FAQs - Injunction against the Cassidy family

1. Who is the injunction against?

John Cassidy (Snr), John Cassidy (Jnr), Mary Cassidy, Patrick Cassidy, Margaret Cassidy, Andrew Cassidy, Eileen Cassidy, Elizabeth Cassidy, Charlotte Cassidy, William Cassidy, William Cassidy Michael Cassidy, Kathleen Cassidy, and Sarah Cassidy.

2. What does the Injunction prohibit them from doing?

The people listed above are forbidden, whether by themselves or by instructing or encouraging or permitting any other person, from:

- a. Engaging in conduct causing or likely to cause a nuisance or annoyance to any person within Solihull;
- b. Removing or damaging any fence, padlock, lock, bolt or other means of securing any location within Solihull;
- c. Entering with a view to setting up an encampment on any of the 37 identified sites;
- d. Entering or occupying any of the 37 identified sites for residential purposes whether temporary or otherwise including occupying the land with caravans, mobile homes, or other residential structures;
- e. Entering or occupying any land at the 37 identified sites;
- f. Depositing, leaving or dumping any rubbish, building materials, waste products or other refuse anywhere in Solihull except in a receptacle designed for waste disposal.

3. Which sites are included in the injunction?

The following 37 sites are covered by the injunction:

Beechcroft Open Space, Lanchester Park, Burtons Farm Park, Woodlands Green Park, Kingshurst Park, Babbs Mill Local Nature Reserve, Cole Bank Park, Meriden Park, North Solihull Sports Centre, Chapelhouse Open Space, Bluebell Recreation Ground, Brookside Open Space, Marston Green Park, Wagon Lane Open Space, Elmdon Heath Nature Park, Olton Jubilee Park, Elmdon Coppice Langley Hall Park, Elmdon Heath Recreation Ground, Hermitage Park, Palmers Rough Recreation Ground, Rothwell Drive Open Space, Streetsbrook Open Space, Shirley Park, Tudor Grange Park and Leisure Centre, Monkspath Hall Car Park, Malvern and Brueton Park, Colebrook Open Space, Lavender Hall Park, Swallows Meadow, Hillfield Park, Knowle Park, Bentley Heath Recreation Ground, Four Ashes / Conker Lane Open Space, Hanbury Park, Dorridge Park and Dorridge Wood Local Nature Reserve, Barn Lane Recreation Ground

4. When does the injunction come into force?

The injunction started on 13 March 2018, when it was granted by the High Court.

5. How long will the injunction remain in force?

The injunction is in force until 13 March 2021.

6. What if any of the persons listed breach the injunction?

Any person listed in the Injunction Order who disobeys it may be imprisoned or fined.

If anyone listed in the injunction breaches any term, a copy of the injunction papers will be served on them and they will be given a reasonable period to leave, based on an assessment on each occasion.

If they don't leave the land then an application for committal/breach may be made against all those who have breached the injunction. The committal application must be personally served on named individuals.

The injunction does not give powers to force the travelling community off the site or for the police to arrest those who breach it. It is not a criminal offence to breach an Injunction Order.

We will continue to use our common law and section 78 Criminal Justice and Public Order powers to obtain possession of the site.

7. Will having the injunction speed up the eviction process?

Many law abiding travellers may well avoid entering land because of the injunction. However, if people do enter we will start the <u>formal eviction process</u>. It may take a few days to gather names of the persons at the encampment and draft affidavits statements to issue proceedings. The legal process can then take several weeks.