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Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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Part A - Personal Details

Objection to Site 10 GT13

1. Personal Details

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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Robert

Last Name

COCHRANE

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Organisation (where relevant)

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Email address

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?

Yes

No

About You: Gender

MALE

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GT13 - KITES NEST LANE, BEAUSALE

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The present illegal site occupying this location is the subject of legal action and has raised concerns in the area for approx three years. A peaceful & integrated co-existence between site dwellers and the local community has not been achieved with remaining tensions on both sides. The small immediate local community has felt overwhelmed and outnumbered which is not in keeping with the set criteria. There are so many varied issues connected to the illegal site sufficient to make it totally inappropriate as a permanent encampment for all involved and its visual impact is totally out of character in this locality.

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RE: GT 13 - KITES NEST LANE, BEAUSALE

Do you have any other suggestions for land within this 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 land owner's details below:

I consider the only sensible solution is to offer to move the remaining group of gypsies to a larger potential site well outside the area where they can be absorbed into a new locality with opportunity for 'a new start' on a mixed & legal site. This would clearly in the long term enable them to work towards gaining an identity in the community.

Part II. Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

It is the Council's policy to support the development of the Gypsy and Traveller sites in the area.

The Council has received a number of comments on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

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Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 us in writing
- All forms should be received by **5.15pm 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 one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
Warwick District Council Offices	Mon - Thurs 8.45am - 5.15pm
Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Fri 8.45am - 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall	Mon - Thurs 8.45am - 5.15pm
Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Fri 8.45am - 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash	Mon - Tues 10.30am - 5.00pm
Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Wed 1.30pm - 5.00pm
	Thurs Closed
	Fri 10.30am - 4.00pm
	Sat 10.30am - 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library	Mon - Weds 9.30am - 6.00pm
The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Thurs 10.00am - 7.00pm
	Fri 9.30am - 6.00pm
	Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm
	Sun 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick	Mon - Thurs 8.00am - 5.30pm
Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm
	Sat 9.00am - 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth	Mon - Tues 9.00am - 5.30pm
Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Wed 10.30am - 5.30pm
	Thurs - Fri 9.00am - 5.30pm
	Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington	Mon 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 6.00pm
Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Tues and Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5.30pm
	Weds Closed
	Thurs 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 7.00pm
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Brunswick Healthy Living Centre	Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm
98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	
Finham Community Library	Mon 1.00pm - 7.00pm
Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.00am - 7.00pm
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GT19 OAKLANDS - LAND OFF
BIRMINGHAM ROAD, BUD BROOKS

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The suitability of the potential site fails in the majority of the key criteria elements:-

- ① RISK OF FLOODING There is regular winter flooding and surface water collection around the site :- on the Birmingham Road, from the over-topping of canal bank at Ugly Bridge, overflowing ditches along towpath abutting the site. The main road water spray & gutter sides are a hazard during heavy rainfall near the site.
- ② SAFE ROAD ACCESS Birmingham Road is known as an accident blackspot with a record of fatalities near to Oaklands Farm. The traffic is heavy & fast moving. Particular dangers at Ugly Bridge junction, the access to the 24hr Shell garage & irregular footpaths are alongside the site which makes it totally unsuitable for children, the elderly and any loose animals. The site entrance by Ugly Bridge is not a safe location.

From R. COCHRANE

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RE: GT19 OAKLANDS - LAND OFF
BIRMINGHAM ROAD, BUDBROOKE,

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③ Potential Noise & Disturbance

There is continual traffic noise from Birmingham Rd. The site at Oaklands Farm would also have the noise and traffic queues at Ugly Bridge junction, the disturbance of the 24hr Shell garage use, the noise of barking dogs on site at Oaklands Farm Kennels and the on-site caravan repairs business - None of this would make a conducive site for any permanent encampment. The added presence of rats and mice from the canal bank may well pose a health issue.

④ Natural & Historic Environment

The Grand Union canal is of great historic canal heritage and the natural state of the locality make a very significant tourist attraction for Warwick which is used 365 days a year. Ugly Bridge is a notable point along the lock flight - 'The Stairway to Heaven'. This vital open green space and valuable green-belt corridor must be totally protected and unspoiled for walkers, boaters, bird & wildlife watchers and joggers & cyclists. This special landscape along the canal side must be ring-fenced as it is irreplaceable.

⑤ Unable to absorb a site in the landscape

A gypsy site at Oaklands Farm could not be screened off or absorbed into the landscape as it would be highly visible on all sides. Such a site would do serious harm to the character of the area and impact detrimentally by deterring the vital necessity of attracting tourists to Warwick & local facilities.

⑥ The site and the local community

The immediate local community amount to a small hamlet of 10 homes and would be very likely outnumbered by site inhabitants. The community has an average resident age of 63 years with over 200 years' collective occupancy of homes. The criteria for a peaceful & co-existence of integration would not be readily presented.

⑦ TO WORK ON SITE

This would just pose more noise & disturbance and a further detriment to local residents and canal users.

SITES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED ON/NEAR GREENBELT OR THREATEN TOURISM