

Dear Sir

We are residents of Radford Semele and have lived peacefully in the village for more than 26 years.

We are writing to object to the proposed Gypsy/Traveller site less than half a mile from the village. As we understand the site will put undue strain on the natural environment and deface an historic Roman route. Traffic on the Fosse Way is already heavy and there are numerous signs warning of potential hazards and death black spots adjacent to the stretch of road in question. Local transport is an issue as there are no proper designated bus stops in the immediate vicinity.

Radford Semele Primary School is very popular and in recent years had been substantially over subscribed, so where will the children of this community go to school? The building of more classrooms is very expensive and will have to encroach on existing playing fields .This will be an extra burden to the local taxpayer. Also, local doctor's surgeries and hospital's are already struggling to provide adequate service for local people. Adding a new community puts intolerable strain on these services.

There will be an impact on the local economy as the Exhibition Centre which employs many people will lose custom. The area has benefited from this entrepreneur and if he was forced to relocate due pressure of this site then the local economy will suffer due to loss of revenue. They have already lost a contract due to rumours about the proposed site. Is it fair for a businessman who has created a niche for himself and invested vast amounts of money into this entrepreneurial venture to be deprived of his livelihood?

Radford has grown slowly over the years with the potential increase that you propose it would be a severe strain on the current infrastructure and in a number of areas be an increase in costs through rates imposed on us all. There are already plans to build 120 new homes in the village - any more increase on local activity will be intolerable.

We appreciate living in the village because of the environment, the atmosphere and the peace. The proposed size of this Traveller camp will alter the village beyond all recognition, destroying a lot of the features we enjoy. To enable the village to maintain its individuality and character we believe the views of the local residents should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for noting our concerns.

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## **Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02**

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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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

**I OBJECT** 

-I-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.

Please see attached letter.

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 -

Please see altooked letter

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