

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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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

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.

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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.

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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

To the Warwick District Council Development Policy Manager.

I am a resident of Ufton and feel it is my duty to forward my objection to your proposal for a Gypsy site (GT02) at land abutting Fosse Way with its junction with the A425.

This is where the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre is situated which is a business that is growing, making profit and employing local people. If your proposal goes ahead then that business and its future would be seriously jeopardised. If this proposed site goes ahead it may result in the closure of the business, this would have a serious impact on the local community, as some of them are employed by the exhibition centre and by local businesses who benefit from the extra income generated by visitors to the exhibition centre. If the business is able to remain in co-existence with a Gypsy site it would be seriously diminished in its potential to attract exhibitions and sustain growth at its current level.

How can the council justify the cost involved in locating the Gypsy site here especially in today's current economical climate of cutbacks. The site would require a huge injection of cash to make it suitable.

The nearest bus stop has no pedestrian path to it and is situated on the A425 which could be potentially dangerous.

At present local healthcare i.e. GP surgeries and education services are near to if not fully subscribed adding to that with additional numbers would surely put undue strain on funding and resources.

Also the proposed Gypsy site couldn't be screened from view as it would be sited in a valley and therefore very visible from Ufton and surrounding higher ground. This would then of course be harmful to the existing character of the area.

At the moment there are insufficient provision of utilities on the current site and to provide these would be extremely expensive, a cost that surely could not be justified.

This site cannot be considered safe with regard access to the current road network, the Fosse Way has signs up highlighting the dangerous aspect of the road to users.

In conclusion please note that this GT02 site should not be considered as suitable for your proposal.

Yours faithfully

Mark Whyte

7th JULY 2013