

The Development Policy Manager
Warwick District Council
Riverside House
Milverton Hill
Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5QH



Dear Sir

PROPOSED GYPSY SITE IN BANBURY ROAD (BROOKSIDE WILLOWS)

I wish to object to this proposal for the following reasons.

TOXIC CONTAMINATION

From my earlier involvement with Warwick Castle Park I know that the New Waters are severely contaminated by many toxic substances including cadmium and lead. The toxic material appears to have come down from an earlier factory site upstream in the Tach Brook which flows into the New Waters and it follows that the whole of this stream bed which runs through or alongside the proposed site is also probably contaminated. This means that the proposed Willows site could also be dangerously contaminated both by the contents of the pre-existing public tip and by the Tach Brook itself.

DAMAGE TO CASTLE PARK

Additionally you will be aware that the Castle Park is a Grade 1 Listed Park, and as such the entire park is an important and historic asset for the entire community. The travelling population have not had a good record of environmental protection, and I am concerned that the woodland in the Castle Park opposite the Willows will become a playground for children and an ongoing source of firewood, causing growing environmental damage. The children would in any case have to cross a very busy road with traffic travelling at high speed.

VISUAL IMPACT

Whoever wrote the Report on the site has never visited it. It is most definitely not screened from the Banbury Road, and there is no indication that an original condition of planning consent to screen the site will be fulfilled. The site is currently an eyesore, with industrial grade fencing, CCTV, threats of guard dogs running loose and generally full of rubbish and an apparently abandoned car.

I ask that the site be deleted from the Travellers' Options, and that the present owners be constrained to clean up the site immediately – it is an unacceptably poor approach to our County Town.

