

Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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

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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	ANTHONY	
Last Name	SLATER	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)	[REDACTED]	
Address Line 1		
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Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?		
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?	WORD OF MOUTH & 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)

GT 19 LAND off BIRMINGHAM ROAD
BODBROOK
OAKLANDS FARM

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.

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Local Plan - Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

OT19, BIRMINGHAM ROAD
BUDBROKE.

With reference to the proposed development of Oakland Farm on the A4177 as either a permanent site for Gypsies and Travellers or housing development there are a number of grave concerns being expressed by local residents and in particular by those residents living on the busy A4177 near the site. Concerns include -

- Further development on this part of the A4177 will not only add to the congestion on the road especially during peak periods but more worryingly increase the risk of more accidents. This particular stretch of the road has already had a number of fatal road accidents over recent years despite speed restrictions which quite frankly are largely ignored by many motorists.

- Residents would have to cross this busy and dangerous road to get to the bus stop. A particular danger to children.

- The Shell garage is currently being redeveloped which will attract more customers and traffic. Again this will further exacerbate the problems and dangers.

- The Grand Union Canal runs parallel to the A4177 and the rear of Oaklands Farm. This is of great historic value and offers great pleasure for the many people who walk, ride and boat. It needs to be preserved and it's considered that a Gypsy/Traveller site (which would front on to the canal) would have a significant detrimental impact. It would also pose dangers to children who would quite naturally be attracted to it. We are all aware of the dangers of open water to children. The canal is also considered to be a vital green corridor to wildlife (as described by the Canal and River Trust). Any housing development or gypsy/Traveller site would have a serious impact on this.

- Locating a Gypsy/Traveller site on this site would have an adverse impact on the area which is classified as green belt. We need to protect our green belt as much as possible. It would also have a very unsightly appearance to motorists travelling along this main route to Warwick Town of which we are all very proud.

- The close proximity of a railway, bridges (Ugly Bridge), a petrol forecourt in addition to the waters of the canal all pose great dangers to children.

- There are grave concerns as previously stated at the prospect of any loss of parts of the green belt. Furthermore if permission were granted for this site there is concern at the prospect of ribbon development/infill along the A4177.

- The prospect of a Gypsy/Traveller site for residents living on the A4177 near to Oaklands Farm is alarming in terms of the adverse impact it will have on their community (12 houses). The numbers of people living in a 5 pitch Gypsy site would likely overwhelm the existing community and have a serious negative impact. It would be grossly unfair to disrupt a community to this effect. Gypsies and Travellers (and they openly admit this themselves) live a totally different way to other communities.

- There isn't the infrastructure available to support a community of Gypsies and Travellers. Local schools are at capacity, doctors and dentists are several miles away and they too have little or no room to handle an increased number of patients. There is only one small shop in Hatton Village which only stocks a very basic and limited range of supplies. The infrastructure to support either a Gypsy/Traveller site or a large development of housing simply does not exist.

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24/07/2013



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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:

I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY SUITABLE SITES BUT THIS RESULTS FROM NOT BEING QUALIFIED TO SEARCH FOR THEM OR HAVE SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTY LANDSCAPE.

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