



## Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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### Part A - Personal Details

OBJECTION TO SITE GT 19

#### 1. Personal Details

#### 2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title

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Organisation (where relevant)

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Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Postcode

Telephone number

Email address

Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?

Yes

About You: Gender

Ethnic Origin

Age

Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?

The Newspaper — We did not receive a bin hanger.

## Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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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)

GT19 OAKLANDS - LAND OFF  
BIRMINGHAM ROAD, BUD BROOKS

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.

The suitability of the potential site fails in the majority of the key criteria elements:-

- ① RISK OF FLOODING There is regular winter flooding and surface water collection around the site; - on the Birmingham Road, from the over-topping of canal bank at Ugly Bridge, overflowing ditches along towpath abutting the site. The main road water spray & gutter sides are a hazard during heavy rainfall near the site.
- ② SAFE ROAD ACCESS Birmingham Road is known as an accident blackspot with a record of fatalities near to Oaklands Farm. The traffic is heavy & fast moving. Particular dangers at Ugly Bridge Junction, the access to the 24hr Shell garage & irregular footpaths are alongside the site which makes it totally unsuitable for children, the elderly and any loose animals. The site entrance by Ugly Bridge is not a safe location.

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RE: GT19 OAKLANDS - LAND OFF  
BIRMINGHAM ROAD, BUDBROOKE.

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:

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### ③ Potential Noise & Disturbance

There is continual traffic noise from Birmingham Rd. The 'site' at Oaklands Farm would also have the noise and traffic queues at Ugly Bridge junction, the disturbance of the 24hr Shell garage use, the noise of barking dogs on site at Oaklands Farm kennels and the on-site caravan repairs business - None of this would make a conducive site for any permanent encampment. The added presence of rats and mice from the canal bank may well pose a health issue.

### ④ Natural & Historic Environment

The Grand Union canal is of great historic canal heritage and the natural state of the locality make a very significant tourist attraction for Warwick which is used 365 days a year. Ugly Bridge is a notable point along the lock flight - 'The Stairway to Heaven'. This vital open green space and valuable green-belt corridor must be totally protected and unspoiled for walkers, boaters, bird & wildlife watchers and joggers & cyclists. This special landscape along the canalside must be ring-fenced as it is irreplaceable.

### ⑤ Unable to absorb a site in the landscape

A gypsy site at Oaklands Farm could not be screened off or absorbed into the landscape as it would be highly visible on all sides. Such a site would do serious harm to the character of the area and impact detrimentally by deterring the vital necessity of attracting tourists to Warwick & local facilities.

### ⑥ The site and the local community

The immediate local community amount to a small hamlet of 10 homes and would be very likely outnumbered by site inhabitants. The community has an average resident age of 63 years with over 200 years' collective occupancy of homes. The criteria for a peaceful & co-existence of integration would not be readily presented.

### ⑦ TO WORK ON SITE

- This would just pose more noise & disturbance and a further detriment to local residents and canal users.

SITES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED ON/NEAR GREENBELT OR THREATEN TOURISM



## Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 us in writing
- All forms should be received by **5.15pm 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 one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: [newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times	
<b>Warwick District Council Offices</b> Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs	8.45am - 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am - 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs	8.45am - 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am - 4.45pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon - Tues	10.30am - 5.00pm
	Wed	1.30pm - 5.00pm
	Thurs	Closed
	Fri	10.30am - 4.00pm
	Sat	10.30am - 1.30pm
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Weds	9.30am - 6.00pm
	Thurs	10.00am - 7.00pm
	Fri	9.30am - 6.00pm
	Sat	9.30am - 4.30pm
	Sun	12.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Warwick</b> Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon - Thurs	8.00am - 5.30pm
	Fri	8.00am - 5.00pm
	Sat	9.00am - 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth</b> Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon - Tues	9.00am - 5.30pm
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	Thurs - Fri	9.00am - 5.30pm
	Sat	9.00am - 1.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Lillington</b> Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon	9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 6.00pm
	Tues and Fri	9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5.30pm
	Weds	Closed
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	Sat	9.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Fri	9.00am - 5.00pm
<b>Finham Community Library</b> Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon	1.00pm - 7.00pm
	Tues, Thurs and Fri	9.00am - 7.00pm
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Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.

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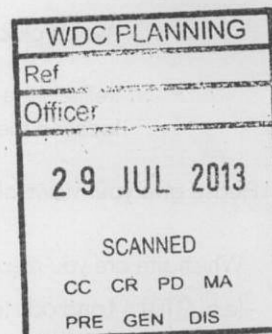
Yes

~~No~~

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GT13 - KITES NEST LANE, BEAUSALE

What is the nature of your representation?

~~Support~~

Object

~~Comment~~

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The present illegal site occupying this location is the subject of legal action and has raised concerns in the area for approx three years. A peaceful & integrated co-existence between site dwellers and the local community has not been achieved with remaining tensions on both sides. The small immediate local community has felt overwhelmed and outnumbered which is not in keeping with the set criteria. There are so many varied issues connected to the illegal site sufficient to make it totally inappropriate as a permanent encampment for all involved and its visual impact is totally out of character in this locality.

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RE: GT 13 - KITES NEST LANE, BEAUSALE

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 consider the only sensible solution is to offer to move the remaining group of gypsies to a larger potential site well outside the area where they can be absorbed into a new locality with opportunity for 'a new start' on a mixed & legal site. This would clearly in the long term enable them to work towards gaining an identity in the community.