

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:

10989

Rep. Ref.

Title **MR** First name/initials **GRAHAM** Surname **FORD.**

Address [REDACTED]

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Telephone [REDACTED]

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. Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);
5. Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and,
6. Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.
7. Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community;
8. Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services;
9. 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

~~**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.

3. Safe access? Fosse Way is a dangerous road (12000 vehicles in 12 hrs)
4. Utilities? Sewerage/drainage for up to 100 residents?
What about electrical & gas supplies.
5. Historical? This site includes a wood named in the Domesday Book. Is this to be ignored.
6. Hedgerows will not obscure this site as it is in a valley = highly visible.
7. Peaceful co-existence? I am not convinced that the prejudices (on both sides) will harmonise into co-existence
9. Traditional lifestyle: After working for 40 years I have never encountered a traveller working in my construction industry. Do they integrate into mainstream employment as I have never seen any evidence.

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 –

1. The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre has attracted much new business to our community, 33000 visitors in 2012. If each visitor spent just £20 in the area on meals and accommodation that amounts to £660 000 into Radford, Southam and Leamington businesses.
2. The Rural landscape will be impacted despite the hedgerow proposal as site GTO2 is in a depression and will be highly visible.
3. The natural habitat on the site include Common buzzards, Pipistrelle bats, newts, badgers and these will be driven away by the siting of permanent residents on this site.
4. Highways; The Fosse is a dangerous Roman Road despite the mandatory speed limit of 50 mph. The nearby bus stop will require considerable upgrading to make it safe to take a
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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:

No, I am not aware of any alternative opportunities.

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

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4. Highways

. . . . bus into any of the immediate retail environments. A recent study has shown that 12000 vehicles in 12 hrs use the Forse or 16 vehicles every minute. That's a pretty high density vs. safety.

5. Local Plan: Considers that outline approval exists for up to 250 new homes between Lydenham and Whitnash plus another 150 in Radford Semble. These homes will add pressure on existing schools, doctor's, and infrastructure. Also considers that these homes will generally be occupied by aspiring hard working families who contribute to taxation through their diligent approach to full time employment, and commitment to their community.