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The Development Policy Manager
Warwick District Council
Milverton Hill
Leamington Spa CV32 5QH

Dear Sir or Madam

Gipsy and Traveller Site Options
Site G102 - Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the B425
OBJECTION

I am writing to express my concern about this proposal and to register my objection, which is based on the following points:-

1. To the best of my knowledge, there has been no consultation relating to the development of this site with the Travellers, Gypsies or local communities/residents.
2. I am unable to understand how this site fulfills the criteria (listed below) contained in the Draft Local Plan:

* Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport -

The nearest GP surgery is at the Croft Medical Centre, Sydenham, approximately 3 miles from the site and is, I believe, full.

Schooling is available in Radford Semele, with limited capacity.

Public Transport is available, but there are no pedestrian links to the bus stop on the B425. Has the safety issue of pedestrians on this busy route been addressed?

* Safe access to the road network etc -

The proposed site is on the junction of two major roads, one of which, the Fosse Way is designated as a high risk route by Warwickshire County Council. There are already considerable peak time delays at the junction of the two roads.

*Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and disturbance -
As stated above, the site is close to two busy roads.

*Provision of utilities -

There is no mains, sewerage, drainage or gas.

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

Apart from the obvious fact that the site overlooks the Fosse Way, an original Roman Road, there are historic woodlands in the area.

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

The site is at the bottom of a valley, so will be visible from many angles.

*Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community
- When no opportunity has been given for potential occupants of the site and local residents to be made aware of the hopes and needs of the other, the seeds of doubt and misunderstanding have already been sown. Doubtless, there are rumours and half-truths in addition to well founded facts circulating in abundance.

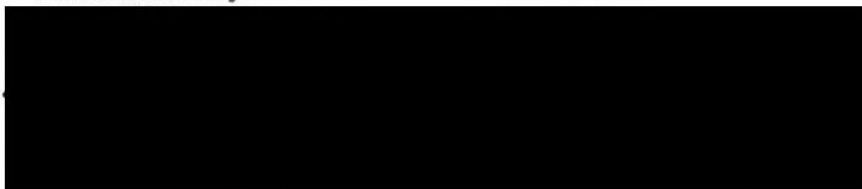
*Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services -
It would appear that considerable expenditure will be incurred ie sewerage, gas, drainage, flood relief, road improvements, schooling and medical services.

*Reflects the extent to which traditional lifestylescan contribute to sustainability.

I find it difficult to comment as I have no information as to whether the Travellers themselves have been asked, or think, that this site is suitable for such activity.

In conclusion, I again stress that with the limited information I have available, and with the apparent unwillingness of WDC to initiate any dialogue, I oppose the proposal. I feel there is a danger of these proposals being imposed on (a) those who do not appear to have been consulted about where they wish to live and (b) those who have chosen where they live and wish to know more about possible new developments, but again have not been consulted or even properly informed.

Yours sincerely

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Judith Powell-Tuck