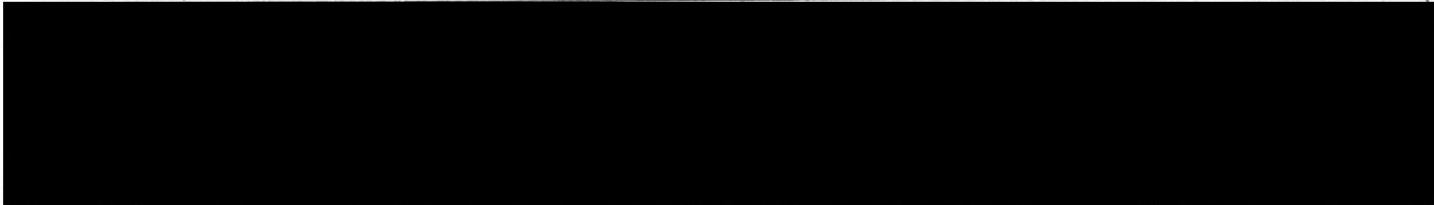


Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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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.

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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

~~RESPONSE~~

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Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

- Fosse Way is a dangerous road. There are already traffic calming measures (speed cameras and high risk route signs) and an additional, volume entrance would exacerbate this.
- There is no public transport connectivity which is suitable for volume use. The bus stop is on a verge without safe standing or crossing places
- There are no easily accessible shops, schools, doctors surgeries without road transport. It is dangerous or impossible to walk or cycle from the site in any direction without significant investment.
- There is no mains sewerage, and I understand the electricity supply would not be sufficient for the sites and street lighting that would be required.
- The Fosse Way site is in a valley and highly visible from all 4 directions. This is fundamentally going to change the character of the area leading to significant urbanisation of a rural area.
- The Fosse Way is a lower road. Development or adjacent to it risks disturbing important historical features.
- This is an isolated rural community without the infrastructure to cope with or sustain significant additional inhabitants by means of services, connectivity, community cohesion etc.

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

~~APPROVE~~

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

- The site would place the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre at risk - a successful business and employer which by its nature draws people and spending power into the district. Whatever the scale of the contribution, why put a net contributor to the local economy (Independently estimated at >£1m) at risk?
- It cannot be a prudent use of public resources to CPO this site which is inherently more valuable than bare agricultural land.
- Local woodland is reported by the Forestry Commission to have bats and badgers in it. We've seen bats near the sites and badgers are regularly killed on the fosse of Southam Rds. The proposed development would damage habitats, flightpaths would be impacted by lighting etc.
- Housing development at or near this site would never be contemplated (reference rejection of land adjacent to Cedar Tree Farm in local plan on infrastructure/connectivity/urbanisation grounds). This is fundamentally a housing scheme and should not be different.

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:

Is there not an unused caravan park on the Barbury Rd from Warwick to the M40 roundabout?

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