

Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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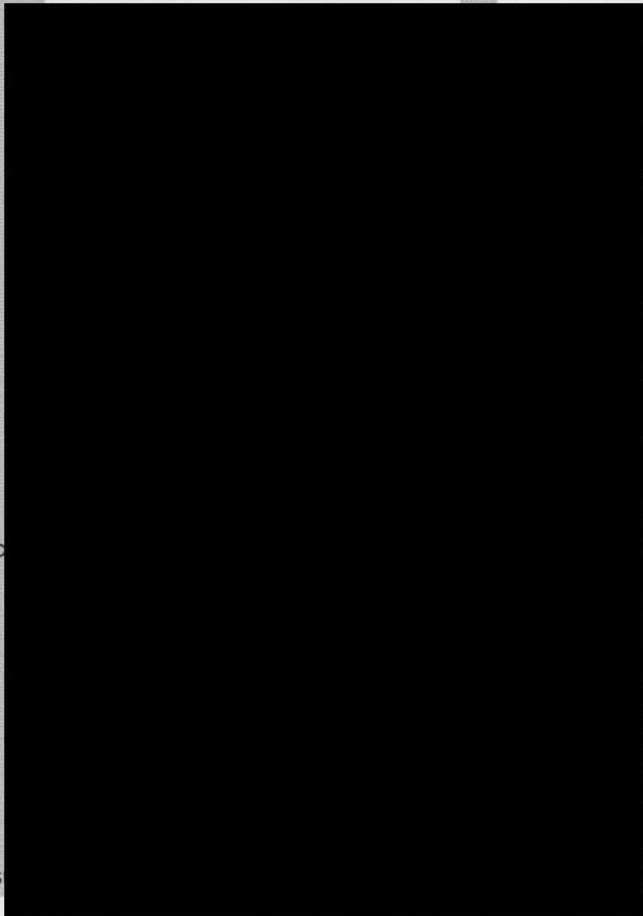
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

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

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)		
Title	MR			
First Name	JAMES			
Last Name	COOL			
Job Title (where relevant)	RETIRED JOURNALIST			
Organisation (where relevant)				
Address Line 1				
Address Line 2				
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Postcode				
Telephone number				
Email address				
Would you like to be made aware of other sites			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender			<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Ethnic Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black		
Age	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34		
Where did you hear about this consultation, bin hanger?	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)

GAIKLANDS FARM, B'HAM RD.

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.

This is not viable because of the danger of this busy road. Myself and Mr. Butler were thanked at a meeting when we both battled to get the speed limit reduced to 40, which is not actually being observed. Mr. Butler's property is right on a bend as we are and we dice with death every time we leave our driveways as the speed limit is not being adhered to. This is very dangerous for children.

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A few reasonable grounds for concern.....

- 1. The A4177 is a very busy road carrying, as it does, a high volume of traffic all through the day and evening in and out of Warwick.** The current speed limits are frequently exceeded by many drivers and pulling onto or leaving the road at any point from the traffic lights at the Old Budbrooke Road up to the turn off for Shrewley (just past the Hatton Arms) is somewhat risky at the best of times and particularly difficult at times of peak traffic flow. Those of us who live on or near a bend face an extra risk when pulling away from our properties as a consequence of being on a bend. Road traffic accidents have happened in the past, with serious and sometimes, lethal, consequences. Any new development and / or the siting of a Gypsy encampment alongside the road will only make things worse.

Regarding the proposal to site Gypsies on Oaklands Farm it should be noted that several times previously planning permission for various development schemes put forward by the owner of the site, have been refused in part because of the heightened risk to road users.

- 2. The A4177 is a major access route to Warwick. The establishment of either a new 'mini estate' or a Gypsy / Traveller site will not enhance the appearance of this stretch of road.** Visitors will receive an unfortunate impression of our town. Development will create an image which is out of keeping, presumably, with that which the council and the residents of Warwick would wish to present to visitors / tourists

The search policy criteria for selecting sites requires that consideration be given to any "adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment" The Grand Union Canal which runs more or less parallel to the A4177 at Budbrooke and Hatton is surely an "important feature of the natural and historic environment" The canal is popular with walkers, anglers, joggers, family groups and, of course, narrow boaters. The 'Hatton Flight' – a notable feature of the canal, attracts a lot of visitors. Considerable time and resources have been expended in recent years upgrading the towpath and the lock gates etc.

The proposed Gypsy site at Oaklands Farm has at least two points of pedestrian access directly on to the canal bank. The establishment of a site which may well become unsightly and which is sure to contain several noisy dogs, right alongside and within 'arms reach' as it were of the towpath, can hardly be viewed as an enhancement of the "natural and historic" environment. Query: What are the views of the Canal and River Trust and of those who manage the canal about the proposal to site Travellers by the towpath?

- 3. Infrastructure:** The village of Hampton Magna is served by a school which is already at capacity (as is Ferncumbe School) It has one general groceries / newsagents shop which is limited in both its ground area, parking and, in the range of goods it offers. The doctor's surgery in the village cannot be expected to absorb a significant number of additions to its patient load. The infrastructure for lots of new housing is simply not there.
- 4. Flooding:** Since the development of the estate at Hatton Park stretches of the A4177 have been prone to flooding. The proposed Gypsy site at Oaklands Farm would be particularly vulnerable to flooding.
- 5. Health:** The Shell service station on the Birmingham Road adjacent to Oaklands Farm is currently being re-fitted. Traffic pulling onto and away from the forecourt is already subject to the risks mentioned earlier but a further matter for consideration is the advisability of locating Gypsy children so close – only a matter of yards away – from a petrol filling station. It has been well established that close proximity to such a facility can have an adverse effect on children's health.
- 6. Demography:** It should be remembered that five pitches for Gypsies on the Oaklands Farm site does not mean five caravans. Five family units with members of the core family *and* the extended family could easily amount to more people being resident on Oaklands Farm than are already resident in the Birmingham Road Budbrooke community. A Gypsy / Traveller site will change substantially the existing demographic.

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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:

(This area is intentionally left blank for providing suggestions for land within the district.)

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