

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 understand the nearest GP surgery is full. The village school at Radford Semele is nearing capacity levels and had to turn some children away for this year's intake in September. Bus stop dangerous on unclipped verge.
- Fosse Way is a very fast road with heavy traffic at rush hours and therefore not very safe access. No footpaths to surrounding villages - dangerous.
- Utilities: No gas or drainage on site. Rural electricity supply nearing capacity. Broadband lower than national standard.
- Historic environment: Fosse Way is an ancient Roman road on its original course at GT02 location. It is on WDC's "archaeological register". Historic toll site. Ancient pottery found in surrounding land. Therefore needs protection.
- Environmental impact: Site is in a valley and therefore hedge would not hide a travellers site. Land opposite Exhibition centre has protected woodland. Therefore this site needs protection.
- A travellers site would harm the character of the area.
- As Warwickshire Exhibition Centre has already lost business by just the threat of a Travellers site being there, it would harm their business and would end in the closure of the Exhibition Centre eventually. Therefore the Travellers site would be a threat to Warwickshire Exhibition Centre.

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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 -

The report by Enfusion has serious failings for the GTO2 site. Of the 16 objectives, 4 were "uncertain" and 2 were "minor negative". 5 of the measurements were identical and do not appear to have been examined properly and therefore the report is very questionable. As detailed in my objection with reference to the criteria, I am very concerned that a blossoming business at Warwickshire Exhibition Centre would fail if the proposed Travellers Site were to go ahead. This business has been built up over a number of years and contributes £2 million to the local economy, giving employment to 40 people. It is predicted that it would contribute £4 million by 2017. It also supports local businesses which would suffer if the Exhibition Centre had to close. It has already lost business simply by the threat of a Travellers site next to it, we simply cannot allow any threat to exist that would damage our local economy and employment. I object because of the historic environment - the Fosse Way is a Roman road, on the Archaeological Register, it is a historic toll site and ancient pottery has been found in surrounding fields - so it should be protected. I also object because of the environmental impact that a Travellers site would have - the site could not be hidden by a hedge as it is in a valley. Also there is a protected wood land close to the

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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

proposed site on the opposite side of the Fosse Way from the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. This must be safeguarded.

The proposed GTO2 site does not seem to ~~be~~^{offer} a very safe environment, ^{especially} for children as it is on the Fosse Way which is a very fast, well-used route through Warwickshire and there have been a number of accidents over the past few years.

It would be very dangerous indeed if a small child were to stray out of the proposed site. Also the Southam/Radford Senele road is very busy and fast. Furthermore there are no pavements, so walking is very dangerous. Although there is a bus stop, it is on an unclipped verge and this is also dangerous. In fact Warwickshire Exhibition Centre provide private transport for their visitors to and from Leamington Spa because they deem the bus stop dangerous.

The village school at Radford Senele is nearing capacity and I believe has had to turn children away for the Reception intake for September 2013.

Also the Doctors surgery at Sydenham is full and Travellers would possibly have to go to Leamington or Warwick.

I believe gas and drainage/sewers are not provided on the GTO2 site and the rural electricity supply is nearing capacity. It may be very expensive to provide these services.

Overall, I think the GTO2 proposal is a very dangerous site, especially where children are involved and serious accidents could happen. I am sure a much safer site could be found - one which also does not damage the local economy and historic environment, and where environmental impact could be kept to a minimum.