

# Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

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Title **MRS**

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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.

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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.

I object to the proposed Gypsy + Traveller site at the Warwickshire Education Centre (WEC) because:-

- (1) It will result in the closure of WEC. In any economic it should not be the act of a district council to damage rural business + cause unnecessary job losses. This act could result in local resentment towards the travellers.
- (2) The two site entrances are both on busy A roads. Turning into the site particularly at rush hour is fraught with danger and can cause the traffic to backup to the roundabout at the A425/Fosse junction. Also, if any of the travellers were to escape it would probably be killed and so could road users involved in the incident.
- (3) There is no infrastructure to allow the proposed occupants safe pedestrian access from the site if they needed to catch a bus. They would need to cross one (potentially 2) busy A roads + children waiting for a school bus would have to stand in a verge beside a very busy road.
- (4) There is no easy access to the GP surgery or local schools + I don't believe the GP surgery has capacity to take a large number of patients.
- (5) There would be little privacy or peace on the site as the roads on 2 site are busy + if HS2 goes ahead it would pass close by in a 3rd side.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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.

I OBJECT

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

The loss of jobs & revenue on the local GP surgery is unlikely to promote harmonious coexistence or adequate healthcare for either the existing population or the newcomers.

The site will damage the local economy with the loss of jobs at the WEC.

The entrances to the sites making way on to the proposed site for all road uses. The road uses are also at risk should animals escape from the site and any occupant leaving it on foot would be insignificant danger. Children waiting for the school bus would be at high risk should a narrow or grain view.

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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)