

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

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10967

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- The nearest available surgery is nearly 5 miles away and schools are equally distant. All are at or near capacity. The nearest supermarket is over 4 miles distant. So convenient access is not possible.
- The proposed site is on two major high-speed roads so this would be unsafe for residents particularly the children.
- The site would be on an important historic and archaeological area and occupy valuable good quality arable land needed for food production.
- A 15 pitch site would occupy over 8000 m² and the irregular pattern of these types of sites could not be integrated into the rural area without being highly visual and harming the entire area.
- The site would be in close proximity to five isolated properties and over a mile and a half distant from the closest community. They could not be integration as envisaged and a small number of settled residents would be greatly outnumbered.
- There is no mains sewerage or gas at this location and the rural electricity supply could not accommodate this far greater demand and thus the proposal places undue pressure on infrastructure and services. The site would require extensive non mains facilities to ensure air/groundwater quality.
- The suggestion of working from site would result in an even larger more unsightly operation harmful to the entire area.

I also consider that there are further concerns relative to this proposal.

- A major concern is that should the site be established it will result in the closure of the nearby Exhibition Centre with a loss of jobs and a major effect on the local economy. In addition there are number of other small businesses located nearby which could also be affected.
- If the Exhibition Centre were to close local residents could face the problem of illegal entry and occupation of the centre's large car park thereby creating a far greater problem.
- The proposed site would be highly visible in the countryside from both the Southam Road and Fosse Way. These are important routes carrying substantial traffic and this type of site would be detrimental to Warwick and Leamington's reputation, appearance and tourism.
- Local services, facilities, medical care and schools cannot accommodate further development of this type and there would be many effects on what is a well established settled community.
- The proposed site will present a very irregular appearance particularly if space for work from site is provided. It would be completely out of place in the rural setting and the high number of traffic movements generated could have very adverse effects on highway safety at a junction which, at peak times, is used by over 2000 vehicles per hour.
- The site would result in many features such as street/site lighting, pavements, bus stops and possible road widening widening to provide access and this would be urbanisation of what is now open countryside.
- The site is close to traditional Woodlands where there are protected species and established habitats and these would be greatly affected, it is also on an important highway built nearly 2000 years ago.

SEND TO: Development Policy Manager, Development Services,
Warwick District Council, Riverside House,
Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH

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THIS RESPONSE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 25TH JULY