

The Old Orchard at Harbury

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8th July 2013

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: Objections regarding site refs: GT04 and GT03 Gypsy/Traveler Sites

I strongly object to the land currently identified in the references above being used for a Gypsy/Traveler Site. I make my complaint based on the following observations:

1. That there will be a negative and irreversible impact on the rural environment. This is a green belt area that will never again be home to the numerous species of wildlife, birds, rare bats, flora and fauna that the natural habitat this land currently provides and this will be lost forever.
2. There are no facilities for mains gas, electricity, and sewerage in this area as this is rural and productive farmland.
3. In terms of the visual impact, the site is adjacent to the main route of the old roman road, the Fosse Way. The visual impact therefore will be immense, as the proposed site runs parallel to the road giving a different view of rural Warwickshire life to passersby, residents in surrounding areas, visitors to the area etc.
4. The area at the end of Middle Rd leading out onto the Fosse Way frequently floods the surrounding fields including the proposed site.
5. The site is on an identified High Risk travel route with the documented evidence provided by the Council that 12 serious accidents have taken place in the last 3 years including at least one death. Increasing traffic with a gypsy site will increase the potential for accidents.

6. The planned increase in employment to the area from the Jaguar/Land Rover plant at Gaydon is going to further increase the traffic along the Fosse Way an already dangerous route. A traveler site would increase the traffic further making this a very hazardous route.

7. There are no pathways, or pavements, or cycle paths in place and this would almost certainly not be provided on such a busy route. This would make the area a danger to walkers, pedestrians, cyclist's etc travelers and gypsies using the site.

8. On a very busy route it would not be practical to provide bus stops because of the danger this would incur to drivers along the Fosse Way. This would increase the potential for serious accidents in an already high-risk area.

9. Similarly, the children on the proposed site would face dangers in waiting being transported to school. Again, further increasing the risks of life changing and/or fatal accidents in a high-risk area.

10. The impact on the rural environment in terms of community facilities will be a negative one, as schools are all at capacity and cannot accommodate families of children from the traveler sites or any other housing project.

11. Medical facilities are also at capacity and the increase in population to the area will place more pressure on the area for example on GP surgeries and community services such as health visitors, district nurses etc.

Overall it is my opinion that the proposed sites are unsuitable for the gypsy/traveler community or for that matter any other temporary or permanent housing purpose, due to the above reasons stated.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Skelcher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Skelcher', written in a cursive style.