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Subject: FW: Consultation on unauthorised development and encampments - URGENT

Hi Stuart

I dealt with trespassers for a landed estate here in Cornwall last year.

Using the numbers below:

2(a) West Cornwall. It was a small encampment of persons who believe that the population is controlled by use of their names so they have no names. There were 4 adults on site. They had constructed wooden huts and erected a solar array. They were growing some items on the land as well.

2(b) The land needed cleaning and also all of the wooden shacks removing.

2(c) We issued a county court claim for possession and instructed high court enforcement officers to serve the notice, claim form and possession order. They vacated before being evicted. It took about 2 months once my client committed to the action.

6 Not used them as usually, by the time I am instructed, they have been on site for a long time.

12 Not used.

Other issues:

We do tend to get a lot of travellers here in Cornwall. My colleagues also undertake eviction work against travellers for numerous clients. This can range from mines and minerals companies, landed estates to private rural land owners and farmers. The scale of encampments can range from a few people up to 40+. The land is invariably left in a poor condition with numerous items left behind.

The police seem reluctant to intervene, seeing it as a "civil matter" and so many landowners turn to us.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards

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Message to all PLA members

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Communities and Local Government is conducting a consultation on unauthorised development and encampments (a) to establish the effectiveness of the existing powers of local authorities and the police are effective and (b) to assist the Government in considering future policy and legislative proposals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthorised-development-and-encampments>

Whilst most of the questions raised by the consultation are directed at local government, many of our members will have relevant experience of dealing with unauthorised encampments (both for local government clients and private landowners) which we would like to collate and pass on.

The Law Reform Committee would like to hear from any members in relation to the following issues:-

To assist us in responding to Question 2 of the Consultation

- a. If PLA members have dealt with the removal of unauthorised traveller encampments within the last 2 years, please provide details of location and scale.
- b. If the relevant land needed repairing or cleaning afterwards, what was involved and was the approximate cost ?
- c. How did the unauthorised encampment come to an end and how long did it take ?

To assist us in responding to Question 6 of the Consultation

If PLA members have experience of asking the police to exercise powers to direct travellers to leave land pursuant to sub-ss 61 / 62A Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, what was their experience ?

To assist us in responding to Question 12 of the Consultation

If PLA members have used the procedure for obtaining an Interim Possession Order (CPR Parts 55.20 to 55.28), what was their experience ?

With apologies for the short notice, please reply to [Stuart Wortley](#), [Peter Bourke](#) and [Charlotte Tyfield](#) who are co-ordinating the Association's response **by 5.30 pm on Friday 15 June.**

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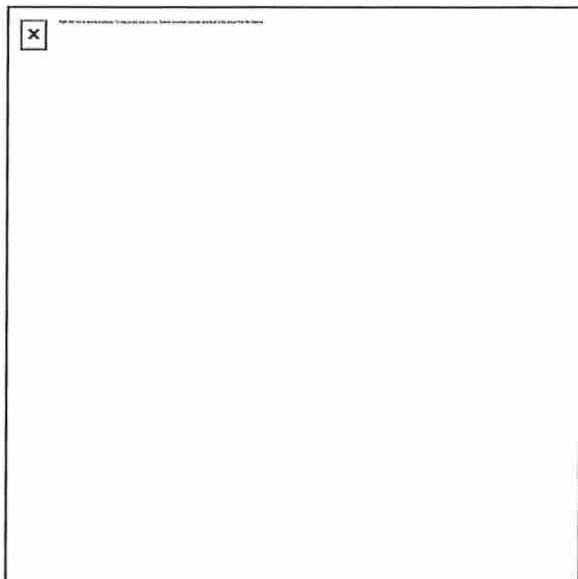
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