

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: 10991

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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

~~PROPOSITIVE~~

(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.

WHY THE PROPOSED SITE "GT02" IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR USE BY GYPSY/TRAVELLERS

IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

- If the plan goes ahead it WILL result in the closure of the adjacent Warwickshire Exhibition Centre which has lost prospective business already
- During exhibitions, up to 40 jobs - now at risk - are provided for the local community
- An economic impact assessment submits that the exhibition centre contributes more than £2m to the local economy each year with knock-on business at risk

ACCESS TO LOCAL AMENITIES

- Nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for the influx of new patients
- Nearest available doctor's surgery is almost 5 miles away, with no direct bus service

TRAVEL

- Site is a High Risk travel route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years
- The adjacent bus stop is on an overgrown verge, with no pavement, potentially dangerous
- No path or pavement to walk anywhere and cycling is dangerous on busy commuter routes

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Site on Archaeological Register with Ancient Pottery recently found
- Land is Historic Toll site from medieval times

RURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Visual impact across valley gateway to Leamington and Warwick
- Damage to wildlife habitat, site adjacent to protected ancient woodland

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.

OBJECT

~~REMOVE~~

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds -

MY FURTHER OBJECTIONS TO THE CREATION OF GYPSY/TRAVELLER ("G/Ts") SITE "GT02" ARE:

CO-EXISTENCE

- It is a fact that the traditional lifestyle of G/Ts is quite incompatible with that of the rural and peace loving inhabitants near the proposed site. It is very doubtful that the G/Ts would make any input or integrate into the existing rural community.
- G/Ts have a reputation of pestering for work, such as hedge cutting, odd jobs and the like, which is most unwelcomed by local people.

LAW

- Strict supervision must be exercised to ensure that the law is fully maintained in matters relating to planning regulations and land trespass

ECOLOGY & HABITAT

- G/Ts are notorious for their unsocial behaviour in accumulating vast amounts of uncollected rubbish, living in unsanitary and squalid conditions, and often display aggressive attitudes when confronted on these matters. All of the above have already been witnessed when Travellers set up camp on the disused railway line near Offchurch some time ago

FINANCE

- As far as I am aware, no figure have been provided to the general public as to the cost to the rate/tax payers for the preparation and ongoing maintenance of the site (water supply, drainage, sewage disposal, road access etc). What are these costs and how much will be contributed by the G/Ts?

CONCLUSION

- It is difficult to imagine a more inappropriate Gypsy and Traveller site than that at GT02 and it is to be hoped that the proposal will be rejected forthwith.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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