

Memo to all Traveller Accommodation Unit Staff

31st March 2021

Use of the word “ILLEGAL” in relation to the Traveller Community

Dear Colleague,

The following Motion was put forward for debate by members of the Local Traveller Consultative Committee (LTACC) at its recent meeting on the 26th March 2021.

“That the LTACC and its members support the recommendations that came from Dublin City Councils Special Meeting on Traveller Accommodation. In particular it supports the call for the word “Illegal” to be removed from any correspondence - either verbally or officially going forward.”

The motion was debated and passed by the members of the LTACC and by the management of the Traveller Accommodation Unit.

Therefore, as and from this date, the word “illegal” shall not be used by any member of staff of the Traveller Accommodation Unit when dealing with members of the Traveller community, their representative groups or in general communications. The term “illegal” should be replaced by comments such as “unauthorised” or “without permission” where such use of the term is not a requirement of particular legislation.

The Traveller Accommodation Unit undertakes to remove the word “Illegal” from all future correspondences, whether written or oral, except where bounded by legislation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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Head of Section