

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response

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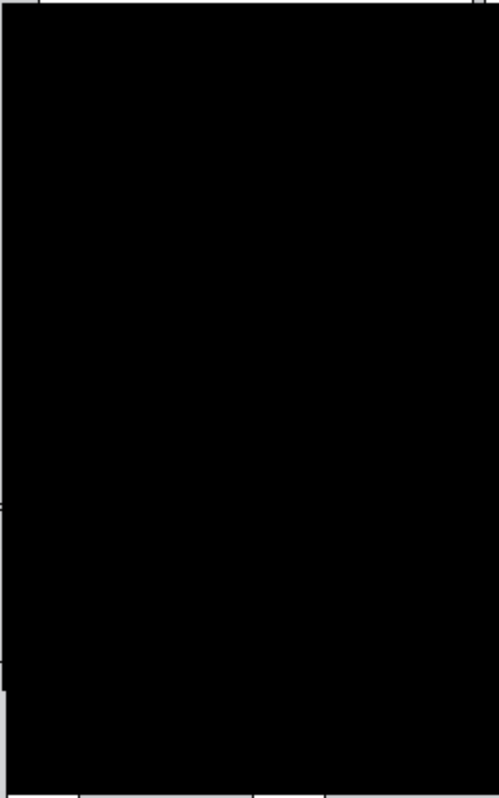
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site.

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)	
Title	Mr		
First Name	Richard		
Last Name	Fantom		
Job Title (where relevant)			
Organisation (where relevant)			
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Telephone number			
Email address			
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender			
Ethnic Origin			
Age			
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.	<input type="text" value="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 object to proposal to site pitches for 15 pitches for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation at Stratford Road, Warwick. First of all the site is most obviously destined to flood. One only needs to look at a map (<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2585379,-1.6021904,785m/data=!3m1!1e3>) to see the proximity to the River Avon. Any site can be protected from flooding by the use of flood defences but these would be a substantial additional cost to the site development. If/when flooding does occur the site would be contaminated by flooding of the Severn Trent treatment works. I think it would be very inappropriate to accommodate families, often with small children, next to river which has claimed lives in recent times. I know many people live near rivers but the settled community will have time to plan for safety measures rather than arrive on a site with a life-threatening hazard nearby. The proposed site is also currently in a "cordon sanitaire" for good reasons and it is likely that the site would need considerable and expensive testing and remedial action to remove any possible contamination for a site which will accommodate families, often with young children. Access to the site is known to be poor - currently unsuitable for heavy vehicles and entirely unsuitable for emergency vehicles. The turn off from the Stratford Road is badly sighted and potentially dangerous for towing vehicles. Improving that junction would be very costly and may not even be impossible. Further improvements to widen the track to allow vehicles to pass each other would also increase costs and may not be possible. I understand it would also necessitate a compulsory purchase of land to enhance access. The site is less than 200m from the M40 motorway - day and night noise would be a difficulty for people using the site. Air quality will be poor - research shows that those who grow up less than 500m from a motorway have reduced lung capacity (<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2007/jan/26/pollution.transportintheuk>).

I also believe that there would be an economic disadvantage to the Tournament Fields business park as the presence of a Gypsy and Traveller site so close by may be a disincentive to businesses considering developing a new or existing business there.

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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 Weds 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Thurs 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

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.