

# 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 WDC PLANNING 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 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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**OBJECT**

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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.

- In the Enfusion report, GT02 is stated as being 1.5 miles from schools & surgery. This is false - the closest surgery is Craft Med centre in Sycamore (3.3 miles) & Cubbington Road Surgery (4.7 miles). GT02 is not within Harbury surgery's catchment area. Craft Med Centre is fully subscribed.
- GT02 is 1.8 miles away from Padford Senele Primary school. Local plan is proposing a further 100 houses in the village requiring any vacancies the school might have. GT02 is not in the catchment area for Harbury Primary.
- GT02 is on the junction of two main roads with high traffic flows. Fosse way in particular witnesses high traffic despite the nearby speed camera. It is a High Risk Route. In peak hours, the junction reaches over 2000 vehicles, thus this site does not seem to fit the criteria of avoiding noise and providing a safe location. Additional traffic generated by the proposed site would add to delays.
- GT02 has no mains sewage, drainage or gas so fails to meet criteria. Electricity supply is limited rural line thus would need an upgrade to meet the increase in demand.
- GT02 is next to historic Fosse way, built following the Roman invasion in AD43, 2000 years ago. There was a tollhouse on the junction of the Fosse way and Southam Rd

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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 -

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in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is important that if GTO2 is approved that a major archaeological dig is conducted, prior to site work to safeguard the heritage of area. GTO2 is an area of good quality, extensively farmed land. Unauthorised intrusion from GTO2 into the land would result in contractors not wishing to risk tractors and equipment. This, together with crop damage & possible rubbish deposits could result in the land ceasing to be farmed and become unsightly.

If GTO2 is proposed, it will be a major invasion into the openness of the countryside, an irreversible urbanisation of the area.

- GTO2 is a rural setting with limited housing within a half-mile radius. Residents on site would outnumber local residents. This ~~surely~~ cannot be considered a good basis of integration.
- As the local infrastructure is limited, GTO2 will place undue pressure on existing services.
- GTO2 does enable a large site for residents to work from home but it is difficult to see what businesses could be fitted in to the rural landscape without becoming a visual intrusion.
- Close to GTO2 are Fosse Alpacas & Kune Kune Pigs, a business <sup>breeding rare breed livestock.</sup> 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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)



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The Alpaca herd numbers 30 animals and the owners are extremely worried of bio security & the need to protect <sup>the</sup> animals from diseases such as foot & mouth, bTB and Parvovirus. These diseases can be spread by human trespassers & unvaccinated dogs. The animals graze on fields between GTO2 & the Grand Union Canal.

- GTO2 is close to two historic traditional woodlands, a habitat for birds & small mammals that would be greatly affected by the site. It is also a habitat for Pipistrelle bats and great crested newts.