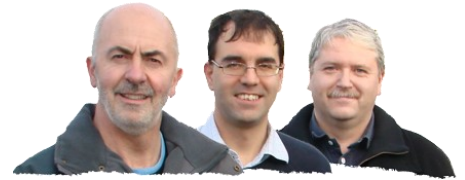


Travellers

and what action is being taken

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Many of you will have seen the arrival on Tuesday of the travellers onto the open land either side of Hazelwell Lane.

These are a group of travellers who have been occupying various sites in South Birmingham over the summer.

I visited the site as they were arriving and saw first hand their lawlessness and their intimidation.

Many of you are rightly concerned as to what action the council and the police intend to take.

We are determined that they should be removed and we expect action to be taken with the next 48 hours.

TESCO are the landowner and have authorised bailiffs to evict them from the site within 48 hours. They will be backed up with sufficient police presence to ensure a peaceful eviction and to ensure that the travellers do not attempt to occupy the park area.

City Council officers have already informed the travellers that if they attempt to occupy any of our local parkland then we will take action against them within 24 hours.

At the same time we have asked the police to maintain a police presence in the area until eviction so as to reassure residents.

Regards,

Councillor Nigel Dawkins