

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: 10810

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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

~~REPRESENTATION~~

(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.

THIS SITE IS UNSUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF TRAVELLERS / GYPSYS.

- 1) CAN THE WARWICK D.C. JUSTIFY THE CLOSURE OF THE WARWICKSHIRE EXHIBITION CENTRE ROBBING 40 PEOPLE OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD 10 FULL TIME 30 CASUAL AT EXHIBITION TIMES
 - 2) ACCESS WITHIN 600 YDS OF THE A425 A SIGN STATES 10 CASUALTIES WITHIN 2 MILES, WHICH THEN PROCEEDS ALONG THE FOSSE WAY LEAVING THE W.E.C. ON YOUR RIGHT HAND SIDE. THIS WILL CREATE A TRAFFIC HAZARD WITH THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE FOSSE WAY & ALONG THE A425 WITH SLOW MOVING VEHICLES TOWING TRAILERS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SITE
 - 3) THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE AMENITIES WITHIN 5 TO 10 MILES OF THE SITE:- FOR MEDICAL (DOCTORS SURGERIES) SCHOOLS THE LOCAL INFANT SCHOOL HAS NO VACANT CAPACITY, NO DENTIST (NHS) ETC
 - 4) UTILITIES LIMITED IE NO SEWER SYSTEM, ELECTRICITY BY WAY OF OVERHEAD CABLE, NO GAS (MAINS)
 - 5) NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM RADFORD SEMELE, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WALK ON UNEVEN GRASS VERGE OF ON THE MAIN ROAD A425
 - 6) NO EASY ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO CROSS BOTH THE FOSSE WAY & A425 NO FOOTPATH
 - 7) VISUAL ASPECT:- IT IS IN A VALLEY AND WILL NOT LOOK GOOD VISUALLY FOR VISITORS APPROXIMATING LEAMINGTON SPA
- DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO GOOD SCREENING

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.

OBJECT

APPROVE

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds -

- 1) LOSS OF PEOPLES LIVELY MOOD 40 (10 FULL TIME 30 CASUAL) WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE WARWICKSHIRE EXHIBITION CENTRE
- 2) THIS WILL DESTROY THE WILD LIFE & DEVELOPMENT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FOSSEWAYS HISTORICAL PAST
- 3) THE LOCAL VILLAGE JUNIOR SCHOOL HAS NO VACANT FACILITY
- 4) SURGERIES / HEALTH CARE:- WILL REQUIRE THE TRAVELLERS GYPSYS TO TRAVEL 5 TO 10 MILES FOR TREATMENT
- 5) THE FOSSEWAY IS A VERY BUSY ROAD WITH NUMEROUS ROAD SIGNS STATING CASUALTIES WITHIN GIVEN DISTANCES 10 WITHIN 1/2 MILE, 12 WITHIN 2 MILES ETC TRAFFIC DENSITY WITHIN THE PROPOSE SITE SEE TRAFFIC QUEUES BOTH ON THE FOSSE & A425 AT THE ISLAND
- 6) NOT SUITABLE FOR SCREENING AS IT LIES IN A VALLEY
- 7) UTILITIES IN GENERAL NOT AVAILABLE NO SEWER SYSTEM OVERHEAD CABLE FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY NO GAS (MAINS)
- 8) HAS BEEN KNOWN TO FLOOD.

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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