

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response

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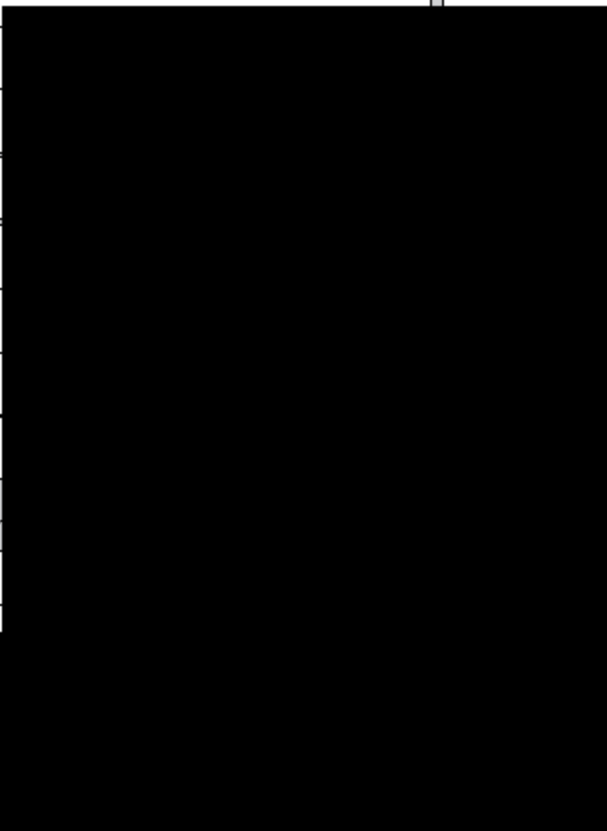
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site.

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 or by letter (address on back page)

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)	
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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?			<input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender			
Ethnic Origin			
Age		<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44	
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.	Word of mouth		

Part B - Commenting on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Site

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:

- a) the site is within reasonable distance of schools, GP surgeries, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities;
- b) the site has good access to the major road network;
- c) the site is of a suitable size to accommodate between 5 and 15 pitches for permanent sites or 12 pitches for transit sites;
- d) it can be demonstrated that infrastructure requirements can be adequately met; and
- e) there is potential for the site to be adequately screened.

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.

I strongly object to these proposals on the following basis:

1. There has been insufficient consultation by the Council with the local residents
2. The consultation process has not only been lacking but also flawed
3. The Council has also not allowed sufficient time and the whole process has been rushed
4. Although council officials have been given opportunities to speak to local residents, namely at the public meeting on 4th December, these officials declined the invitation and missed the opportunity to consult with local residents.

In response to the criteria of suitability and sustainability of the Gypsy site (the site), as set out in the Draft Local Plan, I also object for the following reasons:

1. **Flood Risk:** – The Council has itself indicated that the site would be on a designated flood plain making it unsustainable for any new residents there and increasing the risk of flooding elsewhere.
2. **Effect On Local Economy:** - It is unlikely that a Gypsy site would benefit the local economy or attract new businesses to the area or the Tournament Fields business park in particular. In fact a permanent Gypsy site is likely to have a detrimental effect on the local economy.
3. **Air, Water and Soil Quality:** - The location of the proposed permanent Gypsy site is clearly unsuitable because it would be very close to the M40 motorway, a sewerage works and a river; for these reasons it is clearly not a suitable site for families due to poor air and soil quality; in addition it would be an unsafe place for children as it is so close to a major motorway and river.
4. **Access:** - The Council's own consultation document completely fails to address the question of access to the proposed Gypsy site. Unless Severn Trent Water are prepared to allow access to the site across their land (I understand that this has been denied), then the current narrow farm track leading to the proposed site from Longbridge would be totally inadequate; in particular, access would be totally unsuitable for emergency vehicles. In addition, the increase in traffic turning onto this farm track would increase the risk of road accidents considerably.

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Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below
- It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform us in writing
- All forms should be received by **4.45pm on Friday 12 December 2014**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the Council's offices at Riverside House and online via the Council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998
- To return this form, please drop off at one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to see copies of the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues 10.30am – 5.00pm Wed 1.30pm – 5.00pm Thurs Closed Fri 10.30am – 4.00pm Sat 10.30am – 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds 9.30am – 6.00pm Thurs 10.00am – 7.00pm Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm Sun 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 5.30pm Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm Sat 9.00am – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – 9.00am – 5.30pm Tues Wed 10.30am – 5.30pm Thurs – 9.00am – 5.30pm Fri Sat 9.00am – 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm Tues and Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Weds Closed Thurs 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm Sat 9.30am – 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

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