

Robert Kilroy-Silk writes...on Travellers

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Len Gridly, a 45 year old property developer of Crays Hill in Essex, has come up with a brilliant wheeze. He plans to give government ministers a taste of what it is like to live in the real world.

Sick of being forced to ensure the nuisance of a travellers' camp near his home, he has threatened to set up a similar site near the homes of Tony Blair, John Prescott and poor David Blunkett. Len has options on three pieces of land in Blair's Sedgefield, Prescott's Hull, and Blunkett's Sheffield. He says that if the travellers are not removed from the bottom of his garden he will pay up to £500,000 for the three sites and sell them cheap to gypsies.

Why didn't we all think of that? It's a brilliant idea. Maybe we should have a whip around so that we can include Margaret Beckett – she likes caravans!

Bet you one thing. If Len looks like carrying out his promise the travellers will be removed from near his home quicker than a Philippine nanny can get a visa!

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