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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GYPSY/TRAVELLERS SITE GT02

I am writing to register my objection for the proposed development of site GT02, on the following grounds.

1 Travel

My in-laws have lived on the Fosse Way just ½ a mile from the proposed location for nearly 40 yrs and in that time have witnessed many road accidents, including one involving their own son.

I believe the Site is not suitable because it is on a High Risk travel route. There have been more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. The adjacent bus stop is on an overgrown verge. There is no path to walk anywhere and cycling is dangerous on the busy commuter routes.

2 Impact on the local economy

If the plan goes ahead, the GT02 site will have a detrimental affect on the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. It has lost prospective business already. During Exhibitions, up to 40 jobs – now at risk – are provided for the local community. An economic impact assessment submits that the exhibition centre contributes more than £2m to the local economy each year, with knock-on business at risk.

3 Access to Local Amenities

As the nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for lots of new patients, and the next nearest one is almost five miles away, with no direct bus service, it would seem to me that this does not constitute "*convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport*" that is another of the criteria against which the suitability of GT02 site is judged.

4 Historic Environment

The site is on the Archaeological Register with Ancient Pottery recently found. The land is on a Historic Toll site from mediaeval times.

5 Rural Environment

The fact of GT02 lying within a valley and would be visible to travellers from many of the local areas, constitutes failing the "*rural environment*" due to the visual impact.

Also, the damage to the wildlife habitat in the Parlour Spinney Woodland, adjacent to the GT02 proposed site would be hugely detrimental and contrary to your own criteria.

I do not believe that the suitability of GT02 ticks all or indeed nearly all, of the criteria boxes you require. I urge you to reconsider the suitability.

I object to this proposed development.

Yours faithfully

Richard Heath