



The Essex Countywide Traveller Unit Unauthorised encampment report covering period from June 2023 to October 2023 (End)

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Figure 1 - Comparison between JUNE TO OCTOBER 'END' (2021 TO 2023) of all encampments recorded by the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit

NB. Please note this is not comprehensive list of all encampments in Essex, as we may not be advised of encampments on non-partner or private land. There will also be occasions where we have made an initial visit to establish location/position but not pursued if found to be non-partner/private land.

FINDINGS...

- UE numbers have been very similar for the last three years. 2023 & 2022 recorded 76 encampments & 2021 recorded 81.
- Just for contrast 2014 recorded 154 & 2018 finished with 177 for the comparable period
- UEs are holding to similar numbers

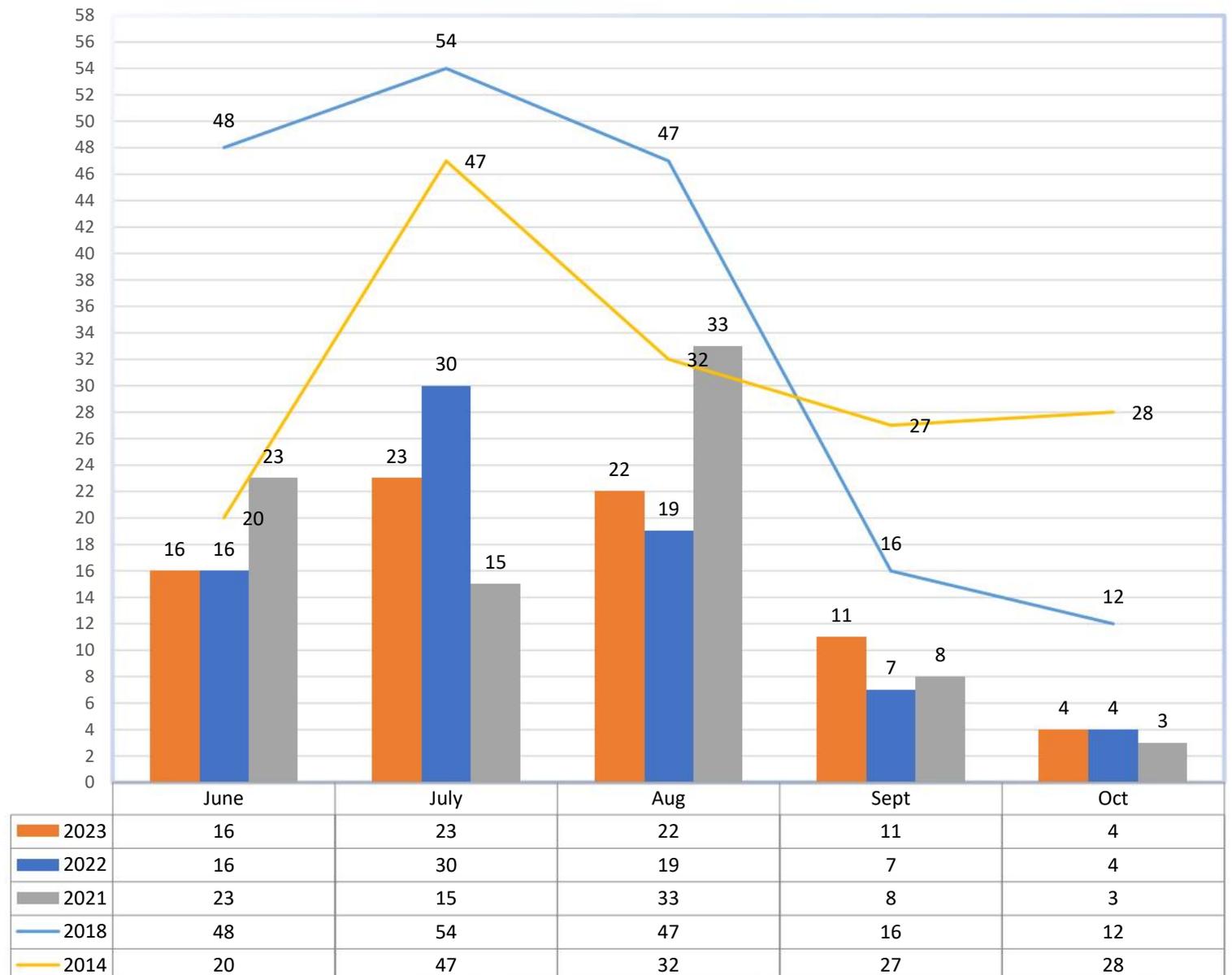


Figure 2 – Current & Historic 10 Year Trend for Unauthorised Encampments in Essex (Partner Areas)

- FINDINGS.....
- The trend since 2019 to date shows a CONFIRMED continual reduction in the number UEs within the County.
- 2023 & 2022 recorded nearly the same end year totals.
- To conclude 2023 data has confirmed the trend has projected that this year is the lowest recording of UEs since the inception of the unit in 2013.

Current & Historic Trend for ECTU
Unauthorised Encampments 2013 - 2023

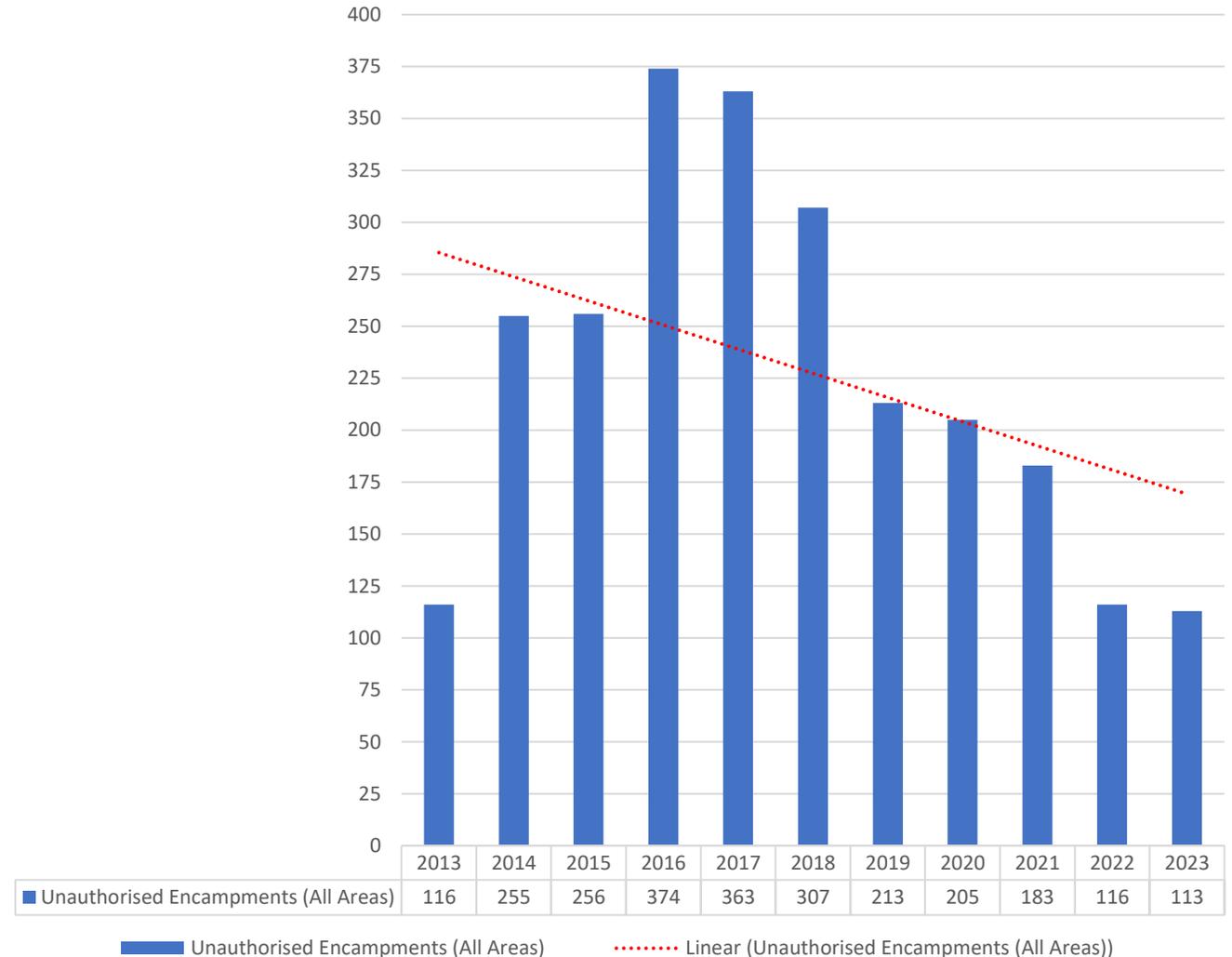


Figure 3. Unauthorised Encampments in Essex (including non partner 'in red') by District/Borough/City- JUNE 2023 to Date...

Stats by District	Abr	JUN TO OCT 2023
Basildon	BAS	3
Braintree	BRA	11
Brentwood	BRE	5
Castle Point	CPT	0
Chelmsford	CHE	9
Colchester	COL	10
Epping	EPP	2
Harlow	HAR	5
Maldon	MAL	0
Rochford	ROC	0
Southend	SOS	4
Tendring	TEN	14
Thurrock	THU	4
Uttlesford	UTT	9
Total		76

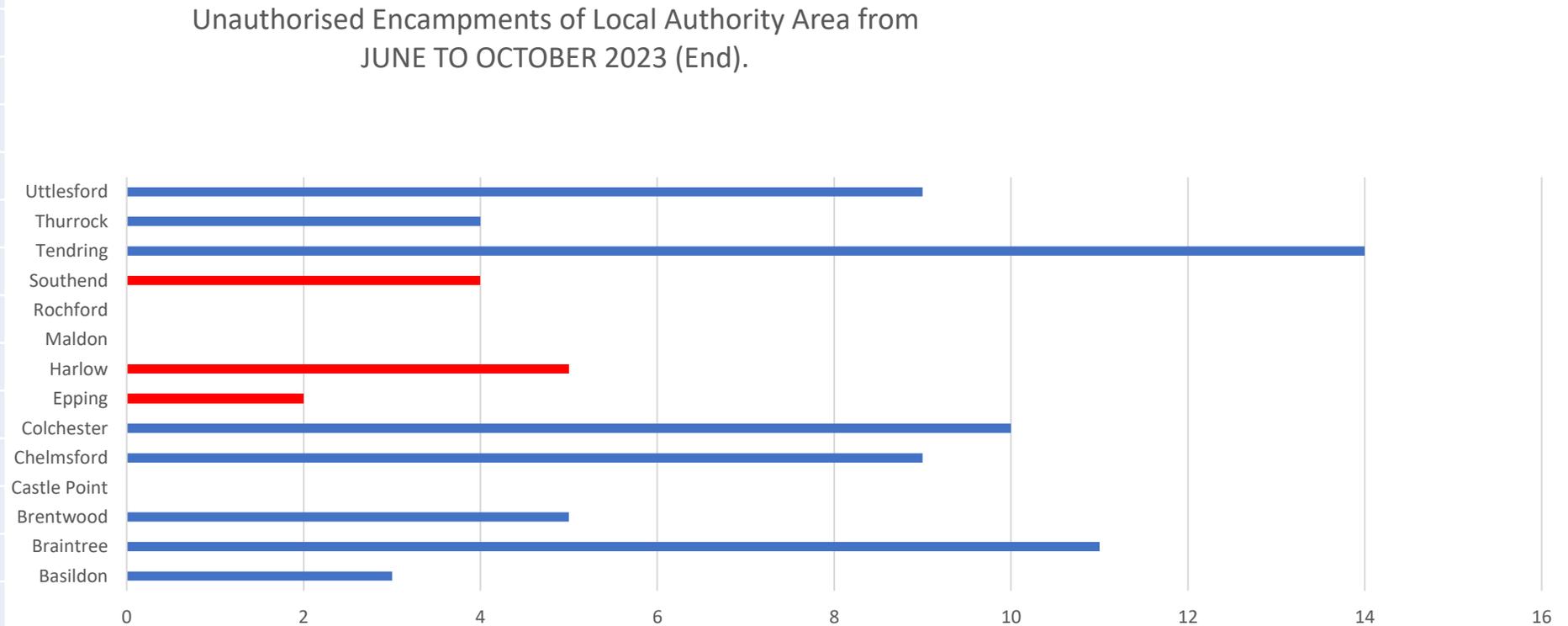


Figure 4. Breakdown of Unauthorised Encampment by Landowner – JUNE 2023 to Date (including non-partner area ‘in red’).

Stats by District	Abr	JUN TO OCT 2023
Basildon	BAS	2
Braintree	BRA	3
Brentwood	BRE	0
Castle Point	CPT	0
Chelmsford	CHE	2
Colchester	COL	6
Epping	EPP	2
Harlow	HAR	4
Maldon	MAL	0
Rochford	ROC	0
Southend	SOS	3
Tendring	TEN	8
Thurrock	THU	3
Uttlesford	UTT	2
Private	PVT	22
ECC	ECTU	19
Total		76

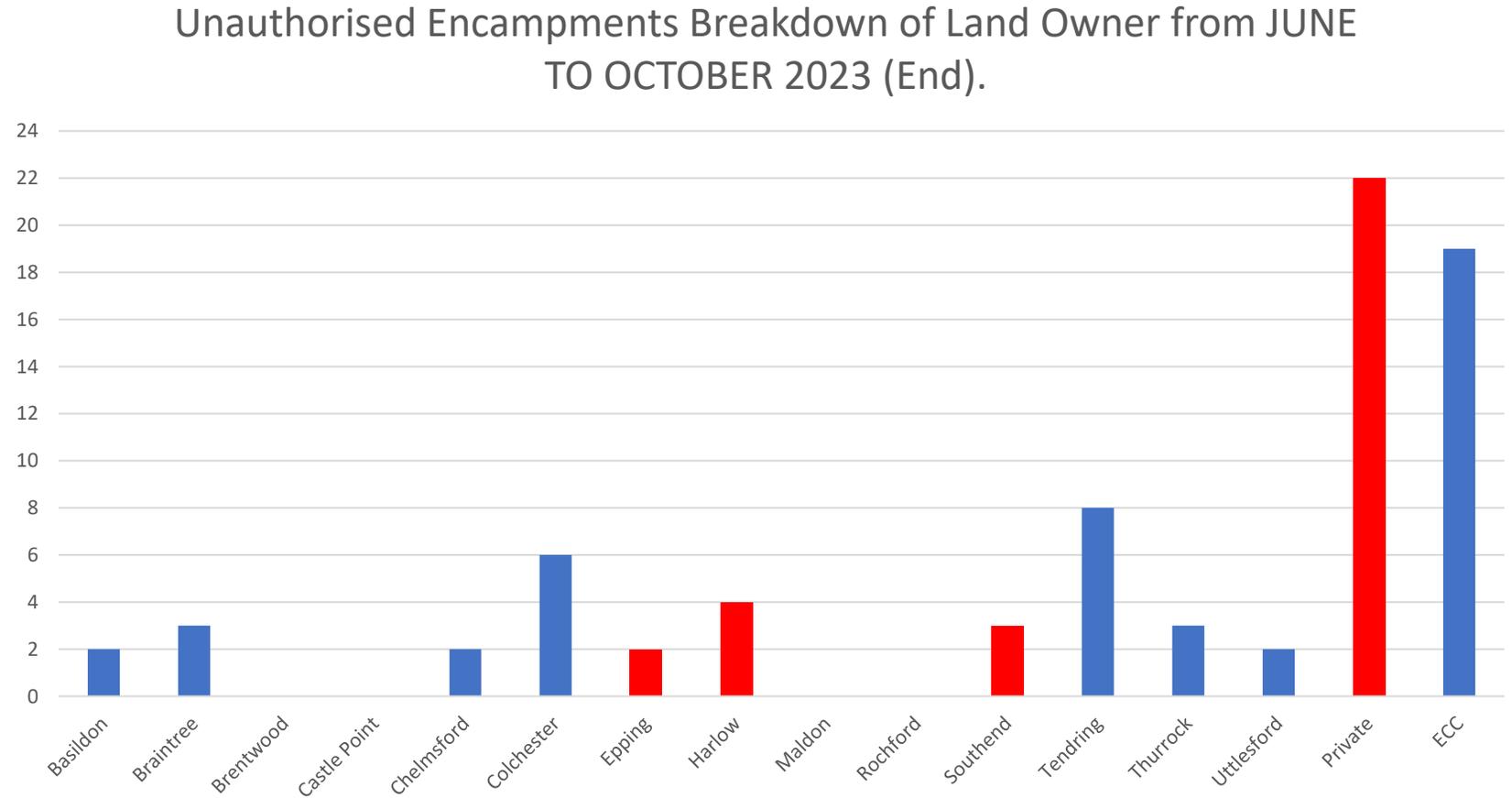


Figure 5. BREAKDOWN OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON REPORTED UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS JUNE TO OCTOBER 2023

- Section 77/78 Criminal Justice Public Order Act 1994 (CJPOA 1994) 'Local Authority Power'
- Section 61 (CJPOA 1994) 'Police Emergency Power'
- Section 60c (CJPOA 1994) 'Police Emergency Power'
- NO ACTION NEEDED ON PARTNER LAND
- UNKNOWN ACTION (NON PARTNER)

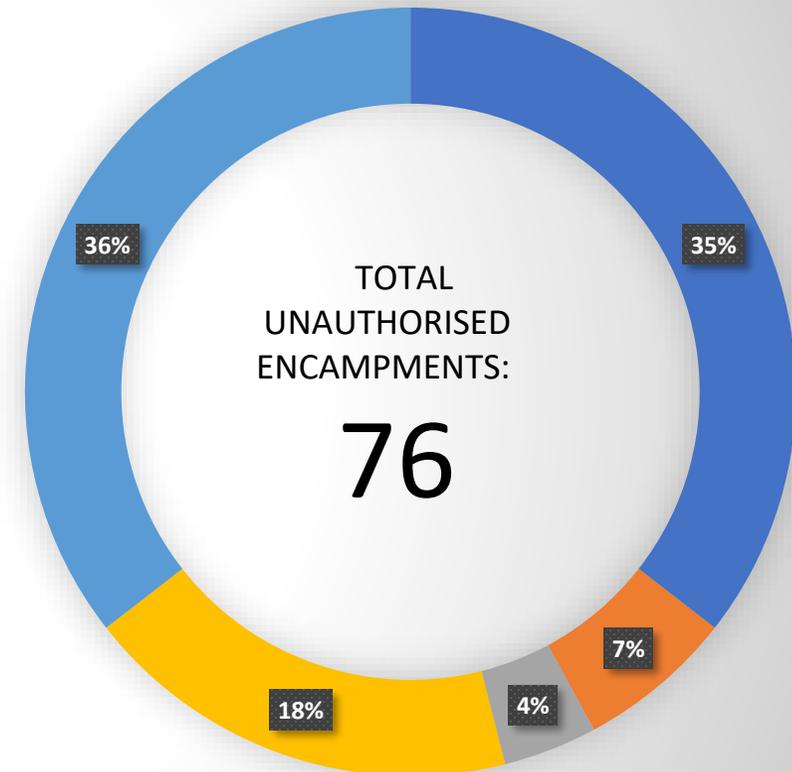


Figure 6. Types of Unauthorised Encampments Targeted stopping places (for all the UE both Partner/Non –Partner).

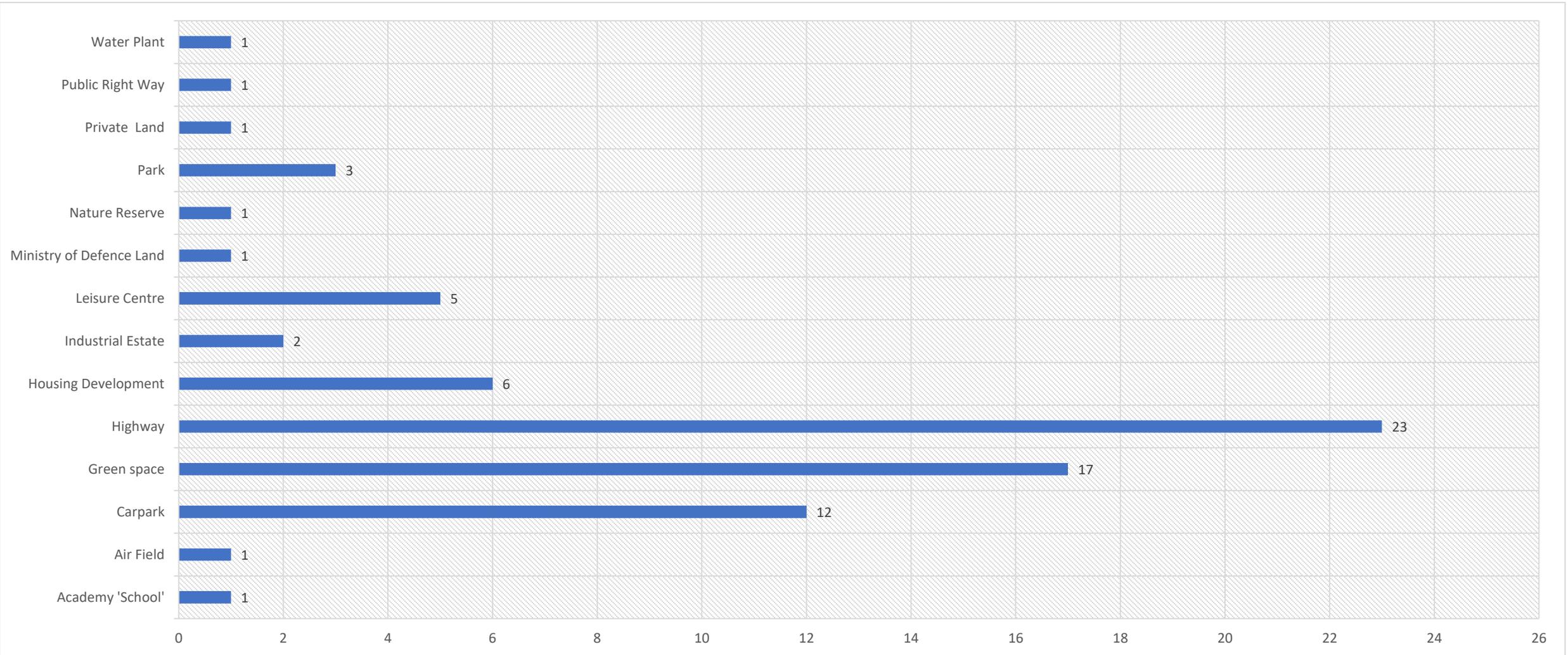


Figure 7. Types of Non - Encampment Reporting into ECTU 2023

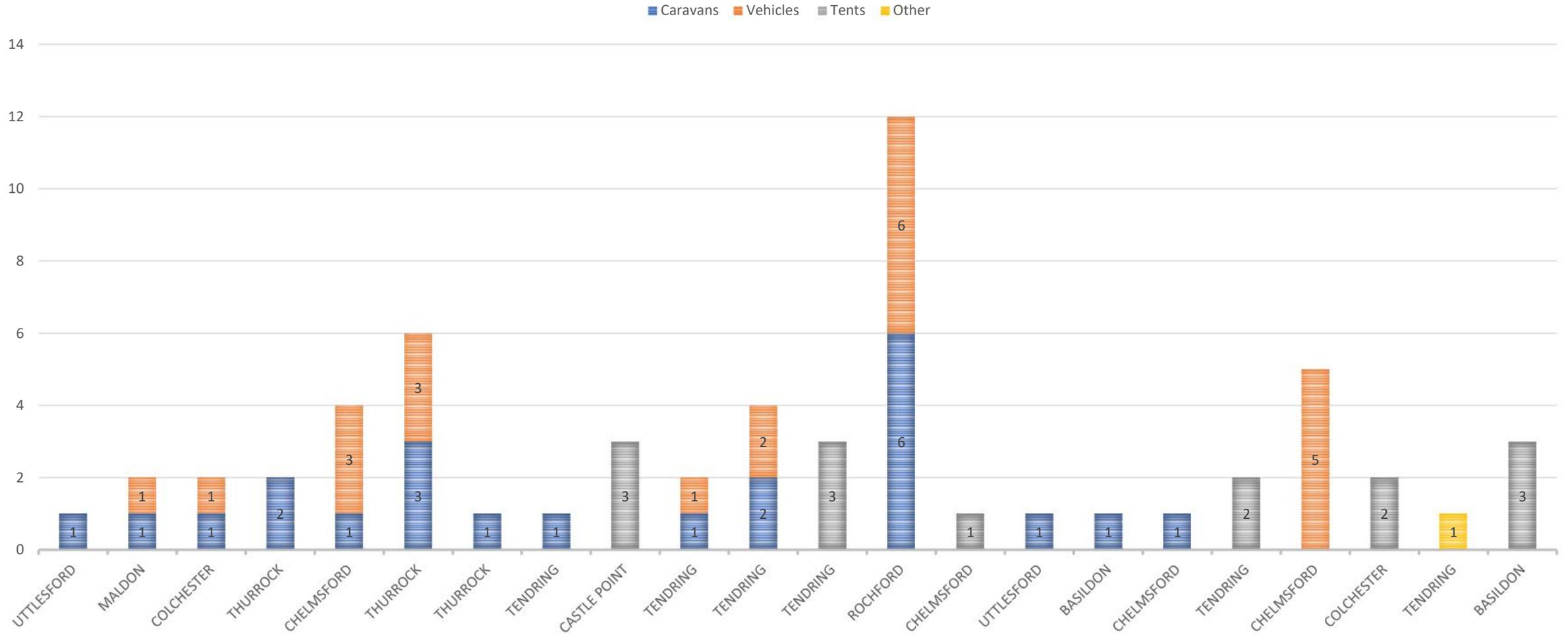


Figure 7a. Table of details regarding the Types of Non - Encampment Reporting into ECTU 2023

Date reported	Location	Local Authority Area	Owner	NOTE
12/01/2023	Chalks Green, Leaden Roding, Uttlesford (Private) Reported. 12.01.22	UTTLESFORD	PRIVATE	DETERENT BY OWNER
19/01/2023	Plot Adjacent To Castaways, Hyde Chase, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, CM9 6TN	MALDON	PRIVATE	PLANNING
03/02/2023	Land Adjacent To Lukes Farm, Bungalow, Maldon Rd, Colchester, CO2 0LT	COLCHESTER	PRIVATE	
01/04/2023	Fort Road, Tilbury, Thurrock (Private) Arr. 01.08.22	THURROCK	PRIVATE	ONGOING
26/05/2023	Inside Belvedere Development On The Right - Billericay / Noam Bridge	CHELMSFORD	PRIVATE	
01/06/2023	Coopers Shaw Road, Thurrock	THURROCK	PRIVATE	
13/06/2023	26 Feenan Highway, Thurrock	THURROCK	PRIVATE	HOME
13/06/2023	Hazelmere Car Park Clacton	TENDRING	TENDRING	DAY TRIPPER
17/06/2023	Park Ave, Canvey Island, Essex	CASTLE POINT	CASTLE POINT	TRVAELLERS
29/06/2023	Wentworth Road, Stanford Le Hope, Thurrock	TENDRING	PRIVATE	TRAVELLERS
05/08/2023	Holland Haven Country Park, Tendring	TENDRING	TENDRING	GONE ON ARRIVAL
06/08/2023	Seafront End Of Conaught Gardens, Clacton, Tendring	TENDRING	TENDRING	NON UE
16/08/2023	Lower Road, Ashingdon.	ROCHFORD	PRIVATE	PLANNING
24/08/2023	Chelmsford Railway Station (Victoria Road Vehicle Drop Off Entrance)	CHELMSFORD	CHELMSFORD	HOMELESS/NON UE
02/09/2023	Woodside Green. Great Hallingbury, Uttlesford	UTTLESFORD	PRIVATE	PLANNING
11/09/2023	39 Carlisle Way, Basildon	BASILDON	PRIVATE	NON UE
21/09/2023	Saxon Way, Broomfield	CHELMSFORD	PRIVATE	PLANNING/ARREST
10/10/2023	Clacton Area, Tendring	TENDRING	TENDRING	HOMELESS/NON UE
11/10/2023	Galleywood Common	CHELMSFORD	CHELMSFORD	UN-DETERMINED
11/10/2023	NG Leisureworld, Colchester (Adj. Park & Ride)	COLCHESTER	COLCHESTER	HOMELESS/NON UE
12/10/2023	Harbour Crescent Harwich Essex CO12 3NL	TENDRING	TENDRING	HOMELESS/NON UE/HORSEBOX
20/10/2023	Asda, Pippis Hill, Basildon	BASILDON	PRIVATE	HOMELESS/NON UE

Figure 8. – ECTU Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Unauthorised Encampments.

Unauthorised Encampments – Performance June 2023 to October 2023 (End)						
Objective	sub	Measure	Target	Timescale	Outcome	Comments
UE visited within 1 working day		%	97%	June 2023 to October 2023 (End)	100.00%	All visited within one day (including Weekend Visits).
ECTU led Encampments resolved through	Negotiated/Other	%	40%		59 %	Last meeting results: 50 % (November 2022 – May 2023) Last meeting results: 70% (June 2022 – October 2022) Last meeting results: 35% (Nov 2021 – May 2022)
	Courts	%	60%		41 %	Last meeting results: 50 % (November 2022 – May 2023) Last meetings results: 65% (June 2022 – October 2022)
Totals	Section 77/8 Part 55 Section 61/Sec 60c Negotiated Other	27 0 5/3 16 2	Data Only			NB. Discrepancy with Rural Engagement section 61/section 60c figures (RET Declared x13 with x8 S61 & x5 Sec 60c). Possible reasons...RET covered May 2023 in their countings. Not all info was shared and/or recording by ECTU was misinterpreted.
§77's complete within 10 working days		%	100%		100.00%	
§77's complete within 7 working days		%	90%		100.00%	Last meetings results: 100.00% (November 2022 – May 2023) 100.00% (June 2022 – October 2022) Last meetings results: 88.00% (Nov 2021 – May 2022) No issues with Legal and Magistrates' courts within this period. .
% of encampments where ECTU are involved (threshold if ECTU have made a visit).		%	NA		59.00%	Last meetings results: 78.00% (November 2022 – May 2023) 57.00% (June 2022 – October 2022) Last meetings results: 51.00% (Nov 2021 – May 2022)
Number of encampments	Partner	26	NA			Last meeting: Total 56 UEs (November 2022 – May 2023) of which x25 were on Partner Land.
	Non-partner	9	NA			Last meeting: x10 UEs
	Private	22	NA			Last meeting: x10 UEs
	ECC	19	NA		Last meeting: x11 UEs	

Other Points for reference.

- Overnight Stays (1 day or less) have increased during this period . ECTU have recorded 29 day stops (all Counties, including non-partner) an increase of x1 day from last report (28 days). Of this x14 where on Partner Land. NB. This data is based on vacation of UE from an area after one day!
- Weekends Landing day. ECTU registered x21 weekend reports for this period (where a UE was reported at the weekend) which is up by x7 UEs reports on previous period. Therefore leaving week-day landing figure of 55 (UEs) which is an increase of x23 UE recordings from the previous period of November to May 2022/23. (NB. Suspect Summer factor for increase).
- Most contentious UE in this period was at Bellway Homes Development, Willow Park off A131, Sudbury Rd, Halstead (PRIVATE) arr. 12.08.22 TO 15.08.23 (Left on OWN ACCORD) but ECTU received over 130 digital reports via the Website reporting tool within 24 hours & over 30 telephone messages on the ECTU OOH voicemail. Although private UE, this did show the value of partnership working with RET and Local Authority to share information and updates.
- ECTU continue to get more reports of Non UEs and have marked the increase of Tent reports and Campervan/Caravan in settled housing estate (that claim to be people residing).
- Thurrock Council currently have a live injunction in place.

- THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION FOR UNAUTHROSIED ENCAMPMENTS.

- THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND I RETURN TO CHAIR TO DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

