

15th July 2013



Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO SITE GT04 AND GT03 (GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES) NEAR HARBURY

Please find enclosed a list of my objections for the two proposed sites mentioned above:

1. The proposed sites are located on and adjacent to the A4455 Fosse Way. The sites are located within a High Risk zone with 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. The proposed sites will directly increase traffic, congestion and ultimately the fatality rate on this stretch of road.
2. The road where the GT04 and GT04 sites are proposed is located near to the A4455/ Harbury Lane cross roads. There is significant congestions at this junction during rush hour periods and the increased population will worsen an already heavy used accident black spot.
3. There is no bus stop along the Fosse Way near to the proposed sites. The installation of additional bus stops will cause significant traffic delays on an already busy road caused by the Jaguar Land Rover manufacturing plant at Gaydon.
4. The proposed sites have no sewerage, drainage or gas.
5. Due to the recent expansion of housing within Harbury to the South of the village, the infrastructure is severely over capacity:
 - a. The local school is at full capacity and is currently over-subscribed. Special arrangements have been trialled to increase pupil intake but this has been unsuccessful and the trial cancelled after one year.
 - b. The doctor's surgery is full to capacity. In recent months it is taking 5 days to get an appointment due to the increase of residents within the village.
6. The proposed area has wildlife of protected status. The area is well known for Sparrow Hawks, a protected species since 1961.
7. There are a number of existing traveller sites within Warwickshire, that can be extended at significantly less cost. An example is the site located at Ryton (Coventry to Southam Road) where the existing infrastructure and organisation mechanisms already exist.
8. There are more suitable sites in Leamington Spa such as the former Rangemaster Works, Clarence Street, Leamington Spa. These sites have a current infrastructure in place and are currently an eye sore.

9. Harbury is a small village which cannot accommodate this type of large planning without the whole of the village being negatively impacted and local services being severely affected.
10. The Local Housing Needs of Harbury have been determined in 2011 under the COM.1 policy. Due to the limitations in infrastructure and services, the required housing has not been provided. The village needs to implement the provision of required housing as a priority. The proposed traveller sites will make the current system worse due to limitations on the available infrastructure. Policy COM.1 is a tool for use by rural communities to deliver new housing as opposed to a top-down approach. By the imposition of traveller sites adjacent to Harbury village this undermines a local housing strategy.

Thank you for taking my comments onboard and I hope you will seriously consider the negative impact these proposals will have on this area.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Paul Thomas