



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

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference GT 03- Land at Barnwell Farm      Objection

I wish to put on record my objection to the proposed plans for travellers at the above referenced site. There seems to have been no consultation or dialogue with the Travellers, local community and residents as to their wishes and aspirations. Who is to be the judge of this?

It is difficult to comprehend how site fulfills the criteria in the Draft Local Plan for the following reasons:-

**1      Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding.**

This area is prone to flooding Fields often are under water with the resultant moving of livestock.

**2      Convenient access to GP surgery/school/public transport.**

The site is in excess of 1.5 miles from any surgery, is outside the catchment area of Harbury Surgery and the nearest being one in Sydenham which is over 3 miles away. This I believe cannot take more patients. Regarding schools the site is outside the catchment area for Harbury (School oversubscribed) and within the catchment for Radford Primary which is almost fully subscribed.

**3      Safe access to the road network.....**

The proposed site will generate much extra traffic on what is now a very busy and hazardous road which is designated as a high risk route by the County Council. Turning, entering and exiting will present dangers to fast moving traffic and add significantly to existing delays at peak times. It is at the junction of two major roads and access to the traffic flow may well entail highway improvements. It is already designated a High Risk Route by the Council and many serious accidents have been reported there.

**4      Provision of Utilities.....**

The proposed site has neither mains sewerage, drainage, nor gas so fails to meet the criteria you set. The rural electricity supply may well need to be upgraded to meet this increase in demand.

**5      Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact..**

Any such development here would be a blight on Chesterton Windmill, a Grade 1 listed building which is maintained by the Council.

**6      Sites which can be integrated...**

The proposed site is larger than Barnwell Farm and should extra working space be adopted this would increase the site's size to 1.5 times that of the farm. A number of vehicles and caravans of various shapes and size being situated at the bottom of the valley means they cannot be integrated into the landscape without harming the visual appearance and character of the area.

**7      Promotes peaceful and integrated coexistence....**

How can this be determined when there has been neither dialogue nor discourse with all parties? There is a small community within half a mile of the site along the Fosse and greater communities in Harbury and Whitnash each approximately 1.5 miles distant. It is at times such as these when a situation is presented like this that feelings run high: doubts and misunderstandings prevail leading to misunderstandings.

**8      Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure...**

There being few utilities this appears to fail the criteria. The electricity supply is a limited rural line which will need to be upgraded to meet the considerable increase in demand. To fulfill this would need great expenditure at a time when funds are in short supply.

9 **Reflects the extent to which traditional lifestyles...**

Have the Travellers been consulted as to the requirements of their traditional lifestyles? if they work from home, what is this work and what view will Planning make of this? Is it to be industrial use? Again Planning must have a view on this.

In conclusion, I have to express disappointment that a document can be presented to a community in such a way as this. It is to my mind a "Fait Accompli" which by its very nature causes uncertainty both for the local inhabitants and the Travellers alike. In these circumstances, and in its present state I must oppose the proposal.

Yours faithfully,



David Powell-Tuck