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### Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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

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Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and disturbance

This site is adjacent the Fosse Way a very busy and noisy main road.

Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);

electricity supply is a limited rural line and will possibly need to be upgraded to meet the very considerable The proposed site has no mains sewerage, drainage or gas so fails to meet the criteria. Also the

Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important, features of the natural and historic

This choice of site overlooks the fact that at this point the Fosse Way, as the original Roman road built nearly 2000 years ago is known, is on its original alignment and there is likely to be considerable archaeological remains in the area which will be destroyed by the development. There was also a tollhouse at this point in the 17th and 18th centuries and remains have been found. Nearby there are traditional historic Woodlands which contain rare species so this criteria is not met.

Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.

in the bottom of the valley, it cannot integrated into the landscape without harming the visual appearance and The proposed site will cover 0.8 hectare (8000 m²) which is four times the size of the Exhibition Centre and if the Enfusion (consultants) recommendation to include working space is adopted this would possibly increase to 6 times the area of the Exhibition Centre. There will be a large variety of caravans and vehicles on the site so, being character of the area.

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### Local Business/Employment

Should this site be chosen, then due to the PERCEPTION of event organisers It is estimated that within There are several businesses located at GT 02 in addition to the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. They operating and the company itself would cease to exist resulting in upwards of ten permanent job losses include salad producers, specialist storage, event management and publishing. Collectively they employ between 50 and 60 people and the site would cause significant difficulties for all. two years the Exhibition Centre would lose sufficient events to make it impossible to continue and a further 30 event staff losses.

## Fourism and the wider economic situation

economy in hotel accommodation, restaurants, entertainment, bus and taxi usage over the coming four years. Events attract visitors from a wide area and it is often the case that husbands/wives/partners will use the exhibition bus service to go shopping in Leamington Spa whilst spouses enjoy the exhibitions. It is anticipated that the Exhibition Centre will contribute in the region of £5 million to the local This would all be lost if the Exhibition Centre were to close.

### Archaeology and Heritage

following the Roman invasion in AD 43, nearly 2000 years ago, and has been a major highway throughout the centuries. There was a tollhouse on the junction of the Fosse Way and Southam Road in the 17th and 18th centuries. If GT 02 is approved it is important that a major archaeological dig should take place prior to site work so that the archaeology and heritage of the area can be recovered and GT 02 is located right next to the historic Fosse Way. The road now known as the Fosse Way was built

Further features could include bus shelters and a pedestrian crossing and more street lighting would be roundabout may require traffic control and road widening to provide a right turning lane for access. GT 02 will involve considerable infrastructure in addition to the actual site. Its proximity to the Urbanisation

farmed land. Unauthorised intrusion from GT 02 into the agricultural land could result in contractors not wishing to risk tractors and equipment and this together with crop damage and possible rubbish At present the proposed GT02 site is part of an area of some 50 acres of good quality, extensively deposits could result in the land ceasing to be farmed and becoming unsightly Agriculture

The area surrounding GT 02 is rural and agricultural in aspect and the proposed site will be a major invasion into the openness of the countryside and will be an irreversible urbanisation of the entire area. If the site is built, the council will be ill placed to prevent further 'ribbon' development. Rural Landscape

### Animal Welfare

and the need to protect the animals from diseases such as foot and mouth, TB and Parro virus. These diseases can be spread by human trespass and unvaccinated dogs. The animals graze on fields between livestock. The Alpaca herd numbers 30 animals and the owners are extremely conscious of bio security Located close to GT 02 are Fosse Alpaca and Kune Kune Pigs, a business breeding these rare breed GT 02 and the Grand Union Canal.

### **Ecology and Habitat**

mammals that would be greatly affected by the proposed site and the possible intrusion and activities of younger residents. It is known to be a habitat for Pipistrelle bats (Pipistrellus pipistrellus) and also great GT 02 is close to two historic traditional Woodlands, which provide a habitat for birds and small crested newts (Triturus cristatus), amongst other species.

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- Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;
- Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
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Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community;

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

Which site are you responding to?

## Site GT03 - Land at Barnwell Farm

What is the nature of your representation?

Object

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

## Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;

This site is in excess of 1.5miles from any GP surgery. The proposed site is outside of the catchment area of Harbury Surgery and the nearest surgery is the Warwick Gates Family Health Centre which approximately 3 miles away which I understand is full so there is no convenient access to a surgery.

The position with regard to schooling is similar with GT03 being outside of the Harbury catchment area and Harbury Primary School has had recent issues with too many children already. There are several schools in

Whitnash (over 2 miles away) with limited capacity.

The public transport whilst satisfactory is largely irrelevant as the residents are unlikely to use anything other than their own transport. There is a bus stop on the Harbury Lane however there is no pedestrian links from that to the potential site.

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 Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and disturbance County Council. There have more than 12 Serious Accidents at this junction over the last 3 years. This site is adjacent the Fosse Way a very busy and noisy main road.

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### Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area. valley, it cannot be integrated into the landscape without harming the visual appearance and character of the area area of the farm. There will be a large variety of caravans and vehicles on the site so, being in the bottom of the (consultants) recommendation to include working space is adopted this would possibly increase to 1.5 times the The site is also very visible from Chesterton Hill and would undoubtedly harm the character of the wider The proposed site will cover 0.8 hectare (8000 m<sup>2</sup>) which is larger than Barnwell Farm and if the Enfusion

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## Other issues which I consider should be taken into consideration

### Local Business/Employment

suffer if the proposed sites go ahead. For example There are many businesses that operate from GT03 site and the surrounding area and will potentially

- Will Russell Farm land being fully utilised for sheep
- Bob Wright land being used for arable farming
- Fosse Garage
- Rollason Fencing
- Barnwell Chicken Farm
- MH Polo Ltd teaching people to ride ponies
- Fosse Paddocks Ltd farming and ponies
- Mallory Court Hotel Warwick Reclamation
- There are many others Harbury Lane Breakers Yard
- Archaeology and Heritage

### following the Roman invasion in AD 43, nearly 2000 years ago, and has been a major highway GT 03 is located right next to the historic Fosse Way. The road now known as the Fosse Way was built take place prior to site work so that the archaeology and heritage of the area can be recovered and the 17th and 18th centuries. If GT 03 is approved it is important that a major archaeological dig should throughout the centuries. There was a tollhouse on the junction of the Fosse Way and Southam Road in

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### Agriculture

result in the land ceasing to be farmed and becoming unsightly risk tractors and equipment and this together with crop damage and possible rubbish deposits could Unauthorised intrusion from GT 03 into the agricultural land could result in contractors not wishing to At present the proposed GT03 site is part of an area of good quality, extensively farmed land.

If the site is built, the council will be ill placed to prevent further 'ribbon' development The area surrounding GT 03 is rural and agricultural in aspect and the proposed site will be a major invasion into the openness of the countryside and will be an irreversible urbanisation of the entire area.

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

Which site are you responding to?

## Site GT04 - Land at Harbury Lane, Fosse Way

What is the nature of your representation?

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

Object

## Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;

This site is in excess of 1.5miles from any GP surgery. The proposed site is outside of the catchment area of Harbury Surgery and the nearest surgery is the Warwick Gates Family Health Centre which approximately 3 miles away which I understand is full so there is no convenient access to a surgery.

The position with regard to schooling is similar with GT03 being outside of the Harbury catchment area and Harbury Primary School has had recent issues with too many children already. There are several schools in Whitnash (over 2 miles away) with limited capacity.

The public transport whilst satisfactory is largely irrelevant as the residents are unlikely to use anything other than their own transport. There is a bus stop on the Harbury Lane however there is no pedestrian links from that to the potential site.

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## Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding

The area is prone to flooding. Fields are often under water and livestock and ponies moved accordingly. The area is effectively a flood plain.

The Middle Road/ Fosse Way junction is often flooded

Harbury Lane is often flooded and impassable.

Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;

The proposed 15 pitch site will contain up to 50 vehicles and generate hundreds of traffic movements daily. It is on possibly unwise to introduce even more traffic turns at this major junction and it will certainly add significantly to existing peak time delays. GT04 is sited on the junction of two main roads with high traffic flows and the Fosse the junction of two major roads and access into the traffic flow will possibly need highway improvements. It is Way in particular sees fast traffic despite the nearby speed camera and is a designated High Risk Route by the County Council. There have been more than 12 Serious Accidents at this junction over the last 3 years.

Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and disturbance

In addition this is adjacent the Birmingham to London Chiltern railway line, causing both noise and a potential This site is adjacent the Fosse Way a very busy and noisy main road.

Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);

electricity supply is a limited rural line and will possibly need to be upgraded to meet the very considerable The proposed site has no mains sewerage, drainage or gas so fails to meet the criteria. Also the

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The proposed site will cover 0.8 hectare (8000 m²) which is larger than the New Windmill Football Ground and if twice the area of the football ground. There will be a large variety of caravans and vehicles on the site so, being in the bottom of the valley, it cannot be integrated into the landscape without harming the visual appearance and character of the area. The site is also very visible from Chesterton Hill and would undoubtedly harm the character the Enfusion (consultants) recommendation to include working space is adopted this would possibly increase to Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area. of the wider surrounding area.

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on site rather than integrate they will actually absorb the local community. This does not meet the criteria of a peaceful and integrated co-existence.

The proposed site has no mains sewerage, drainage or gas so fails to meet the criteria. Also the electricity supply is a limited rural line and will possibly need to be upgraded to meet the very considerable increase in demand. 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.

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At present the proposed GT04 site is part of an area of good quality, extensively farmed land. Unauthorised intrusion from GT 04 into the agricultural land could result in contractors not wishing to risk tractors and equipment and this together with crop damage and possible rubbish deposits could result in the land ceasing to be farmed and becoming unsightly.  Rural Landscape  The area surrounding GT 04 is rural and agricultural in aspect and the proposed site will be a major invasion into the openness of the countryside and will be an irreversible urbanisation of the entire area. If the site is built, the council will be ill placed to prevent further 'ribbon' development.
safeguarded.  Urbanisation GT 04 will involve considerable infrastructure in addition to the actual site. Its proximity to the roundabout may require traffic control and road widening to provide a right turning lane for access. Further features could include bus shelters and a pedestrian crossing and more street lighting would be needed.  Agriculture
11. There are many others. Archaeology and Heritage GT 04 is located right next to the historic Fosse Way. The road now known as the Fosse Way was built following the Roman invasion in AD 43, nearly 2000 years ago, and has been a major highway throughout the centuries. There was a tollhouse on the junction of the Fosse Way and Southam Road in the 17th and 18th centuries. If GT 04 is approved it is important that a major archaeological dig should take place prior to site work so that the archaeology and heritage of the area can be recovered and
There are many businesses that operate from GT04 site and the surrounding area and will potentially suffer if the proposed sites go ahead. For example:  1. Will Russell – Farm land being fully utilised for sheep  2. Bob Wright – land being used for arable farming  3. Fosse Garage
Other issues which I consider should be taken into consideration

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