



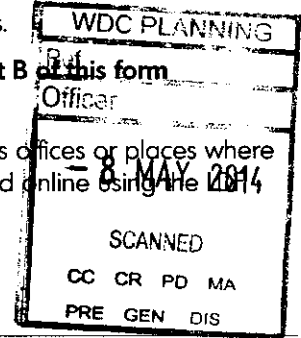
## Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites Response Form 2014

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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 Consultation System, visit: [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)



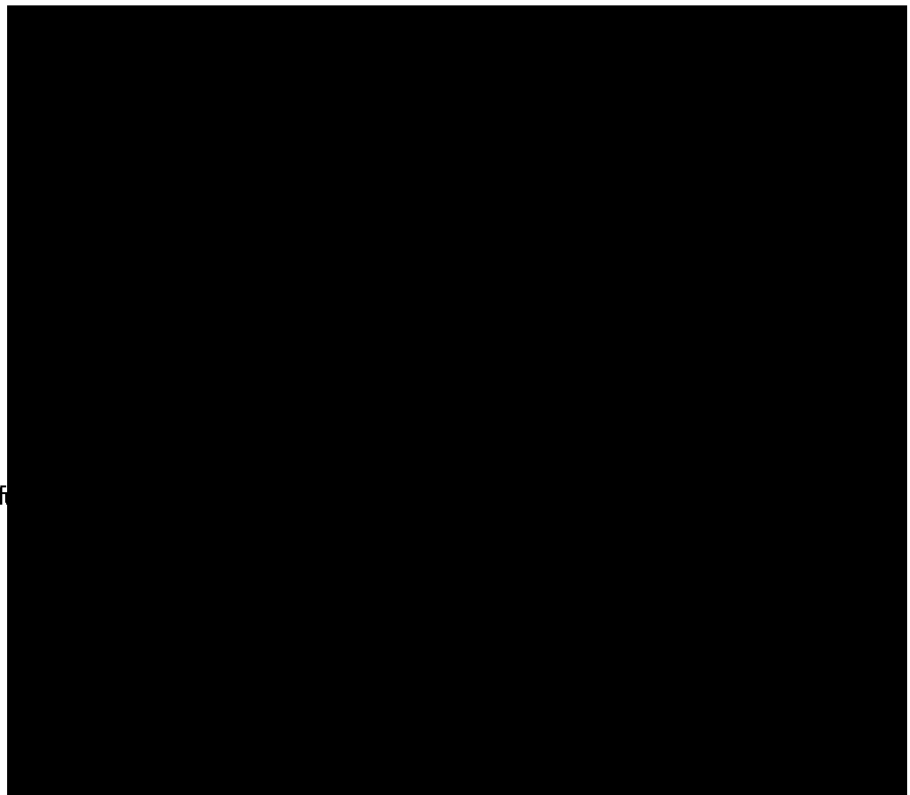
### Part A - Personal Details

#### 1. Personal Details

#### 2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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Organisation (where relevant)  
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Would you like to be made aware of f  
About You: Gender  
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Age

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Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions?

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# Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Sites

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Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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:

- Impact on the green belt
- Impact on Landscape character
- 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
- Impact on ecology
- Impact of land contamination, noise and other disturbance
- Agricultural land quality
- Impact on visual amenity including the visibility and character of the site and surrounding area
- The potential for the site to be adequately screened
- Access to the road network
- 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
- Safe access to and from the site for vehicles and pedestrians
- Site topography
- 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?

(e.g. GT04 Land at Harbury Lane/Fosse Way)

LIND AT WESTHAM LANE, BALFORD GT12

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.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

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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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## **Objection to GT12, Land West of Barford Bypass**

I strongly object to this naïve and ill-judged proposal on the following grounds:

- The site will be highly visible from the higher land located to the west of the River Avon, and ruin views across the river valley. It will have a hugely negative impact on landscape character and will be visible from Hampton Wood which is an important area for nature conservation;
- The site will have a hugely negative impact on visual amenity and character of the immediate surrounding area;
- There are no GP surgeries, dentists, hospitals or community facilities in Barford, and the local village school is already over-subscribed. This situation will become critical with the proposed construction of 60 new houses on the Sherbourne Nursery site;
- The site is on greenfield land that has not been previously developed;
- The access to the site from the Barford Bypass is unsafe as the supposed speed limit on that road is routinely exceeded and traffic volumes at peak times are very high;
- Access to the village by pedestrians from the site can only be achieved by crossing the Bypass. There is no safe crossing point and no facility to install one as the bypass is a trunk road. It is a simple matter of time before someone (probably a child) would lose their life crossing the road;
- I understand that the site owner has no intention of selling it for this proposed use and that local infrastructure is inadequate.
- The site will be very close to existing properties, Long Meadow for example, and will be immediately adjacent to 60 new houses shortly to be built on the Sherbourne Nursery site off Westham Lane (designated in new Local Plan).

In addition to the above points, the LA cannot ignore Human Rights issues. I have contacted a member of Warwickshire Police who has confirmed that when this particular community enter the district, crime rates rise significantly (fact). I was informed that levels of very serious crimes (the highest category) rose sharply for example when the recent horse fair was held in Kenilworth. Under the Human Rights Act 1998, Article 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 1, every citizen has ...'the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.' Also, under Part II, Article 1, 'Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions.' Finally, under Para 6, Acts of Public Authorities, the convention is very clear when it states that 'It is unlawful for a public authority to act in a way which is incompatible with a convention right.' I would argue very strongly that by knowingly implementing a policy that will result in increased local crime rates against persons and property that my human rights and those of others would be breached and that the LA would be acting unlawfully.

A further consideration is one of blight. Properties that are adversely affected by acts of public bodies, HS2 for example, are due compensation for loss of value. What compensation is the District Council offering for blight that will affect my property and others in Westham Lane and immediate environs? Who will pay for the increased security measures that I and others will necessarily have to install and who will compensate me and my family for loss of amenity through increased levels of insecurity and anxiety? These are serious matters that need to be addressed by the LA before any decision is made.