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Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

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Would you like to be made aware of future developments?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
About You: Gender			
Ethnic Origin			
Age	25 - 34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+		
Where did you hear about this consultation exercise?			
Various, mails, leaflets, radio, local meetings . exhibitions, bin hanger?			

Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- 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;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be 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.

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to?

(e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

GT 06 - LAND AT PARK FARM, SPINNEY FARM

What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

Site

GT06 Does NOT have:-

- Any local Amenities. The Nearest GP is over $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles away at Cope Road, the nearest school is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away in Bayford, the nearest public transport is the Bus with stops in Bayford $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles away for the X18 or X18a and over a mile away at Gallows Hill for the No. 68.
- There is no easy road access. The whole site is bordered by roads with National Speed limits at 60 mph, and even then due to the very straight nature of Bayford Road (formerly Flat Rabbit Lane) vehicles do well in excess of 70 mph frequently. There are always accidents on this road and in 2011 records from WCC specify 13 casualties. I have no records for 2012/2013 but know of at least one fatality on Bayford Road. -

Continued on Separate Sheet .

Response for objection to site GT06 - continuation.

- This proposed site is bordered by 3 fast roads and is less than 20m away from the M40 at its most westerly point. All the plot is within 1000m of the M40 and ~~it~~ will be extremely noisy for any resident especially as the motorway is not cut in at this point and any noise will be transferred by the mostly prevailing South Westerly wind. The site will be barely liveable this close to the motorway.
- This proposed site has a very prominent telephone Mast in its North Eastern position. There is much ~~good~~ evidence and speculation that these mobile TV mast cause health issues with narrowband and microwave transmission signals. Enough for the WHO and the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified Mobile radiation on the IARC scale into group 2B - POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC. Despite the governments STEWART report opinion is still divided and residential Mast are not ~~recommended~~ recommended.
- The proposed site has no ease of access to utilities. There is no gas main locally, no water or waste/sewage system so any utilities will have to be purpose built.
- The site borders a historic monument site 'Warwick Castle Park' that has many archaeological and ecological points of interest. Siting a G+T site so close will put both of these under threat. The historic environment of the park has been debated and protested for many years. including by WDC, WCC WCC Ecology Unit, WCC Heritage and archaeology, WCC Parks and access English Heritage, the Garden History Society, Stratford and Warwick Watson Trust, The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, ~~and~~ the Warwick Society and The Warwick Castle Park Trust. All of these will want to protect the park at all costs and would not want a G+T site on their doorstep.

- In addition to the above the site is proposed on ~~the~~ grazing farmland and would NOT be integrated into the landscape. A G+T site located in GT06 would be very visible for all coming in and out of Warwick from J13 of the M40 and would not help for tourism of our beautiful town.
- This location would not promote peaceful and integrated co-existence If G+T want to be integrated into society they need to be sited in society not plonked in the middle of a field surrounded by countryside and no amenities.
- Site GT06 would place additional pressure on amenities in Bayford School even though they are not local.
- The proposed site is located on a disused/closed landfill site. This is one of the 18 closed landfill sites in Warwickshire

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this district that you think would be suitable for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site, bearing in mind the criteria for site identification? If so, please give the location and the land owner's details below:

The fundamental issue here is that there should not be two local plans - one for G+T's and one for future housing. They should be integrated and planned together so that the G+T site are integrated into the new builds for housing.

I suggest that the total of 31 pitches for G+T's are placed within the Southern Sites of Warwick and Witstock in the Strategic Urban extension sites referred in the WDC document Revised Development Strategy 2013.

That or WDC/WCC look at changing the green belt policy that has protected the Northern parts of the county. It should reflect the need of the county and to have all G+T sites in the south doesn't reflect ~~the~~ a county wide policy.