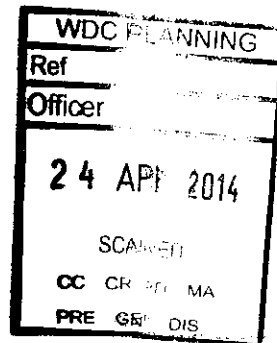


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Dear Sir / Madam

Re Objection against Gypsy / Traveller Site proposed off the Birmingham Road on land belonging to Oaklands Farm:

I wish to object to the proposal to provide pitches for Travellers / Gypsies on a plot of land situated at Oaklands Farm, Birmingham Road, Warwick.

My reasons for this are listed below:

- 1) The general public, particularly local residents were not given any reasons why this piece of ground was recommended.
- 2) The area of the land in question is only 1/3rd of an acre and therefore not large enough, in my opinion, for 5 pitches.
- 3) Access off Ugly Bridge would appear impossible for the size of vehicles involved and the width of the road. A further access off the Birmingham Road would need to be built which would mean there would be 4 access roads within a very short distance (i.e. Oaklands Farm current resident; Ugly Bridge; Shell Garage and a fourth for the Traveller Site). This would result in more congestion on an already busy Birmingham Road in an area known for frequent accidents.
- 4) Regarding Management of the Site: After witnessing the mess a recent group of Travellers left after 1 week in residence on a piece of ground opposite this site, the whole area would need regular management and how this would happen has not been fully explained.
- 5) The existing Oaklands Farm is an active business. The business undertaken will be seriously compromised due to the threat of a possible Traveller / Gypsy site being developed on this site.
- 6) The site is situated on a limited bus route and a GP surgery is only accessible by individuals using their own transport. The local school is full, having just increased intake numbers and built a new classroom.
- 7) Utilities such as water, toilet facilities and waste disposal will presumably need to be provided at huge cost to the Council.
- 8) The site would seriously impact on the visual look of the road for tourists and the use of the Grand Union Canal which runs at the back of the site. Warwick and the Canal attracts many visitors to the area.
- 9) It is immoral to consider that a compulsory purchase order could be made on a piece of ground which potentially threatens another person's livelihood, when there are other brown sites in the Warwick District area which could be developed and used for this purpose.
- 10) The site proposed is on the edge of the Green Belt and though it has been listed as development land, I understand that this is incorrect.

I am hopeful that the Development Services will be mindful of the above considerations before making the decision to go ahead with this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

