

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: 10788

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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

~~IMPROVE~~

(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.

ACCESS TO AMENITIES

THE NEAREST GP'S SURGERY IS 3.3 MILES AWAY AND HAS NO CAPACITY FOR EXTRA PATIENTS. THE NEAREST SURGERY WHICH HAS CAPACITY IS ALMOST 5 MILES AWAY WITH NO DIRECT BUS LINK. THE NEAREST SCHOOL (PRIMARY) HAS LIMITED CAPACITY FOR EXTRA PUPILS. THERE IS NO PAVEMENT TO RADFORD SEMELE SO THE ROUTE IS NOT SAFE FOR WALKING AND CYCLING IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC. A PATHWAY WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AND LIT INTO RADFORD SEMELE. SCHOOL LANE ITSELF IS ALREADY A BOTTLENECK FOR TRAFFIC. THE BUS STOP NEAREST THE PROPOSED SITE IS ON AN OVERGROWN VERGE WITH NO PAVEMENT.

SAFE ACCESS TO THE ROAD NETWORK

THE PROPOSED SITE IS ON THE JUNCTION OF TWO MAIN ROADS WITH HIGH TRAFFIC FLOW AND THE FOSSE WAY IS A HIGH RISK ROUTE (DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL)

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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.

OBJECT

~~APPROVE~~

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

LOCAL ECONOMY

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE WARWICKSHIRE EXHIBITION CENTRE WILL CONTRIBUTE CIRCA £5 MILLION TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IN HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, RESTAURANTS, ENTERTAINMENT AS THE CENTRE ATTRACTS VISITORS FROM A WIDE AREA. THE CENTRE HAS ALREADY LOST PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS DUE TO THE PERCEPTION OF IT BEING LESS SECURE AND THEREFORE LESS WELL ATTENDED. THE CENTRE PROVIDES UP TO 40 JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE DURING EXHIBITIONS.

TOURISM

THE SITE WILL BE ON THE JUNCTION OF TWO MAJOR ROUTES INTO THE AREA AND WILL BE HIGHLY VISIBLE WHICH COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON TOURISM AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

URBANISATION

IN ADDITION TO THE SITE ITSELF, CONSIDERABLE INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE NECESSARY IN TERMS OF TRAFFIC CONTROLS + ROAD WIDENING.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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

CONTINUATION SHEET (1)

SAFE ACCESS (CONTINUED): THE PROPOSED SITE IS NOT A SAFE LOCATION FOR CHILDREN.

PROVISION OF UTILITIES

THERE IS NO DRAINAGE OR GAS SUPPLY AND ONLY A RURAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT

THE SITE CANNOT BE INTEGRATED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT CANNOT BE SCREENED BY HEDGEROWS DUE TO ITS POSITION IN A VALLEY. THE SITE IS ADJACENT TO HISTORIC WOODLAND WHICH PROVIDES A HABITAT FOR BADGERS (WHICH ARE PROTECTED AND IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DEVELOP 30M FROM THEIR SET); BATS (LIGHTING BELOW THE WOOD WOULD AFFECT THEIR COMMUTING ROUTE); BUZZARDS; SPARROW HAWKS; OWLS & WOODPECKERS.

ALSO THE SITE IS ON AN HISTORIC MEDIEVAL TOLL SITE, THE FOSSE WAY ITSELF BEING AN ANCIENT ROMAN THOROUGHFARE.