

## 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](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

### Part A - Personal Details

#### 1. Personal Details

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

Title

MR

First Name

STEPHEN

Last Name

BALDWIN

Job Title (where relevant)

n/a

Organisation (where relevant)

n/a

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Postcode

Telephone number

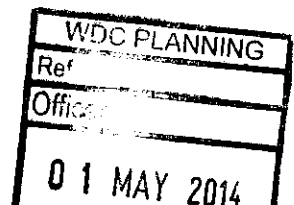
Email address

Would you like to be made aware of

About You: Gender

Ethnic Origin

Age



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

Village mailing.

# 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:

- 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)

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.

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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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It is difficult to responsibly comment on sites individually since the essential question must be “If not here then where?”

I have commented, only, on those sites of which I believe I have some relevant knowledge. These are:

GT04 – Harbury Lane/Fosse Way (Leamington FC, etc.)

GOalt01 – Brookside Willows

GT 05 – Tachbrook Hill Farm

GT 06 – Park Farm / Spinney Farm

There is an existing case that because of their traditional life style this provision is for a group of people who have good personal transport resources which they use for income generation and that families relocate on a greater frequency than those in “bricks & mortar” dwellings.

The most appropriate site seems to be Brookside Willows, in that it is an already prepared site suitable for mobile homes with built in access/egress arrangements. It is also screened. Its nearest settlement is a town (rather than a village) which has larger units of public resource (schools, medical centres, etc.) which are better able to absorb fluctuating demand. It has good links to the local roads network. This would make good use of a site that has lain dormant for many years.

Similar comments can be made about the Park Farm / Spinney Farm site. Whilst not prepared for mobile homes this former “Farm Yard” has not been “industrialised” and would make for easy conversion.

If the land of and around the present Leamington FC ground was to be deployed it would have the additional benefit of providing the football club with a ground more appropriate to its status, which has been considerably elevated since the re-formed club. Its current rural location is a consequence of civic shortcomings when it lost use of its previous ground. Public resource needs could be incorporated in to the provision to be made for the expanding south Whitnash.

In order that public resources can meet/absorb the fluctuating demands of this “mobile” community, there is a need spread provision around many locations across the district. The use of one or more of these options above, would obviate the need to use Tachbrook Hill Farm. We understand that the landowner is unwilling to sell the land, though this may change now that it is less likely to be used for new housing. The site is next to a road junction that was made difficult and dangerous by the (national) short-comings in the design of the M 40. Public resources in the adjoining village are low scale and are already looking at having to absorb and manage a significant increase in demand in new housing.

*Stephen Baldwin. 30,iv.2014*