

# Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

Ref:

Rep. Ref.

10058

Title MR.

First name/initials A.M.

Surname

Downton

## Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller's sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council:

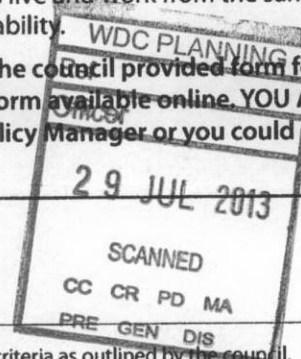
- Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;
- Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
- Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be an 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.

IT IS IMPORTANT to comment/object adhering to the above criteria and the council provided form follows that process. It is implied that you should use the WDC form or the response form available online. YOU ARE HOWEVER STILL PERMITTED to respond by writing to the Council's Development Policy Manager or you could choose to use this site specific form prepared for GT 02

OBJECT

~~APPROVE~~

(Please delete as required.)



Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

- 1 The site will not have safe access from road with 50 and 60 MPH speeds
- 2 No G.P with in miles.
- 3 The site will be seen from all surrounding areas
- 4 To date no person in the village I have spoken to is happy with the site.
- 5 Is the school able to take part time children from time to time.
- 6 Sites I have seen in the past are very poorly kept.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Warwick District Council will judge proposed sites against the nationally accepted criteria. The purpose of the criteria is to seek to meet the requirements of the Gypsy and Travellers community not necessarily local residents, businesses and employment.

Areas of concern could include:

• Agriculture • Animal Welfare • Co-existence • Crime • Ecology and Habitat • Education/Schools • Healthcare/Surgeries • Highways and Safety • Local Economy • Rural Landscape • Services and Utilities • Tourism • Traffic Density/Flow • Urbanisation.

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to the proposals on the following grounds –

Where did you site Travellers track in 1982?

I can not find the out-come of that proposal in 1982.?

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick 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 landowners details below:

## Guidance on Making Representations

- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below. It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform WDC in writing.
- All forms should be received by **5.15 p.m. on Monday, 29 July 2013**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the council's offices at Riverside House and online via the council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

To return this form please drop off at either Riverside House, Leamington Town Hall or your local library or post to **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5QH** or email to: [newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

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# morning news

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## Gipsy site fears for guide dogs

**Plans to put a gipsy camp alongside the main Banbury Road near Oakley Wood have brought strong protests — including one from the Guide Dogs for The Blind Association, worried that gipsy dogs could bring disease to its breeding centre nearby.**

The breeding centre is at Tollgate House, and manager Mr Derek Freeman told the MN there had already been problems with gipsies who had camped on the proposed site in the past.

He was particularly concerned about gipsy dogs carrying diseases.

"The close proximity would present us with problems if they carried disease. Parvo virus has been rife round the country over the past two years. There is some young, extremely valuable stock on the premises which we have built up over the years."

Travelling dogs can also bring problems to farmers, carrying diseases like fowl pest and swine vascular disease," he said.

Mr Freeman and his family live at Tollgate House with some eight residents.

"In the past we have had gipsies calling at the doors and some have been a worry," he said.

"I, as an individual will be protesting because I live on the site and my family live here too."

Mr Michael Thornton, who owns nearby Hogbrook Farm, said the site was a waste of money.

"Gipsies have a bad reputation," he said. "I can see them pinching the pheasants. There are enough people walking through the crops and that sort of thing. They tend to leave a mess beside the road because they never tidy up when they come.

### WATER

"And they don't have a reputation for honesty."

Mr Thornton, asked where the mains water for the site was coming from.

Coun Bernard Kirton who has led the fight against a camp being established anywhere in Warwick district, says he has been contacted by local people complaining about the proposed site.

Coun Kirton said residents who called him were furious. They had had gipsies before in the layby and they had chopped down trees.

"One of the reasons this site appeals to officers is that it is

an isolated area. My attitude is that three families have as much entitlement to their rights as 300," he said.

The district council has delayed its decision on the site while the county council reconsiders its policy on gipsy site provision.

The 13/14 pitch camp would be in an area of woodland opposite the Moreton Morrell junction, on the Leamington side of the main road.

It has been recommended by district council chief executive Mr Michael Ward. He considered it the most suitable in the district.