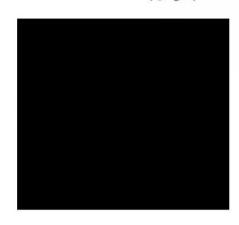
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Dear Sir,

The Proposed Gypsy and Traveller's Site GT02

I am very concerned about the plans to create a Traveller's site where the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre now stands.

It doesn't seem to be very sensible to destroy a blossoming business which benefits the county in so many ways. It directly employs up to forty people during exhibitions and attracts many thousands of visitors to the area. I know it doesn't count for much these days but on a simple humanity level, to destroy a man's business for such a purpose would be a dreadful thing to do.

I am worried about the proposed entrance to the site being from the Fosseway, as this particular section of road is a signposted dangerous route. As there are no essential amenities close by the residents of the Traveller camp will have to use their vehicles constantly.

As things are at present, the valley in which the proposed site will be placed is visually very attractive. This would change if this site were to be built and would constitute a hardship for the area's established residents.

Sadly, we also have to bear in mind a forthcoming disaster facing our area, the High Speed Train project. When construction starts it is intended that the A425 between Ufton and Southam will be closed for four years, nobody can anticipate how local traffic will cope with this, particularly in combination with the additional heavy vehicles directly involved with the construction of the tunnels to be bored under Ufton Wood. The travellers would add further to this increased volume of traffic, a large part of which will be diverted through Depper's Bridge. Another cross that we in Ufton will have to bear is a large encampment for the HST2 workers, this will not be too far from the proposed traveller's encampment. This could lead to potentially stressful situations.

All the above, of course, will be in addition to Ufton's existing contribution to the common good - namely the adjacent land-fill site with all its attendant heavy traffic.

There are numerous practical arguments against the proposed site for the Gypsy and Traveller's Site GT02 but I also, as a Council Tax payer, am unhappy with the prospect of my money being used to finance an alternative life style that differs so greatly from that which we all consider to be the norm.

I object most strongly to the proposal.



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