

# 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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## 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

~~REPRESENT~~

(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.

SEE ATTACHED OBJECTION LETTER.

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.**

**I OBJECT**

~~**I APPROVE**~~

(Please delete as required.)

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:

*SEE ATTACHED OBJECTION LETTER*

**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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## OBJECTIONS TO GT02 SITE FOR PROPOSED GYPSY TRAVELLER SITE

I object to the GT02 site being used for a gypsy traveller site for the following reason:-

The impact on the local economy would be disastrous, the loss of revenue that would be incurred by the loss of the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre and the loss of jobs would have a massive impact on the local area. The loss of revenue by local business ie petrol stations and pubs and bed and breakfast venues would be immense over the coming years as a direct result of the Exhibition Centre no longer being able to continue as a viable business should the proposals of GT02 go ahead. The large amount of visitors to the centre each year contribute to the local community in so many ways not only providing direct employment at the Exhibition Centre but also enabling local businesses to continue in this very difficult financial market. This is no time to be considering something that would have a diverse effect on anyones business capabilities with unemployment already being so high and businesses struggling to survive.

The local services would not be able to sustain a site at GT02, the local doctors are already under pressure to take on new patients at the Croft Medical Centre and with the addition of more housing in the area of Radford Semele, the schools would be under additional pressure to cope with the rising amount of places needed to cover just the immediate residents.

Travel is very difficult from this location, the bus service is very over stretched currently, the bus stops are also not ideally located and there are no footpaths to and from the bus stops which are located on the grass verges of a very busy roadway, which would not be suitable for small children to use.

The size of the proposed traveller site on GT02 would actually mean that the gypsy/traveller residents could outnumber the local residents by 2 to 1, this would not lead to integration into the community as its the government proposals, this would mean that the current local residents would be in the minority, and spread out over a wide area of isolated houses, whereas the gypsy site residents would be located in one area and would become the dominant community. The government suggestions is to integrate smaller communities of gypsy travellers into a larger community and as such should be located on the outskirts bordering larger populated areas.

Part of the GT02 site has been flooded on several occasions and the drainage and sewerage facilities on this site are very limited. Apart from main lights on the Fosse Way, there is no street lighting in this area, no footpaths and no easy access onto the roads either to the Radford Road or Fosse Way that could safely accommodate the increased level of vehicles that would be going in and out of the proposed site area.

GT02 is a very rural area and as such has a high level of natural habitat and woodland for a wide variety of protected animals ie badgers and bats and snakes. The size of the proposed site would therefore have a great impact onto this habitat and lead to demise of many natural species on this site.

The GT02 has a great historic and archeological value being a Roman Road that had a toll from medieval times on the Fosse Way at the location of the current roundabout adjacent to the proposed site. Many archeological artifacts have been found in surrounding areas to GT02 and this should be protected and preserved