

Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

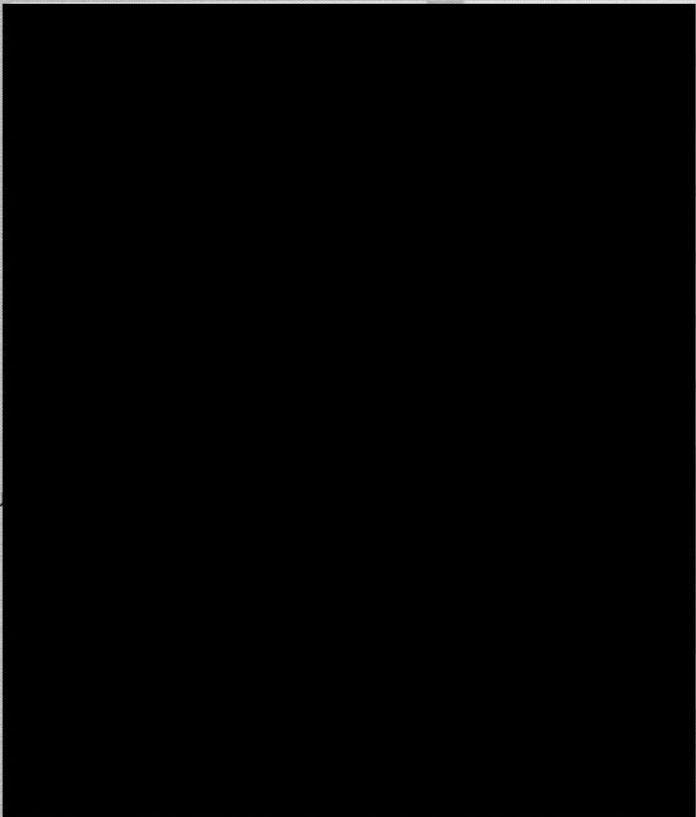
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?		<input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?		

Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- 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;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be 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.

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to?

(e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

Site 12

What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

Site 12 is immediately adjacent to an area identified by the Environment Agency as having significant flood risk and is. Therefore, unsuitable for any form of development. Water voles live on this site which are legally protected.

There is no adequate access to the village except by traversing the bypass (60 mph speed limit), a heavily utilised highway, and there have already been accidents and a fatality of this stretch of road. Access and egress to and from Site 12 would not be safe. The only access would be by car placing further pressure on the village, particularly during the morning and evening rush-hour and the two pick-up times at the school.

The site does not offer access to the village on foot or by bike via pedestrian footpaths or cycle routes or by bus. Also the infrastructure of the village will not support the influx of Gypsies and Travellers i.e. in terms of the negative impact on the capacity of Barford St. Peter's School (Barford is a Secondary Service Villager), no doctors' surgeries and a small village shop and sub-post office.

Development of Site 12 would lead to an unacceptable loss of valuable farmland and rural employment, plus a dramatic adverse effect on the landscape, harming the visual amenity of the Site.

This is not a location which would allow peaceful and integrated co-existence with the local community.

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this 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 land owner's details below:

WDC should deliver the Gypsy & Traveller Sites within the proposed major new housing development in Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington. Gypsies & Travellers are saying they want permanent homes – this is obviously where the sites should be placed where they can be fully integrated into the local community and facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries and shops are readily accessible on foot, by bike, by bus and by car. This has been carried out satisfactorily at Milton Keynes.

WDC should have identified brownfield sites with the existing urban areas of Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington for Gypsies and Travellers as these sites would be more suitable and sustainable. Despite such sites existing, they are all being proposed for redevelopment for other uses. WDC should also revisit its Greenbelt Policy and release land to the north of Warwick and Leamington which would reduce the pressure of development in the south of the District.

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