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Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites Response Form 2014

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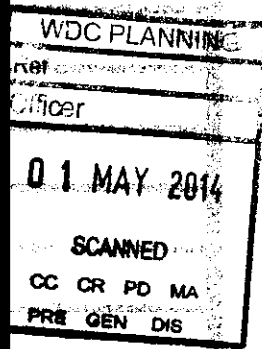
Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)	
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Would you like to be made aware of		No
About You: Gender		
Where did you hear about this consultation sign, radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions?		
NEWSPAPER, LOCAL PARISH MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS, WORD OF MOUTH.		



Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Sites

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The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- ITEM 1 - Impact on the green belt
- APPENDIX 1 - Impact on Landscape character
- APPENDIX 1 - Impact on heritage assets and the settings of heritage assets
- " - Impact on designated areas of nature conservation Flooding issues
- " - Ability of infrastructure requirements to be adequately met
- APPENDIX 1 - Impact on ecology
- " - Impact of land contamination, noise and other disturbance
- " - Agricultural land quality
- APPENDIX 1 - Impact on visual amenity including the visibility and character of the site and surrounding area
- " - The potential for the site to be adequately screened
- APPENDIX 2 - Access to the road network SAFETY ISSUES
- " - Distance to GP surgeries, schools, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities
- " - Proximity to other residential properties
- " - Potential for the proposal to utilise previously developed land
- APPENDIX 2 - Safe access to and from the site for vehicles and pedestrians
- " - Site topography
- APPENDIX 3 - Suitable size
- " - Availability of the site (including impact on the existing uses on the site)
- " - Deliverability of the site and associated infrastructure requirements

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to? GT19.
 (e.g. GT04 Land at Harbury Lane/Fosse Way)

What is the nature of your representation? Support Object Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

ITEM 1 ONLY SITE PUT FORWARD THAT IS IN THE GREEN BELT, DEVELOPMENT AGAINST GOVERNMENT MINISTER STATEMENT, 11TH 13. DRANDON LEWIS M.P.

APPENDIX 1 EXTRACT TAKEN FROM WKC LOCAL PLAN JULY 2013, ISSUES ON LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY, HERITAGE ASSETS, ECOLOGY, CHARACTER OF THE SITE

APPENDIX 2 ACCESS TO ROAD NETWORK, SAFE ACCESS TO & FROM FOR VEHICLES & PEDESTRIANS.

APPENDIX 3. WORKINGS ON SUITABLE SIZE OF GT19, PROPOSAL NOT SUSTAINABLE.

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APPENDIX 1.

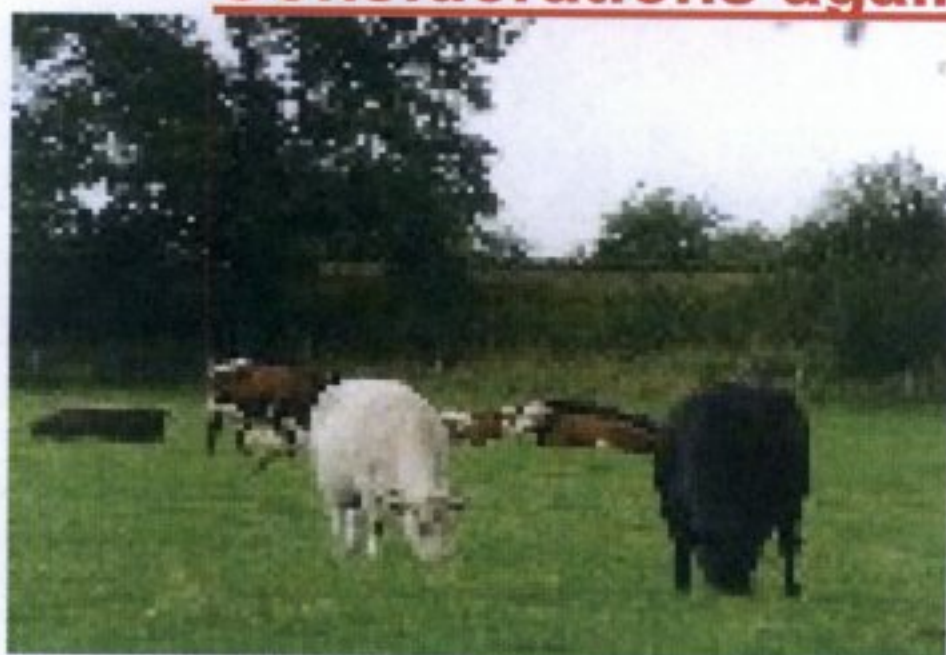
From Warwickshire District Council Local Plan. July 2013.

Gypsies & Travellers (Frequently asked questions)

Q: Are Gypsy and Traveller sites exempt from Green Belt policy?

A: No. Government policy does allow for exceptions to be made to Green Belt policy where there are **Very Special Circumstances** that outweigh the harm to the Green Belt. **The lack of suitable alternative sites to meet an identified need can be put forward as part of a case of very special circumstances but these are rarely successful.** Warwick District Council has previously been successful at appeal in defending a Green Belt site from development as a permanent site for Gypsies and Travellers. Green Belt sites may have to be considered however if there are no alternative sites made available for this use.

Considerations against the planning approval at Oaklands Farm.



(Location behind planning application)



(Canal next to planning application.)



(A4177 road adjacent to the planning application.)

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**Accident in the same location
March 2014. The previously
damaged road sign in the
picture would indicate the turn
into GT19.**



Issues

- 1. Due to the excessively busy A4177 traffic children's lives would be at danger.**
- 2. The site backs up to the canal, dangers to children, include boats, water and also the presence of rats which are seen frequently in this area.**
- 3. The Grand Union canal, (Stairway to Heaven) is of great historic canal heritage dating back to 1799.**
- 4. The location is in full view to the approach to the historic town of Warwick.**
- 5. The site directly backs up to historic woodland.**
- 6. The Canal & River trust describes the canals as being; "A vital green corridor for wildlife."**
- 7. Endangered species include otters, water voles, Kingfishers, mink, barn owls, bats, badgers & Newts.**
- 8. Recently a survey was carried out on the Grand Union canal near Warwick by the Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team with a Canal & River Trust Ecologist. Part of this was the listing of the numbers seen of slow-worms & grass snakes, both of which are protected in the UK under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.**
- 9. In the canals there is also evidence of the "Floating water-plantain" a European protected plant.**

APPENDIX 2.



PROPOSED ENTRANCE TO GT19. (NO ACCESS FROM BIRMINGHAM ROAD) SCENE OF MANY ACCIDENTS.

APPENDIX 3.

Warwickshire District council preferred Options for gypsy & Traveller Sites in Warwick District

Site Ref.	Address	Site or Area of Search	Amber/ Green	Site Area (ha)	Capacity (potential number of pitches.)	Recommended Maximum	Pitch/ha
GT04	Land at Harbury Lane/Fosse Way.	Area of search	Green	13.8	15	10	1.38 pitch/ha
GT12	Land north of Westham Lane, Barford.	Site	Green	1.8	15	8	0.225 pitch/ha
GT15	Land east of Europa Way.	Site	Green	0.7	5	5	0.14 pitch/ha
GT19	Land off Birmingham Road, Budbrooke.	Site	Green	0.3	5	5	0.06 pitch/ha
GTalt01	Brookside Willows, Banbury Road.	Site	Green	4.7	15	10	0.47 pitch/ha

Taken from the WDS Local Plan latest edition.

The above projected areas indicate that GT19 would indicate the smallest square area per pitch in relation to the other preferred sites. This would indicate that the proposal is not sustainable, unlike the outcome of WDC's sustainability report.

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If you have objected to a Preferred Option site, is there another site (green or amber) from the Alternative Sites that you would support instead? Give your reasons for preferring this site?

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:

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