

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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Ref:

Rep. Ref. 943

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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.)

My REASONS:

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

I am a patient of Croft Medical Centre, have first hand experience of it running at full capacity. It is currently extremely difficult to get a doctors appointment so with any further influx of patients this situation could be impossible. The next nearest doctors surgery is almost 5 miles away.

The school at Radford Seville is running at near full capacity & with 100 houses planned to be built in the village in the near future I don't think there will be any spare capacity.

As regards public transport I don't think this could be used so is not relevant to the discussion.

I don't believe the access to the road network would be safe.

The site is adjacent to a very busy roundabout & to have an entrance exit so close to it would be dangerous for everybody using those roads.

The site is on the Archaeological Register with ancient pottery recently found there so I think there would be an adverse effect on important features of the natural & historic environment.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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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.

✓ **OBJECT**

APPROVE

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds -

- **ECOLOGY & HABITAT** - the site is close to 2 historic traditional woodlands which would be adversely affected by the development of the site known habitat for bats.
- **EDUCATION/SCHOOLS** - Bedford Primary School known to be at near full capacity & with 100 further houses planned will easily reach full capacity -
- **HEALTHCARE/SURGERIES** - The nearest at Harbury is out of catchment area. Next nearest - Crisp Medical Centre is full - I know this - I am a patient there
- **HIGHWAYS & SAFETY** - the Rose Way is designated a High Risk Route by the County Council - More traffic movement on this road & on the adjacent roundabout would only make things worse
- **LOCAL ECONOMY** - the business at the Exhibition Centre has been built up over many years & now provides employment →

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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

The site is next to protected ancient woodland
 I believe the site cannot be integrated into the landscape
 without harming the character of the area as it is at the
 bottom of a valley & would be readily visible from
 3 sides

I think the proposed site on the fosse Way at its
 junction with the A425 will put undue pressure
 on local infrastructure and services - roads - waste
 collection - schools - GP surgeries.

The proposed site does enable the opportunity for its
 residents to work from home but it is difficult to see
 what businesses or occupations could be fitted into
 the rural landscape without becoming a visual intrusion.

For all of the above reasons - I object to the
 land abutting the fosse Way at its junction with
 the A425 being used as a Gypsy & Travellers
 site

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for local people. It would be detrimental to the local economy for this to happen.

- RURAL LANDSCAPE the proposed site will be visible from 3 directions by road. The surrounding area is rural & agricultural which the proposed site would impinge upon.
- TRAFFIC DENSITY - the Fosse Way is already a very busy thoroughfare & at peak times the roundabout adjacent to the site is congested. The proposed development could only make this worse.
- URBANISATION, This site is in a rural area. It would be a shame if this were the first step in the urbanisation of it.
- For all of the above reasons I object to the plan for the Gypsy & Traveller site to be on the land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425.