

# 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: 10542

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## Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller's sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council:

- ① • 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);
- ② • 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.
- ④ • 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

I OBJECT

~~I APPROVE~~

(Please delete as required.)

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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.

- ① The nearest GP surgery would be Sydenham or Leamington. We have recently seen in the local press and heard on local radio that residents from Radford some have been refused access to some surgery in the area, due to "full books" so I ask can the surgeries cope with the extra, especially as the village has also to provide some 100+ new houses in the not too distant future.
- ② Is this site really appropriate when the Fosseway is on the Archaeological register and ancient pottery is still being discovered in the area.
- ③ Again, with the knowledge that the village must provide some 100+ new houses in the not too distant future, can the school cope with any expected increase in numbers
- ④ The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre has worked long and hard building up a business that now provides many local jobs. To close it would affect the livelihood of many people both directly and indirectly and as a result create resentment in the community. Its closure would also affect other businesses in the area associated with the Exhibition Centre

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.

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

- ① The site is at a junction of busy main roads (The Fosse Way and the A425 Southam road) with no pathways or cycleways to give access to local amenities. We have ourselves asked for a safe pathway along Offchurch Lane to access the canal tow path but with no result so surely one to the Fosseway is many times more expensive and how much would it be used?
- ② Along the Fosseway (just a few 100 yds from the proposed site) is a warning notice of several deaths on the road in the last 2 years. This was presumably put up by local council highways dept) Is this a safe location for families with young children
- ③ There are some sites proposed ~~that~~ in the consultation that affect less people's livelihoods than this site. This site will affect so many people. Surely an area that does not mean the displacement of people from their homes or workplace would be a much more sensible option

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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)