

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

Ref: 10138

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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.

Please see attached letter

WDC PLANNING
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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

~~**I APPROVE**~~

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

Please see Attached Pattern



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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

Development Policy Manager

My Name is Terry Read and for the last 19 months myself and my family have invested a large amount of cash and time in rebuilding the reputation of the White Hart Inn which lies East of the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre set on Ufton Hill overlooking the valley, I find it hard to comprehend that you have decided to include the Warwickshire Exhibition site as a choice for a Gipsy camp for the following reasons.

(1) The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre is a thriving business in growth bringing large numbers of visitors to the Heart of Warwickshire, this in turn has a rollover contribution in finance to all the other businesses within the area including our own, in the last few months we have seen a larger number of exhibitions and people coming in for meals as a result, the fact that we are also having the HS2 rail track very close to us and that it will cut through the Stoneleigh Exhibition Centre will ultimately bring more Business to the Warwickshire Exhibition show ground, use this for your camp and Warwickshire has no exhibition centre and you drive all the exhibitions to the NEC along with all the income spent by visitors, in these austere times Warwickshire and small businesses need all the help they can get to build, not a compulsory purchase order to destroy a prosperous business putting approximately 40 people out of work.

(2) In My introduction I said Ufton sits on a Hill in fact it is the Highest point in Warwickshire and dominates a 180 degree view of the valley below, and on a clear day you can see the Licky Hills due West and Malvern Hills South West and Coventry spires North West, we cater for walking and hiking parties from all over the country to start from our car park and garden it is without doubt probably the best view in Warwickshire and we are always told so by visitors.

A large number of Ufton properties command this vista as do we , The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre sits in the middle of the valley, and can be seen from all directions, it has however been taste fully developed to blend with the agricultural and rural setting that it sits in, you would not be aware that it was there unless there is a show and the car parks are full,

A Gipsy camp would on the other hand consist of large caravans with after a short period of time shanty type buildings, surrounding and joined on to the vans, commercial vehicles of all shapes and sizes diggers etc., I would like to note here that this site under normal planning would not be considered for a haulage company to site commercial vehicles and operate from under licence, not to mention varies piles of unspecified spoil heaps, all of my comments are based on views of other Gipsy camps, this of course would be completely visible from all directions because it sits central to the valley, not as your pamphlet states integrated into the landscape, the site would completely destroy one of the best views in Warwick shire and a large swathe of Warwickshire country side in a viewable prominent position.

(3) The site sits at the cross roads of two very fast and dangerous roads the ancient and historic Foss way and the Leamington Southam Rd, neither of which have any pavements and would be suicidal to walk, there is no lighting once past Foss Way island and there are no shops or amenities for at least a mile and a half, this would be a danger to the Gipsies and to anyone in transit on the two roads, the signs put on the Fosse Way by Warwickshire county Council say it all, DANGEROUS.

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(4) Reading your publication LOCAL PLAN helping shape the district, distributed by Warwickshire District Council June 2013, my first comment on this publication is that the photos are of a holiday caravan camp for touring vans the type of site run by the Caravan club and show an idyllic holiday setting, these photos bear no resemblance to a Gypsy camp, the photos of the old barrel vans was obviously taken at a show again bearing no resemblance to a present day Gypsy camp, this I am afraid is what is called spin and is designed to give a false interpretation as to how it would appear set in its prominent position.

Moving on to your policy criteria for the choice of land and how this conflicts with Warwickshire Exhibition site.

Convenient access to a GP surgery, school, and public transport. There are no surgeries or schools within 2 miles of this site. The only bus route is Leamington to Southam the bus stop that is there is never used and if it were it would mean pedestrians walking over two fast and dangerous roads not to mention the problem with large buses stopping on already congested roads.

Avoiding areas with high risk of flooding, this area does not flood, but given substantial rain fall because of the clay base of the land will turn into a cwog mire very quickly, has we have seen over the last few months where not even the local farmers could venture onto their land without fear of sinking, and this is with specific vehicles designed to go over land.

Safe access to road networks and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site. I have already pointed out the fact that this site is positioned on two fast roads, the fact that slow vehicles with trailers coming and going would inevitably lead to a major accident

Avoiding areas where there is potential for noise and other disturbance. This is a quiet area other than road noise primarily from the large number of heavy goods vehicles that use both roads and converge at Foss Island.

Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc. There have been on-going issues with water and waste disposal due to the valley set between Radford Hill and Ufton Hill, should any further capacity be put on the services they may need further improvement.

Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment. This site would fall either side of one of the oldest roads in Britain, the Fosse Way, that was built 2000 years ago 1400 years before the ancestors of the present Gypsies arrived in this country from India.

Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area. I think I have covered the fact that this site sits in the middle of a valley and cannot be by any means integrated into the landscape in fact you could not have suggested a worse position for maximum impact for harming the character of the area.

I would hope that common sense prevails and that this site is struck from the list due to it not meeting anywhere near the criteria required for such a project.

Kind regards

Terry Read