



**Department for
Communities and
Local Government**

To: Appellants/Agents for recovered appeals relating to Gypsy and Traveller development in the Green Belt; Local Planning Authorities for above recovered appeals; Equalities and Human Rights Commission

30 March 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recovered Gypsy and Traveller Appeals in the Green Belt

I am writing to inform you of the next steps the Secretary of State intends to take regarding recovered Gypsy and Traveller Green Belt appeals following the High Court judgment in the cases of *Moore & Coates v SSCLG and others*.

Where appeals have been recovered but decisions on the substantive appeals have not yet been issued, these cases will be "de recovered" and remitted back to the Planning Inspectorate. In some cases, given the time that has elapsed since the Hearing/Inquiry it may be necessary to refer back to parties to get an update on any changes in circumstances.

There are also a number of recovered appeals where a decision has already been issued by the Secretary of State on the substantive appeal. In such cases, the Secretary of State has no power to further deal with those cases.

The Secretary of State recognises that some of those decisions have been challenged and are currently before the High Court. It would be inappropriate for the Secretary of State to comment about those individual cases at this stage. The Secretary of State will address relevant issues before the Court and any judgments with wider ranging effects will be carefully considered.

A copy of this letter will go to all those agents representing appellants in affected cases, relevant Local Planning Authorities, and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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