

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.

10095

Title **MR**

First name/initials **COLIN**

Surname **HANCOCK**

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

~~**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.

The use of this site would cause difficulties for the local businesses situated at the location. They employ around 50 people and all these local jobs could be under threat. The exhibition centre alone contributes £5 million to the local economy and this would clearly be put at risk. This site would need major infrastructure improvements including footpaths and some method of traffic control to allow vehicles to exit the site during peak traffic periods.

The provision of utilities within the area may also need to be upgraded, with only rural electric supply and no mains gas or sewerage being available. I have a concern on child safety within this area with attractive woods, canal and very busy roads giving potential dangers. The fosse way is an high risk road within this area. The proposed site is within a rural landscape and any build up of population could

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.

I OBJECT

I APPROVE

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds - (continued from previous page)

result in further development and loss of the local countryside. Due to the low number of residents currently living in this area the increase in population would outweigh the current residents causing conflict and poor integration. The area as already lost a large area of habitat for wild life with the sudden removal of the reservoir site behind Cedar Tree Farm. This has affected the bird and small mammal populations within the area. The proposed site ~~consists~~^{surrounds} of 50 acres of good quality farm land which is extensively farmed. The influx of population and potential rubbish could result in this land being unused, unsightly.

Overall I believe that this site when judged against the nationally accepted criteria should be rejected.

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