

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:

Rep. Ref.

18634

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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 am writing to view my objections to the proposed gypsy and traveller site GT02. I live on the fosse, not too far from the proposed pitches, and I question whether this busy road is indeed the ideal venue for such a site. The fosse way at this point is such a busy commuter road, with traffic being so congested and fast. It is a constant problem that I can't see how additional traffic will help the situation. The fosse is particularly dangerous, the various road warnings and two speed cameras don't do this fact. I don't think this is an ideal site for children on the site. There is no safe access or pathway leading to town, other than the grass verge, I've even seen people walking on the road because this is easier but ultimately more dangerous. The nearest safest route into Leamington and to local amenities would be the canal, but I wonder the safety of children on this route also.

I have seen the results from the inclusion consultancy report and I question the integrity of the survey carried out for the following reasons. The local amenities were declared to be closer than they actually were, and the community is at such a swelling point that the

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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 -

amenities which are nearby are either fully subscribed or near to full capacity. ie the doctors surgery and school. There are no services or utilities leading to the site which seems like a costly exercise, and may place additional pressure on or local infrastructure when other sites are perhaps more suitable in this respect by fulfilling the required criteria. There is a small community surrounding this area of historic interest, and I only wonder what an increased density of people will have on this small community, not forgetting the visual impact a site of this size will have on what is undoubtedly an unspoiled landscape providing a habitat to protected mammals and birds.

I also worry about the local businesses here, who we know have spent years establishing their businesses and reputation. The exhibition centre has already started seeing repercussions from this proposal with cancelled events, which is a shame knowing the centre brings so much to the local economy, not forgetting the jobs and services they provide. Not forgetting of course the agricultural land surrounding the area, which may be ceased to be farmed if the land goes ahead.

I understand this is part of a greater government proposal and the housing act, and I do appreciate the accommodation needs of the local population (including gypsies and travellers) I only wonder whether this site under scrutiny, is the most ideal plot for

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This development.

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:

I believe there is a caravan site, which is no longer in use in Warwick, which could hold a few caravans. In that services are already there, it has been used as accommodation in the past. It feels like it could be set up ready for use.

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