

# 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

OBJECT

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 nearest GP surgery is up to capacity on patient numbers. The next closest is 5 miles away.  
The nearest primary school in Redford Samele is close to capacity at this time. With additional house buildings <sup>in the</sup> village the school will have no spare places.  
The only public transport close to this site is situated on a grass verge at the side of the very busy A425.  
The site stands on land abutting the Fosseway, B4455 & the A425. The Fosseway is recognised as a High Risk travel route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. The Fosseway has numerous road signs warning drivers to take extreme care, with no footpaths in any direction walking from this site would be hazardous in the extreme.  
The Fosseway is an ancient Roman Road & as such is of historical & archaeological importance. Any major disturbance whether authorised or unauthorised could damage important remains. This site is on the Archaeological Register with ancient pottery recently found.  
As the site lies in a valley it would be impossible to screen without harming the character of the area

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

See continuation  
sheet.

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 -

With an increasing population taking good agricultural land out of production for such sites is very short sighted.

Developing G+T sites in rural areas without very careful monitoring of numbers would mean that far from integration between communities' the resident local population would be overwhelmed.

Any development of site GTO2 would have a very negative impact on the local economy. The business will close, jobs will be lost as will money which visitors to the specialist exhibitions spend in the area.

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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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

The site is very close to Parkour Spinney, home to a number of species on the European Protected Species register. Any development in the area would damage wildlife habitat inc the resident badgers.

If this site is chosen it will result in the closure of the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. Currently the business employs 40 people at exhibition times these jobs will be lost as will the £2m which feeds into the local economy via shops, petrol stations, pubs, restaurants etc.

Continuation sheet re GTO2.

(MRS B.E. BRAIN).