

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:

Rep. Ref.

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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.

- ① GP Surgery - There is no surgery in Radford Semble and the nearest is 5 miles away needing 2 buses to reach it.
- ② Public transport - The bus stop is in an overgrown grass verge with no footpaths on a dangerous road
- ④ Safe Access to Road Network - This is a high risk route with high accident rates. Access to and from the proposed site would be hazardous for vehicles especially towing caravans.
- ⑤ Co-Existence - The proposed size of this site would mean that the Gypsies and Travellers would outnumber the residents in the immediate surrounding area.
- ③ Natural + Historic Environment - The proposed site could have an adverse impact on the Fosse Way, an important historical roman road where a medieval tollgate stood. It will also be detrimental to the adjacent protected ancient woodland.
- ⑥ Impact on character of area - The site is in a valley and will be seen from all approaching roads.

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 • Crime • 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 -

Adverse impact on local economy - The Exhibition Centre has been increasingly successful, providing work for up to 40 people. It also brings visitors to the area to spend money in local shops, hotels, restaurants, taxis and other services. Bookings are already down since this plan was announced and it is hard to see how the council can sustain such a loss to local employment and the local economy.

Schools - There is no safe pedestrian routes, no pavements exist. The bus stop is on a dangerous road and would make it even more difficult for travellers to access more distant secondary schools.

Healthcare - There is no capacity at nearest surgery and the nearest available surgery is in Leamington Spa -

Highways + Safety - In 3 years there have been 12 serious accidents on a route that sees high volumes of traffic. The 50 mph speed limit makes these roads dangerous! There are no pavements, no street lighting and the verges are overgrown.

Rural landscape - The valley situation makes it impossible to integrate the proposed site into the rural landscape.

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick 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 landowners details below:

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