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Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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Rep. Ref. 9844

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. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	MR. W. DUGGAN	
First Name	WILLIAM	
Last Name	DUGGAN	
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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

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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:

1. - Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;
2. - Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
3. - Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;
4. - Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
5. - Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
6. - Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and,
7. - Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.
8. - Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community;
9. - Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services;
10. - 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?

(e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

GT13 & GT19.

What is the nature of your representation?

☐ Support

☒ Object

☐ Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

1. AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL TRANSPORT (HOW IS THE EXPERIENCED LIGHT SERVICE EXPECTED TO ALTER WITH THE ADDITION OF THIS 5 PITCH PLANNING APPLICATION?)
2. FLOODING -
RESIDENT FOR 13 YEARS, CONSTANT FLOODING ISSUES FROM THE A477, HIGHWAYS ARE AWARE
3. SAFE ACCESS TO THE ROAD NETWORK -
THE TRAFFIC ALONG THE BIRMINGHAM ROAD,

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this 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 land owner's details below:

ADRENALY MAKES ACCESS/EGRESS DIFFICULT FOR NEARBY HOME OWNERS. THIS WILL MAKE ISSUES WORSE, WITH CARAVANS, VANS, ETC.

4. NOISE THIS IS A QUITE AREA THIS APPLICATION BY NATURE WILL INCREASE NOISE ISSUES.

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL & HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
REPORT ATTACHED ON THIS MATTER.

7,8,9,10 NO COMMENT!

Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 us in writing
- All forms should be received by **5.15pm 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 one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times	
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues	10.30am – 5.00pm
	Wed	1.30pm – 5.00pm
	Thurs	Closed
	Fri	10.30am – 4.00pm
	Sat	10.30am – 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds	9.30am – 6.00pm
	Thurs	10.00am – 7.00pm
	Fri	9.30am – 6.00pm
	Sat	9.30am – 4.30pm
	Sun	12.00pm – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs	8.00am – 5.30pm
	Fri	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Sat	9.00am – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – Tues	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Wed	10.30am – 5.30pm
	Thurs – Fri	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Sat	9.00am – 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm
	Tues and Fri	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm
	Weds	Closed
	Thurs	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm
	Sat	9.30am – 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am – 5.00pm
Finham Community Library Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon	1.00pm – 7.00pm
	Tues, Thurs and Fri	9.00am – 7.00pm
	Sat	9.00am – 4.00pm

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.

Gypsies & Travellers (Frequently asked questions)

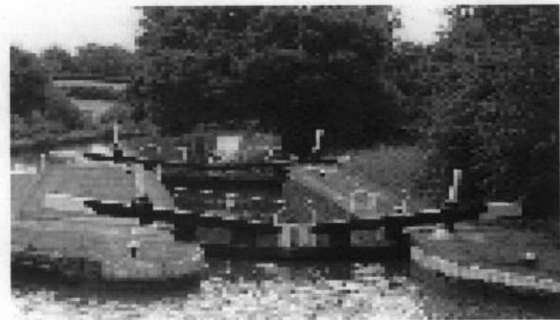
Q: Are Gypsy and Traveller sites exempt from Green Belt policy?

A: No. Government policy does allow for exceptions to be made to Green Belt policy where there are **Very Special Circumstances** that outweigh the harm to the Green Belt. **The lack of suitable alternative sites to meet an identified need can be put forward as part of a case of very special circumstances but these are rarely successful.** Warwick District Council has previously been successful at appeal in defending a Green Belt site from development as a permanent site for Gypsies and Travellers. Green Belt sites may have to be considered however if there are no alternative sites made available for this use.

Considerations against the planning approval at Oaklands Farm.



(Location behind planning application)



(Canal next to planning application.)



(A4177 road adjacent to the planning application.)

Issues

1. Due to the excessively busy A4177 traffic children's lives would be at danger.
2. The site backs up to the canal, dangers to children, include boats, water and also the presence of rats which are seen frequently in this area.
3. The Grand Union canal, (Stairway to Heaven) is of great historic canal heritage dating back to 1799.
4. The location is in full view to the approach to the historic town of Warwick.
5. The site directly backs up to historic woodland.
6. The Canal & River trust describes the canals as being; "A vital green corridor for wildlife."
7. Endangered species include otters, water voles, Kingfishers, mink, barn owls, bats, badgers & Newts.
8. Recently a survey was carried out on the Grand Union canal near Warwick by the Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team with a Canal & River Trust Ecologist. Part of this was the listing of the numbers seen of slow-worms & grass snakes, both of which are protected in the UK under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.
9. In the canals there is also evidence of the "Floating water-plantain" a European protected plant.