

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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Ref: 10675

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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

I OBJECT

~~**I 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.

SEE ATTACHED LETTER

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 –

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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

DOUGLAS SHEARS

To WDC, Development Policy Manager

I am a resident almost adjacent to the proposed GT02 Gypsy/Traveller site and have a number of concerns regarding your plans, according to your criteria. I am also mindful of the proposed plan for 100 -150 new houses planned for Radford Semele, the flaws of the Enfusion report and the incredible idea of **COMPULSORY PURCHASE**.

There is **NO** safe, convenient access to GP & schools - there isn't the capacity.

The bus stop which gains GT02 a ++, is ridiculous as a positive. It is on a grass verge and isolated to the roundabout, there are no pathways or crossings, to promote its use for young or older children, or elderly folk is madness. The ++ fails to take into account that there is no walking ability here & a purpose built pathway to Radford would be an outrageous expense, lights would ruin the look of the area and effect local habitat.

The Fosse Way and A425 **CANNOT** be considered as a safe area to have such a development; It is a very busy, fast moving junction, to consider putting a camp site entrance anywhere near here is ludicrous as it is a high crash risk area.

There was a fatality here which I unfortunately witnessed the aftermath of; this resulted in the speed camera, which is there now. It is not a road that is likely to absorb this kind of settlement without further increasing the risks to drivers, youngsters and animals alike.

Besides lack of infrastructure, the utilities are poor - No Gas, No Sewage, Rural electricity supply. Inappropriate to consider how much work and expense would be required to improve this.


The natural and historic value of this location has been lost in assessment; the roundabout is itself runs along the original Roman Road and is an historic Toll site. There is also Woodlands nearby, with bats, birds, newts and other creatures that would be directly affected by vastly increased light intrusion from the settlement and of course by developing the land on such a scale.

This area is surrounded by agricultural land, has local Businesses and a number of privately owned properties. This causes me the most outrage, The Warwick Exhibition Centre is a thriving business and greatly impacts on other local businesses. We also have the breeding of the beautiful alpacas and rare Pigs, currently bred and living in harmony with their environment. And of course there are the farmers making good use of the land. It is totally unacceptable to put productive, growing and appreciated businesses into jeopardy; effects are inevitable and we need to promote successful businesses in Warwick District, not blight them.

We are in a valley here, with 4 approaches to the proposed site; such a settlement would be clearly visible and totally out of character with its surrounding. It CANNOT be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.

Now, onto the subject of 'peaceful, integrated, co-existence with the local community.' Those two incredible words are here again - COMPULSORY PURCHASE - GT02 is located outside the village setting and by virtue of its residential layout would be absorbed by the settlement, not integrated. AND how on earth can you consider forcibly taking someone's land, against their will and in-light of all the reasons why GT02 should not have even been listed as a possibility in the first place. This COULD NOT promote 'peaceful' OR 'integrated' co-existence with any community.

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