

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

Ref: 5204

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Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller's sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council:

- Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;
- Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
- Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and,
- Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.
- Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community;
- Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services;
- Reflects the extent to which traditional lifestyles (whereby some travellers live and work from the same location thereby omitting many travel to work journeys) can contribute to sustainability.

IT IS IMPORTANT to comment/object adhering to the above criteria and the council provided form follows that process. It is implied that you should use the WDC form or the response form available online. YOU ARE HOWEVER STILL PERMITTED to respond by writing to the Council's Development Policy Manager or you could choose to use this site specific form prepared for GT 02

I OBJECT

I APPROVE

(Please delete as required.)

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

This proposed site is totally inappropriate for the following reasons:

There is no convenient access to either doctors surgery or schooling facilities. As someone who has lived nearby for 13 years, we can testify to the total lack of such facilities, exacerbated by the woefully inadequate public transport links. Every journey from this location must be made by car, as even the infrequent bus service has no suitable pick-up + drop-off places. Because every journey, even to a shop, requires a car journey, this makes the site unsustainable + environmentally damaging.

The Fosse Way is a notoriously dangerous road. In 13 years we have witnessed several fatalities just on this stretch. The site would increase traffic significantly + require vehicles to join + leave this fast road very frequently + thus increase the likelihood of accidents. The site is dangerous + unsuitable particularly for small children + animals as the road is so fast + used constantly by heavy lorries.

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Warwick District Council will judge proposed sites against the nationally accepted criteria. The purpose of the criteria is to seek to meet the requirements of the Gypsy and Travellers community not necessarily local residents, businesses and employment.

Areas of concern could include:

• Agriculture • Animal Welfare • Co-existence • Ecology and Habitat • Education/Schools • Healthcare/ Surgeries • Highways and Safety • Local Economy • Rural Landscape • Services and Utilities • Tourism • Traffic Density/ Flow • Urbanisation.

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

There are no sewage facilities as this area relies on cess pits. The site would exacerbate this problem + cause pollution to water courses.

The site would cause damage to the rural landscape at a point where roads from North, South + East approach Leamington Spa. The Fosse Way is also a site of historical importance as a Roman road where artefacts + structures are to be found. These would be damaged by the development of the site.

The site is presently occupied by a thriving business that brings income (both direct + indirect through the visitors to the exhibitions) to the area. It therefore makes little economic sense to destroy this, when there are other available sites without existing business premises.

I strongly object to this proposed site + hope that the Council will consider the non-sustainability of this site very carefully.

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick District that you would consider for site, bearing in mind the criteria for site identification? If so, please give the location and the landowners details below:

Yes, the area around Baginton Nurseries near to Coventry Airport as it is much nearer medical + schooling facilities + transport links.

Guidance on Making Representations

- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below. It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform WDC in writing.
- All forms should be received by **5.15 p.m. on Monday, 29 July 2013**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the council's offices at Riverside House and online via the council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

To return this form please drop off at either Riverside House, Leamington Town Hall or your local library or post to

Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5QH or email to: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk