

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response

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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

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?

Yes

Yes

No

About You: Gender	
Ethnic Origin	
Age	

Where did you hear about this consultation? Warwick D C web site

Warwick D C web site

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.

(b) Unless access is via the island used by STWA, the only access is from the old Barford road onto a dangerous and blind bend. The old Barford road is always congested and the police have in the past doubted that emergency vehicles could pass. The old road is a major path for walkers and cyclists to the footbridge over the motorway. The road would not cope with another 45 cars, trucks and caravans.

(d) My existing farm track to the site cannot meet the requirements and should not even be considered. It is only 3 metres wide, national guidelines require 5 metres, and it cannot be widened because there is the brook on one side and my verge, which is **not** available, and my 51 mature trees on the other side. National guidelines require overtaking spaces and there is **not anywhere** on the track for overtaking; additional land will **not** be made available by me. The track is usually in a poor state of repair; the weight of an additional 45 vehicles would make it unusable. Some delivery drivers already will not use it and the refuse collection drivers **refuse** to use it, so that there is the prospect of another 30+ wheelie bins having to be placed on the old Barford road.

Access is also hampered for high sided vehicles if I do not cut back my trees. It follows that any contractors or construction vehicles wishing to attend the site to put in the infrastructure will be hampered severely and probably prevented from reaching the site.

The potential costs of laying in water, sewerage etc. have not been identified and it cannot be said that the costs will be met adequately.

Furthermore, the laying in of the infrastructure would almost certainly have to go over my land and it is **not** available.

(e) The M40 can be viewed to the south west from the site when I have finished cutting and laying my hedge, and the prevailing wind from that direction carries the noise from the M40 straight to the site. Noise levels are already above guidelines for residential development (the report obtained by Warwick D C is flawed) and no mention is made of screening the noisiest side.

National guidelines require a site to be safe for families and children. The site backs on to the River Avon and it is very accessible. The river is not safe for children and no mention is made of how the site will be screened from the river.

National guidelines require that sites should not become enclosed ghettos; the site will become a ghetto if it is to be screened on all its sides to make the river banks secure and, in a forlorn attempt, to cut out the noise of the M40.

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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

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.