

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

**Claim No. QB-2020-002112**

**B E T W E E N :**

**(1) TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**(2) HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Claimant**

**-and-**

**(1) ALBERT BOWERS**  
**(2)-(89) OTHER NAMED DEFENDANTS**  
**(90) PERSONS UNKNOWN FORMING UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS**  
**WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF TEST VALLEY**

**Defendants**

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**ELEVENTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF KAREN DUNN**

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I, **Karen Dunn**, Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover SP10 3AJ will say as follows:

1. I make this witness statement in support of the Claimants' Application for a final order in these proceedings.
2. My Ninth substantive Witness Statement within these proceedings dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 provided the court with updating details of unauthorised encampments within the Test Valley Borough Council area up to and including the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.
3. This statement updates the court as to unauthorised encampments within the Borough since that date. Exhibited hereto marked "**KD1**" is a table summarising the 19 unauthorised encampments within the Borough since 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to date.

4. The number of unauthorised encampments within the Test Valley Borough Council area is summarised as follows:

2018	38
2019	40
2020	15
2021	9
2022	15
2023	17

5. Of the unauthorised encampments referred to in this witness statement, the First Claimant has utilised its powers to serve notice under section 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act on five occasions from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to date, also obtaining and serving orders from the Magistrates Court under section 78 pursuant to two of those notices. Two of these encampments were within the injunction area yet action under the Act was necessary as in the absence of a power of arrest the only available action pursuant to the injunction would be to take proceedings for contempt of court which a) wouldn't deal with removing the encampment, b) would take time and c) is challenging when faced with persons unknown.
6. I set out below the impacts and related harms which have taken place in relation to the unauthorised encampments described in this witness statement.

Impacts and related harms associated with the unauthorised encampments from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to date within the Borough.

Threats/intimidation

7. Where I refer to police records and reports below, these are exhibited to the first witness statement of Inspector Paul Holmes, which is served along with this statement.
8. Whilst not a direct act of threat or intimidation, a Bailiff who attended the unauthorised encampment at North Way, Andover SP10 5AZ (police report 4420365728) requested

police presence when attending site as he (the Bailiff) had been involved in evicting a recent unauthorised encampment from a site in Winchester which had become violent and in which police vehicles were damaged and the Bailiff recognised individuals on site from the Winchester eviction.

9. Police reports, exhibited at exhibit PH3 of the First Witness Statement of Inspector Paul Holmes show that individuals from an unauthorised encampment at Rownhams East Motorway Service on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 threatened staff at the Service Station. The reports detail children trying to shoplift and when challenged making comments like “do you want us to bring our whole family in” causing the shop personnel to ask for police support.
10. At the same encampment, police records show a report of a female coming into the services and saying “she was going to go grab her husband” causing the informant to feel threatened and ask for police assistance. A further report is recorded of the individuals from the encampment causing issues with customers and staff having to close the site at 22:00 hours due to staff safety.
11. Police records exhibited at PH11 to the First Witness Statement of Inspector Holmes show that at the unauthorised encampment next to the Romsey Rapids sports centre on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, a public order incident is recorded where a male attended the sports centre and demanded to use the showers without paying. When challenged, he was abusive to staff and used the showers anyway. CCTV showed the male going in, being abusive and using the showers but officers could not locate the male.
12. At the same encampment police records (44230289430) show reports of youths from the encampment running about, using the pool and showers, being rude to staff and setting off the fire alarm.
13. The Council received a report of a female and child from the centre also demanding to use the shower, becoming irate and pointing in a member of staff’s face before eventually going off and returning with money for a shower.
14. Police records 44230375535 show that on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the unauthorised encampment at Picket Twenty sports field, a member of public reports receiving a barrage



of verbal abuse and being told to ‘fuck off and if he had a problem they would come and sort him out’ when he objected to dogs from the encampment chasing him and his dog and taking nips at his dog.

15. Police record 44230378796 shows that having been moved on from Picket Twenty Sports Field above, the group moved on to the Booker Cash and Carry site, North Way Andover. The report sets out how a member of the public reported being told to leave otherwise he would be shot in the head with a shotgun. The police who subsequently attended did not locate any gun.

#### Risk to public health, untreated human waste

16. Police reports (44230249199) show five reports of human waste at the unauthorised encampment at Tweed Close, Chandlers Ford which was established on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. One report describes those at the encampment ‘using the surrounding woodland as a toilet which smells appalling and poses a health risk especially as this is a field with a children’s playground in it’. Another report on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 is of having just seen a member of the unauthorised encampment defecating in the woods, ‘leaving a trail of toilet roll behind him’. A further report was received on 24<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 of members of the encampment defecating in the river and toilet roll in the river. On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 a member of public reports seeing human faeces with used toilet paper and a pair of soiled shorts. On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 a report is received of persons from the encampment defecating along the woods and leaving toilet paper and nappies.

17. After the departure of the unauthorised encampment at the pitches adjacent to the Romsey Rapids Sports Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the First Claimant carried out a clear-up of the site. The Council’s Environmental Services emailed me with details of the clear-up costs and noted that there was ‘toilet use’ and that the most notable piece of work required was to replace the sand within the play area which had been used as a toilet area. The play park was closed off until the sand could be replenished. I exhibit hereto marked “**KD2**” a copy of my Environmental Service colleague’s email and photographs of the site and vehicle showing bags of waste removed from the site.



18. The First Claimant's Environmental Service operatives attended to clear up after the unauthorised encampment at Tweed Close, Chandlers Ford on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023. I exhibit hereto marked "**KD3**" a copy of an email from my Environmental Services colleague to me confirming that there was 'some toilet paper/human waste etc. that has been cleared from close to the hedgerows and around the open site, there has also been some rubbish removed from the Monks Brook Stream across the other side...'

#### Damage/Theft

19. On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 a report was received from a member of the public of forced entry into a field at Red Post Lane SP11 8DB, damaging the gate. This is recorded in police report 44220354988 and exhibited at PH1 to Inspector Paul Holmes's witness statement.
20. Police reports (44230072078) show that individuals from an unauthorised encampment at Rownhams East Motorway Service on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 entered and stole from stores at the Services.
21. The unauthorised encampment, which was established at Watery Lane, Upper Clatford, Andover on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 are shown in police record 44230205111 as having lifted a padlocked gate off its hinges to gain access.
22. A police report (44230227548) related to the unauthorised encampment at Augusta Way West, Andover, SP11 6FY records a group of three females with a child stealing £182 worth of goods from the Asda Store and Anton Mill Road, Andover.
23. The police report 44230249199 shows that a padlock was broken to force entry to the car park of the recreation ground at Tweed Close, Chandlers Ford where an unauthorised encampment was subsequently established. I exhibit hereto marked "**KD4**" copies of photographs of the damage supplied by the Council's Environmental Services team when attending to carry out a clear up operation.

24. On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 individuals broke through padlocked gates to gain access to the grassed pitches at next to the Romsey Rapids Sports Centre. I exhibit hereto marked “**KD5**” copies of photographs taken by Council staff of the broken gate.
25. On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 an unauthorised encampment set up at the Saxon Fields Pavilion in Andover, the gate was broken to access and I exhibit hereto marked “**KD6**” a copy of photographs of the broken gate
26. Police record 44230500277 shows that unauthorised encampment at School Lane Chandlers Ford on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 broke a window and open external fire doors in order to plug in to the electrics of a warehouse building on private property.

#### Nuisance

27. On 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 reports were received by the police (44230214510) of ‘lots of screaming and shouting’ coming from the unauthorised encampment at Clover Way, Romsey SO51 7RG. Residents also reported feeling frightened.
28. On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 police records 44230226007 show a report of vehicles moving on to land off Smannell Road, Andover causing nuisance by blocking the roundabout, sounding horns, causing noise and trying to get vehicles over mounds put in place by the Council.
29. Police records 44230288836 show that at the unauthorised encampment at the Romsey Rapids Sports Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023, a fight occurred between members of the encampment which a Bailiff attending to serve papers reported in to the police.
30. The Romsey Rapids Sports Centre is owned by the Council but leased to and run by Places Leisure Ltd. Reports were received by the Council from the Centre that on 17<sup>th</sup> July the sports centre had to be closed early for security reasons and all squash bookings (the encampment being near the squash courts) were cancelled including the children’s squash day camp due to start on the Saturday. Romsey Runners running group also use the building. The ‘adventure golf’ was also closed and locked. The centre had to hire door security and a night security patrol (the Centre’s plant and chemical store is close to the encampment) at a cost of £670 for 1.5 days for the door security and £1224 for the night-

time patrols. The police did not consider that the criteria for action under s61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act were made out. I exhibit hereto marked “KD7” an extract of the updating report I made to the Police on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This also records the reports received by the Council of a four-year-old child being hit around the head and reports of attempted theft of pushchairs and lunches.

31. Also, because of the unauthorised encampment at the Romsey Rapids, the Council’s Senior Project Engineer reported that Council’s contractors who were carrying out flood alleviation works on the access road had to temporarily suspend work as children from the camp were climbing on machinery and trying to take unattended equipment.

32. Police records (44230375626) show that a member of public was bitten by a dog from the unauthorised encampment at Picket Twenty Sports Facility Andover on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the bite drawing blood. A further report (44230376463) shows another member of public being chased by two dogs from the encampment. A third report on the same date shows a report from a member of the public reporting they and their dog being chased by five or six dogs from the encampment who also took nips at their dog which was on a lead.

33. Also, at this encampment police records show a report of a dark red Seat car from the encampment being driven around the grass at the sports facility on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

#### Cost of removing and cleaning up after encampments

34. The Council’s Environmental Services Team will carry out post-unauthorised encampment clear-up where encampments are on Council land. I confirm the Council’s Environmental Services team hold the following records for the clear-up after the unauthorised encampments described in my schedule.

Encampment Date	Location	Detail if available	Cost	Bailiff cost
08/06/2023	Smannell Road/Icknield Way	500kg waste & jet wash	£205	£350 + vat
17/07/2023	Romsey Rapids	Clear waste £206, jet wash £123, replace sand £541	£870	£3,800 + vat



02/08/2023	Saxon Fields		£219	£650 + vat
24/09/2023	Picket Twenty Sports Field		£146	

35. As referred to earlier in this statement, notice under section 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 was served on five occasions – in relation to the Smannell Road (08/06/23), Tweed Close (22/06/2023), Romsey Rapids (17/07/2023), Saxon Fields (02/08/2023) and Picket Twenty Sports Field (24/09/2023) encampments. Court orders were obtained and served in the Romsey Rapids and Saxon Fields cases.

36. For the notices served and court proceedings taken, and again using the conservative estimate of three hours of legal officer time per case, gives a cost to the council of £2,655 plus two court fees of £236 gives costs of £3,127. To be added on to this are the Bailiff costs shown in the final column of the table above. Bailiffs are instructed to carry out welfare assessments, serve notices and orders and ultimately attend to effect physical eviction if necessary.

37. On one occasion, the police have exercised their power under section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. I am not aware of any cases of the police considering the relatively new offence of residing on land without consent under section 60C being made out.

#### Provision for Travellers in the Borough

38. As described in and exhibited to my earlier witness statements, Test Valley Borough Council adopted a Negotiated Stopping Policy on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 under which requests can be made to stop temporarily within the Borough. At the time of my last updating statement in November 2022 no requests under the policy had been made. Since that time, two approaches for information about the policy have been received but no substantive requests to stop up.

39. On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the Council's customer service unit received an email asking for details of the Council's negotiated stopping places. I replied providing a link to the policy and

describing the process, but no substantive request followed. On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 an individual asked a Councillor via their Facebook page for a telephone number to call about stopping up in Test Valley- they were given the Council's telephone number, but no further request was made.

The continuing need for injunctive relief

40. The Borough of Test Valley continues to experience unauthorised encampments and the negative effects of the same (as described above). The injunction has however significantly reduced the instances of encampments and whilst the power of arrest remained in force also significantly reduced the duration of the encampments as they can be moved on with greater speed with the assistance of the injunction. By limiting the number and duration of the encampments, the harm suffered by the inhabitants of the Borough is mitigated and reduced.
41. I set out at paragraphs 141 to 147 of my first witness statement of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 the limitations of the regime under section 77 and 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. These orders cover only a limited geographical area and encampments will often move just a short distance away when ultimately required to leave. For example, the group moved on from the Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion in September 2023 simply decamped to the Industrial Estate at North Way. This constant cycle of enforcement is expensive, both in terms of financial cost and resource drain. The injunction with a power of arrest is a much more cost efficient method of enforcement (especially as, to date the injunction has not needed to be enforced by way of committal proceedings and service has itself been effective).
42. The injunction also allows the Council to move an encampment on in a more timely manner as compared to the use of the powers under section 77 and 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 this limiting the harm that may be caused by an encampment that sets up in an inappropriate area (remembering that the injunction area only covers the most sensitive sites in the Borough where encampments would be inappropriate and cause harm to the Borough's inhabitants).



43. Further, directions under section 77 of the Criminal Justice and public Order Act 1994 only last for three months, upon which an encampment may return, and the cycle of enforcement starts again.
44. In my opinion and experience, those forming unauthorised encampment for the most part are fully aware of how the system works and its limitations. Encampments will often remain in situ – and expressly say that is what they intend to do –until the threat of actual eviction becomes real and only then do they move on. An example of this is the Romsey Rapids encampment in July 2023. Notice under section 77 was served and an order to vacate obtained and served. The encampment did not move on until the bailiff attended site to actually carry out an eviction. The costs of dealing with removal of that encampment were in the region of £4,567 + vat plus clean up costs of £870, so a total of £5,437 for that encampment alone. The Council is also at the mercy of the Court being able to accommodate us for a hearing.
45. The use of byelaws has been mooted by the Supreme Court as a means to deal with these issues. I do not believe this would be an effective remedy in the Borough of Test Valley. Enforcement of a byelaw involves enforcement in the Magistrates Court resulting in a fine. This does not deal with the mischief of the physical encampment itself and a fine is unlikely to be a deterrent to the forming of an unauthorised encampment. Proceedings would be likely to take some time to come before court. Further, in order to take enforcement proceedings, it will also be necessary to establish the identity of those present, which is often difficult.
46. For the period of time which this Council had the benefit of an interim injunction order with associated power of arrest, instances of unauthorised encampments and associated harms considerably reduced. The powerful effect of the order was plain. The number of unauthorised encampments experienced is still lower than before the interim order but is on an upward trajectory since the power of arrest was discharged and the realisation settles that without it, the Claimant's power to take practical and swift action is limited.
47. I therefore ask this Honourable Court to make final the interim order in this matter and reinstate the power of arrest against the named Defendants and those persons unknown forming unauthorised encampments in the Borough of Test Valley.



Notice

48. There is a section on the Council's website where the injunction documents can be accessed [www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/injunction-documents](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/injunction-documents).

Full and frank disclosure

49. I should alert the court to the fact that some discussion on the topic of the interim injunction took place last summer on social media between a councillor and members of the public.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kareem Khan', followed by a small horizontal line.

Dated:

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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**EXHIBIT**

**KD1**

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**DUNN**

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	Date	Location	Names (where known from council or police reports or VRM checks)	Number of vehicles (where identified)	Land owner (where known)	Reason for vacation (if known)
1.	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	Red Post Lane SP11 8DB	Albert, Margaret and Tom Bowers	Vehicle and Caravan	Privately Owned	
2	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	North Way, Andover, SP10 5AZ		Four cars and five caravans	Bookers Cash and Carry unit	Private Bailiffs engaged
3.	21 February 2023	Rownhams West Service Station	Ann Connors, Joanne Murphy, Kathleen Cash. Vehicles present registered to Thomas McDonagh and Michael McDonagh. Approximately 30 persons present	Approximately ten vehicles present	Privately Owned	Left of own accord
4.	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Watery Lane, Andover		Six caravans, two cars, one pick-up truck.		
5.	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Clover Way, Romsey, SO51 7RG		Two caravans and three cars		
6.	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Smannell Road, Andover, SP11 6UN		Five vehicles with a number of caravans		
7.	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Portway Business Park, Andover SP10 3FG	As 6. Above			
8.	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Ridges Close, Little London, AP11 6JE	Vehicles registered to Wayne Coles and Tina Wickens present	Four vehicles and three caravans		
9.	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Augusta Way West, Andover, AP11 6FY	Vehicles registered to Patrick Joseph Collins and Martin McDonagh present	Circa twelve vehicles		Test Valley Borough Council served notice under s 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994



10.	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Tweed Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4QX		Circa 9 vehicles and caravans		Test Valley Borough Council served notice under s 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
11.	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Romsey Rapids Sports Centre, Southampton Road, Romsey		10 caravans	Test Valley Borough Council	Test Valley Borough Council served notice under s 77, obtained an order under s78 which a private bailiff company subsequently went to site to enforce
12.	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	The Recreation Field, Thruxton, SP11 8NS	Vehicles registered to Albert Bowers and Joey Bowers	4 vehicles and 3 caravans	Charity/Parish Council	
13.	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	South Holmes Copse, Ampfield, SO51 9BD		3 caravans	Privately owned campsite	Owner enlisted private Bailiff
14.	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	Saxon Fields Pavilion, Andover, SP10 4NP	Martin McDonagh Vehicles registered to Mr John McDonagh and Martin McDonagh	5 vehicles and 5 caravans	Test Valley Borough Council	Test Valley Borough Council served notice under s 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and obtained order under s78
15.	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Andover Business Park, Andover, AP11 8EZ		8 vehicles and 7 caravans	Privately leased	

16.	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion, Andover, SP11 6UF		13 caravans and associated vehicles	Test Valley Borough Council	Notice under s61 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 was served by police and encampment ultimately left  Notice under s77 also served by TVBC
17.	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	North Way, Andover, SP10 5AZ		The group moved from Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion described above to this location	Old 'Bookers' site on Walworth Estate – privately leased	
18.	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	South Way, Andover, SO10 5LH		3 cars 1 jeep and unspecified number of caravans		
19.	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Lane, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4NQ		8 caravans with associated vehicles	Privately owned	

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**Dunn, Karen**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 July 2023 13:48  
**To:** Dunn, Karen  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RSC Clear up  
**Attachments:** pro-PLAI4Vcx.jpeg; pro-DiOg74c5.jpeg; pro-Bldn56xp.jpeg; 20230721\_080731.jpg; 20230721\_080727.jpg; 20230721\_081647.jpg; 20230721\_095610.jpg

Hi Karen

Attached are photos of the play area and sports centre. Most waste was spread around the perimeter. Biggest impact was the mess in and around the play area. Paint, Marker pen, toilet use, and graffiti of tables etc.

In total we incurred the following costs . The most notable was the need to replace the sand within the Play area zone due to the impact from it being used as a toilet area. We closed this off until we could have the sand replenished.

**Costs**

- Clear up of Waste £206
- Jet Washing of equipment and surface areas £123
- Play sand purchase and refill actions £541

I hope that helps

Many Thanks

Environmental Services  
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**Dunn, Karen**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 26 June 2023 13:18  
**To:** Dunn, Karen  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Travellers moved site but still in Valley Park

Hi Both

The team have cleared the obvious rubbish as per photos. There was some toilet paper/ human waste etc that has been cleared from close to the hedgerows and around the open site. There has been some rubbish removed from the Monks Brook stream across the other side.

All a kin to be household style waste, food wrappers / containers bottles etc. Some plastic packaging.

The woods managed by the woodland trust were searched (albeit not forensically) just inside and along the hedgerow but nothing significant found.

Hope that helps.

Many Thanks

Pete

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You gave us this map location earlier. Is the address correct? Can you tell us anything else to help pinpoint the exact location?

**The unauthorised encampment is at the Romsey Sports Centre which is at the Romsey Rapids complex in Romsey**

At any point, were you on public transport?

No

### What happened?

Please tell us what happened, and the events leading up to it, to help us identify if an offence has been committed.

Last night an unauthorised encampment of travellers broke on to the Sports pitches at Romsey Sports Centre. This land is owned by the Borough Council but leased to Places Leisure. They broke through two padlocked gates causing criminal damage and set up camp on sports pitches. There have been numerous incidents last night and today which I understand have been reported to the police. The Centre confirmed last night to the Council that: 1. they had to close Romsey Sports Centre for security reasons. All squash bookings have been cancelled including squash day camps due to start on Sunday with the school holidays. 2. the building is also used by Romsey runners who meet twice weekly and a Healthy walks group. 3. They are concerned about family swimming for the school holidays which are very busy sessions to lifeguard without concerns that travellers trying to access the pool. 4. lots of children access the site independently. 5. The skate Park is used by local children which is adjacent to the camp. 6. They have had to close and lock the adventure golf facility. 7. They have had to arrange security guards to man reception at the Rapids and night patrols. The centre's chemical store and plant room is next to the camp. 8. The cricket club has been notified they cannot play or train. 9. The rugby club have been notified they won't be able to run their youth training camps on site. 10. Several groups of travellers have tried to access the facilities leading to confrontation with staff.

Throughout the course of today I have learned of: 1. a report from a member of the public that a 4 year old child had been hit around the back of the head by one of the travellers at the play area (20230717-2058) 2. A traveller child was abusive to a Romsey Rapids staff member when asked to pay for a shower. 3. The Council's contractors carrying out flood alleviation work opposite the Rapids have had to suspend work as children from the camp were climbing on the equipment and trying to take unattended equipment. Work will not resume until the encampment has left. 4. The Romsey Rapids have now had to engage an external security guard on the door at a high cost in addition to the night patrol. 5. Members of the public reported that the travellers from the camp in the park had attempted to steal pushchairs and lunches. I would be grateful for an update as to whether the police will now exercise s61 or s60 powers - the criteria are clearly made out. If you could update me on

Kind regards Karen Dunn

Do you feel race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexuality, disability or religion were a factor in this crime?

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