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Site GT03.

Remote from all amenities and with the Football ground adjacent, this is likely to be "colonised" when the provided site is full.

Site GT04

Remote again as with GT03, same observation re Football ground, also the railway line would create noise disturbance.

Site GT05

Adjacent to the very busy Banbury Road (more so at Rush Hour). Very close to Listed Buildings and a current working farm. Guaranteed visual impact on an approach road to "Historic Warwick". No pedestrian access at all.

My main concern is the close proximity of Oakley Wood and the Crematorium to this proposed site! The wood is now being managed professionally to return it to it's original ancient status, a process which will take many years to achieve. Many local residents support and are involved in this project respecting the fragility of the wood and at the same time maintaining the peace and tranquillity of this ancient woodland. An important part of the woodland is the Crematorium which, by definition, demands peace and dignity in honour of the deceased.

Gypsies and Travellers would NOT have the same respect for this valuable facility, for them, it would provide a children's playground and a free run for their dogs. Considerable general noise would also ensue from the site.

Site GT10

All comments for GT05 also apply here with the added major concern of the close proximity of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Centre. Gypsy dogs would be allowed to roam free potentially carrying infections dangerous to the Guide Dogs. The disturbance created by the G.T site would cause distress to the Giude Dogs who are, at present, in a very tranquil location.

Site GT06

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Site GT15

Adjacent to Europa Way which is extremely busy and potentially to be a dual carriageway! Visual impact again plus guaranteed pollution of the Tach Brook created by their habits and activities.

In conclusion, I must add the following concerns regarding the provision of these sites within the area where I have lived and raised my family for the past 44 years. For brevity, I will list them as follows:-

Reduction in house price values for the settled community.

Crime rates WILL rise causing house and property insurance to increase.

My local village school is at capacity now and cannot take additional children who, by their nature, are transient. Proper education requires continuity, therefore, places allocated to GT children would be denied to children of the settled community with no guarantee that the GT children will remain for any length of time.

Bishops Tachbrook has been a cohesive community for many years, the visual impact of a GT site is a cause of great concern to the vast majority of residents who try to preserve village life, amenities and it's appearance.

All of the above sites would be placed on prime farm land which should be preserved as such and not destroyed by an unkempt and disfiguring "camp site" which will NOT be managed in a similar way to a "Caravan Club" site.

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