

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response Form 2014

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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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	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Mr	
First Name	John	
Last Name	Houston	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
Ethnic Or		
Age		
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.

1) My understanding of the proposed site is that it is going to be situated near the river, and the M40 motorway with access being via a small farm road, which is unsuitable for vehicles up to 25 meters long. I understand that the size of the vehicles to be used or positioned can be up to this length. I understand that Severn Trent water have not been contacted and fully oppose the site, and have denied access to the site via the original suggested route. Therefore this restricts the access to the proposed site via a small farm track road leading from Longbridge and from the large M40 roundabout exit. This route is already a black spot and has already been the scene of many accidents. Based on this, I believe this to be an unsafe option and a danger to all who use this route, including the travellers who may use this route. The main Stratford road is already a congested route and trying to exit onto the main roundabout from Stratford road is already a nightmare. Having additional slow moving and heavy vehicles using this route and trying to turn into the farm road, will further complicate and congest the route, increasing the danger to the general public and the travellers using the route. I believe the current route would not pass the regulation criteria for its intended purpose and would challenge the council to clearly demonstrate and evidence otherwise via its plans.

2) The location is also a designated flood plain as it is so close to the river. The proposed size of the site is itself a serious concern as it would be an expensive option to build a site of this size. I want to understand who is funding the site as I do not want my taxes paying for this site. Also should it flood, I would like to understand who would pay for any damage repairs to the site to make it right? I believe that should it flood, the cost to make this right would be significant. Who pays for this? Being so close to the M40 and the river also makes this site a dangerous and hazardous area for children to live. Also being so close to the treatment works, the smell would be intolerable, as I already live circa half a mile away from the site and the smell reaches my own property on a regular basis. This is a disgusting smell and I've already complained about this. How it would be possible to put a site and people this close to a treatment plant that smells so foul must surely be against health and safety hygiene levels. It would be a disgrace to locate anyone this close to a smelly treatment plant. Please justify why the Council would propose a site in such a dangerous, unsafe and disgusting location?

3) The current lack of interest to the area for businesses is very obvious based on the available locations in the premier business tournament fields. Any suggestion that putting this site where it is proposed, would do nothing more than further reduce the chances of businesses location the current business park. Suggesting building more business space is plain ridiculous and cannot be justified as any incentive or argument for this proposed site.

4) There have been hundreds of new expensive residential properties built within the last 18 months. The current residents have paid a premium price for houses in the nearby area due to the location and position near the M40. At no point was there any consultation with the builders to indicate the proposed traveller site. Should this proposed site

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Have been made public knowledge earlier, I'm certain many of the residents including myself, who have purchased expensive new homes in the nearby area, would not have done so had this been part of the original planned sites in the suggested areas. It is fortuitous that now that these houses have all been built and sold, that Warwick have now decided to try to rail road this new proposed site through plans. There has certainly been significant lack of consultation with local residents and businesses around this new proposed site. This is extremely unfair and unacceptable for such a controversial proposal. The impact on the saleable value of recently purchased residential homes will be seriously adversely affected by the proposed traveller site, should this go ahead. The impact on the local doctors surgery, the local schools and other facilities as well as small local business will also be adversely impact should this go ahead. There can be no question that the local residents will suffer financially if this site goes ahead, so I firmly oppose it and will continue to oppose it as long as it remains a potential threat.

5) I was both very disappointed and actually disgusted that both Chris Elliot and Andrew Mobbs, were invited to a local meeting on the 4th of December at Alyesbury school, and asked to represent the Council to answer concerned local residents questions, but both declined the invitation due to their view that local residents would be opinionated at the meeting. Those Council representatives should realize and take note that their absence from this meeting only fueled local resident anger and frustration at more lack of consultation. This only made it clear that they are totally uninterested in local residents views or opinions on such a serious and controversial proposal. There absence is another indication of failures in the process due to lack of consultation with local residents and businesses who in essence, "pay for their salaries", so in effect are their employers. This was a real disappointment and frankly their absence was nothing short of disgraceful and cowardly. They can be certain that their absence will only make residents more determined to fight this proposal as they feel let down by these people who should be consulting with them at each stage and when asked to do so.

For the reasons stated I fully oppose this Traveller and Gypsy site off Stratford Road, Warwick. (Mr Houston)

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](mailto: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 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Fri 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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