

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: 10883

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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.

- I object to the proposed gypsy + travellers site (GT02). With regards to the criteria considered by the council the site GT02 is inappropriate because:-
- 1) The nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for the influx of new patients. After this the nearest available doctor's surgery is almost 5 miles away, with no direct bus service & therefore not convenient access.
 - 2) The proposed site is on a high risk travel route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. Should the site go ahead this would increase the traffic & the risk. This risk is increased further with the adjacent bus stop being on an overgrown verge with no pavement. Furthermore there is no path or pavement to walk anywhere & cycling is extremely hazardous on this dangerous busy commuter route.
 - 3) GT02 is proposed to be built on a site which is on the archaeological register - which has recently had ancient pottery discovered on it. Furthermore the land is on an historic toll site from medieval times.
 - 4) The negative visual impact that the site would have should it go ahead would be tremendous as it would be situated on the gateway to Leamington & Warwick.
 - 5) The proposed GT02 site is adjacent to protected ancient woodland resulting damage to this & the wild life habitat could be veritable.
- proposed site, if it went ahead, would mean the closure of the
- Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Leamington Exhibition Centre. This would result in loss of jobs, business - placing pressure on the local infrastructure & would not promote a peaceful &

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 -

The local area relies heavily on the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. Should the proposed GTO2 site go ahead it would result in the closure of this fantastic resource. Business has already been lost as a result of the proposed site. This is leaving 40 jobs at risk & an economic impact assessment submitted that the exhibition Centre contributes to more than £2m to the local economy each year, with knock on business at risk. I do not want to see this close as it will dramatically affect the area.

I am concerned about the lack of surgery places available - there are none! Therefore there will be no health care services for the people on the site. The current surgeries are already to capacity & the nearest surgery with space is over 5 miles away - with no direct bus route.

The busy and dangerous fosse way can not take any more traffic - it is already classed as a High Risk Major Route.

I do not want the site placed next to the protected ancient woodland, or on someone that is on the archaeological register as this should be protected.

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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