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Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

1. Personal Details

2. Agency Details (if applicable)

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?

Yes

No

Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?

Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate sheet for each representation

Sheet _____ of _____

The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- 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;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be 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.

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to? GT-07 - SMITH NURSERIES
 (e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

What is the nature of your representation?	Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Object	Comment
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Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

I WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED GIPSY/TRAVELLER SITE ON THE BASIS THAT THIS IS ON GREEN BELT LAND, AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM ALL ATTEMPTS TO BUILD OR DEVELOP ON IT. THE LINK BETWEEN GIPSY/TRAVELLER SITES, AND CRIME IS HOTLY DEBATED, AND ITS MERE PERCEPTION WILL CAUSE PROPERTY VALUES TO DRAMATICALLY DECREASE. ANY SUCH SITES SHOULD BE PLACED WELL AWAY FROM THE CONFINES OF LOCAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS, TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY AND ENVIROMENT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. THERE ARE SITES IN SURROUNDING AREAS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARY (M^{RS} POKLES) HAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED NEW RULES ON THE ABOVE ISSUE, GIVING PROTECTION TO GREEN BELT AREAS, SUCH AS BAGINTON (A VILLAGE WITHIN GREEN-BELT). ENCLOSED COPY (NEW RULES)

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New rules ban gypsy camps from green belts

TRAVELLERS will be barred from settling on green belt land to prevent a re-run of battles such as the £7million eviction of the Dale Farm travellers.

Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles has acted because his advice to councils to only allow green belt developments in 'very special circumstances' is not being followed.

In future, Mr Pickles said planning officials must give 'particular scrutiny' when letting caravan sites blight England's beauty spots and concentrate them in other areas.

Mr Pickles will decide a number of appeals against these sites over the next six months.

A guidance document issued to councils in 2005 called 'Diversity and Equality in Planning' would be cancelled, his department announced last night.

The move follows a personal run-in Mr Pickles had with travellers in his own constituency this year. After witnessing a convoy of caravans pulling into a cricket

'We must protect green belt land'

pitch, in Mountnessing, Essex, Mr Pickles called police and the local council who later evicted them.

Afterwards, he said: 'After seeing the trouble this has caused I've never felt it more important to protect our green belt land and the communities who live in and around it.'

The new rules aim to prevent a repeat of the forcible clearance of Dale Farm, once the UK's largest travellers site, in Crays Hill, Essex in 2011. Travellers were also evicted from an illegal camp in the village of Meriden, Warwickshire last year.

Without action, the numbers of illegal caravan sites would jump from 2,400 in 2010 to 4,500 by 2015, the Department for Communities and Local Government claimed.