



Dear Sirs,

**Response to Warwick District Council's consultation on its Preferred Options for permanent sites for the accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers**

**GTalt03: Land at Henley Road/Hampton Road, Hampton on the Hill (Amber).**

We formally lodge our objections to the classification of GTalt03 for the following reasons:

**1. GREEN BELT and PREVIOUSLY UNDEVELOPED SITE**

The site referenced as GTalt03 is identified as Green Belt in the Draft Local Plan. As such it has not been allocated for housing allocation nor is it within the boundaries of the village growth envelope for Hampton-on-the-Hill. Classification as Green Belt that has previously been undeveloped ought to be deemed as 'inappropriate development' for the purposes of accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers and the site classified as 'red'.

DCLG March 2012 'Planning policy for traveller sites' Policy E: Traveller sites in Green Belt states:

***"Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances. Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development."***

For the purposes of the planning process, the fact that the site is owned by persons identified as Gypsy/Traveller does not detract from the legal assumption that the classification of the site is 'inappropriate development'.

In addition the site in the last five years has been the subject of two planning REFUSALS by the WDC Planning Committee in 2009 and 2011. The site has also been DISMISSED by the Planning Inspectorate at an appeal hearing in 2009 and following that in 2010 the WDC took out an Injunction to prevent any development on the site.

The conditions that applied then are still valid and relevant today