply)**

Live in the city and a ward councillor and cabinet member.

Work here

Study here

**6. Do you have any contact details you are happy to provide, if we need any further information about the issue? Please note that all suggestions will be reported anonymously.**

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