

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

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

I object to having the Gypsy and Traveller site on the land abutting the fosseway at its junction with the A425 for the following reasons:-

- up to 40 jobs will be lost.
- more than £2m contribution to our local economy each year will be lost.
- local amenities have no capacity this will need reviewing and resourcing resulting in higher spend for our local economy - how can this be affordable?
- The site requires safe access (as noted above), this is questionable as the site will be located on a high risk route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years taking place.
- the site needs to avoid areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of natural & historic environment - well this site is on the Archaeological Register with an Ancient Pottery recently found on the site, the land is also a historic toll site from medieval times.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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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 –

Traffic Density - already the foreway is heavy with traffic and the proposed site would be located on a high risk travel route, surely the site will generate even more traffic?!

Animal Welfare - the site would be located on the busy foreway, strong stock fencing will be required to ensure no stray animals reach the road this will be an added cost.

Ecology & Habitat - the proposed site would be located on a historic toll site and it is registered for special archaeological interests.

Local economy - loss of jobs and financial contribution to the local economy would be lost, not forgetting the costs associated with placing the site here - extra public transport routes, more public service resource (doctors in particular), increased local amenities etc.

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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

- Convenient access to local amenities is also a concern as the nearest available doctor's surgery is almost 5 miles away with no direct bus service.
- Sites need to be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area - this is a huge concern as we have a protected ancient woodland very close to the proposed site, how will the wildlife habitat be protected from damage?
- During heavy rainfall I have seen this area flood, the council do state that the site needs to avoid areas of high risk of flooding.
- Investment will be required to provide the residents of the proposed site with utilities ie running water, toilets etc, this is an added cost to the proposal.
- The village in which I live does not offer a great deal now that the Post office, General store and village school have closed. But we do have a rural environment that attracts many tourists and visitors, with stunning views across the valley, I have a concern that the proposed site location will have a negative visual impact across the valley gateway to Leamington & Warwick.
- Finally we are expecting a great deal of disruption with the proposed HS2, the line will be close to the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site, has consideration been given to the potential disruption of the ~~HS2~~ HS2 to the site?