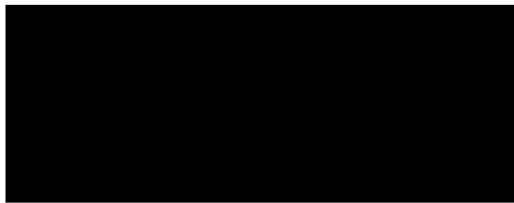


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Dear Sir

Sites for gypsies and travellers – Alternative Sites
Land abutting the Fosse Way junction with A425 GT02

I write to say that I do not think there should be a gypsy/traveller site at, by or near the **Warwickshire Exhibition Centre**, as it will have an adverse effect on this thriving local business. In these difficult times, an enterprise like the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre should be encouraged as it provides direct employment on the site as well as indirect employment in the wider area. Also the site in question is in close proximity to two busy roads making it unsuitable for families with children (and dogs), who could be at risk.

It is understood that the compulsory purchase of land should be for the benefit of the community as a whole; whereas this proposal will be for the benefit of a small number, who are not even members of the local community.

Furthermore, the nearest local primary school in Radford Semele is almost full now and will be completely full when the new houses proposed for Radford Semele are built and occupied. Roads to both Radford Semele and Harbury are dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, necessitating more motor vehicle traffic.

The proposed site would be detrimental to the historic environment (the ancient Roman road) and the rural environment with its wildlife habitats and woodland. It would intrude on a very pleasant landscape.

In view of all these considerations, I do not feel this is the right place for a gypsy/traveller site and I think the travelling community themselves might prefer somewhere better suited to their needs.

Yours faithfully

