

## Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response Form 2014

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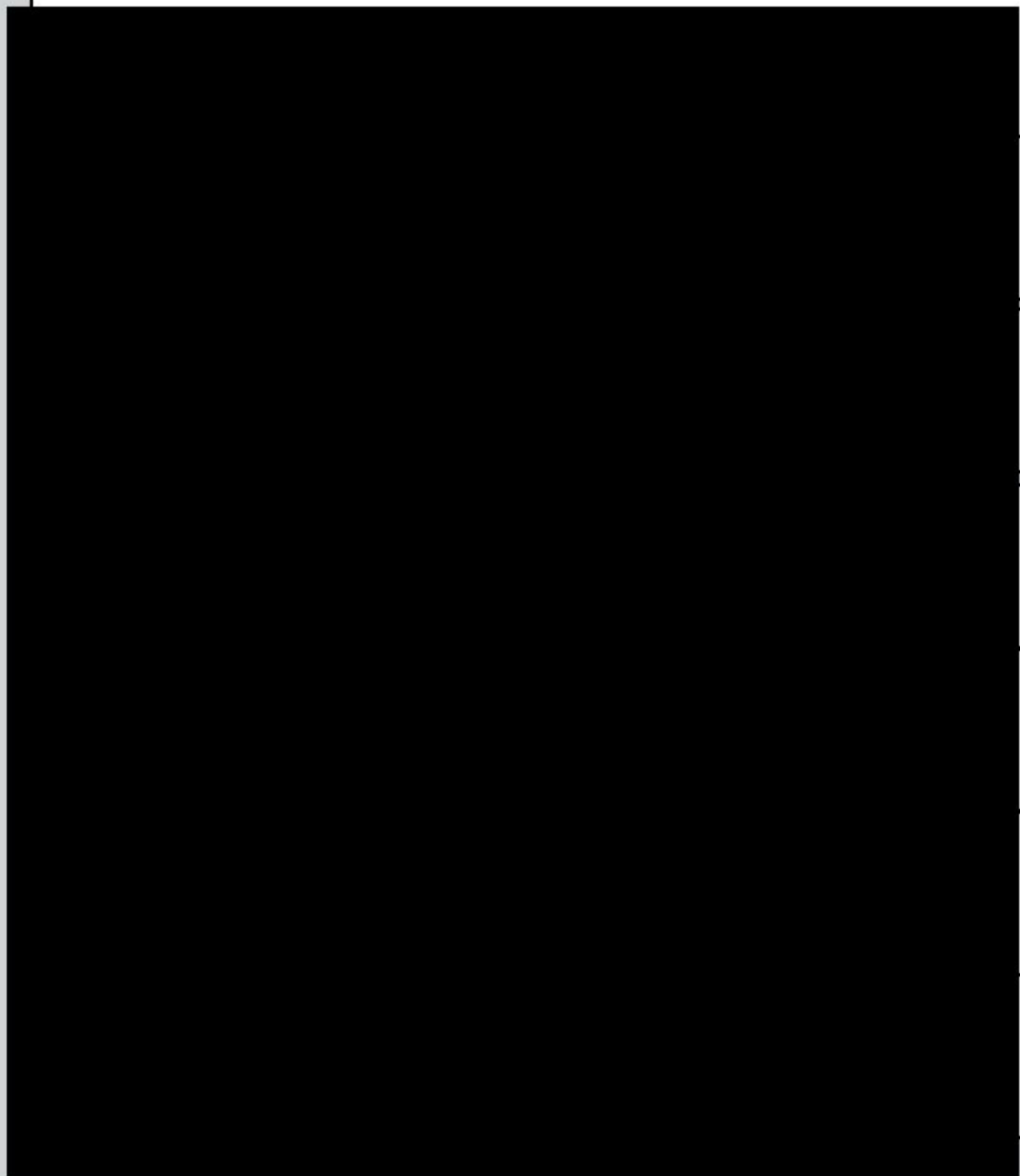
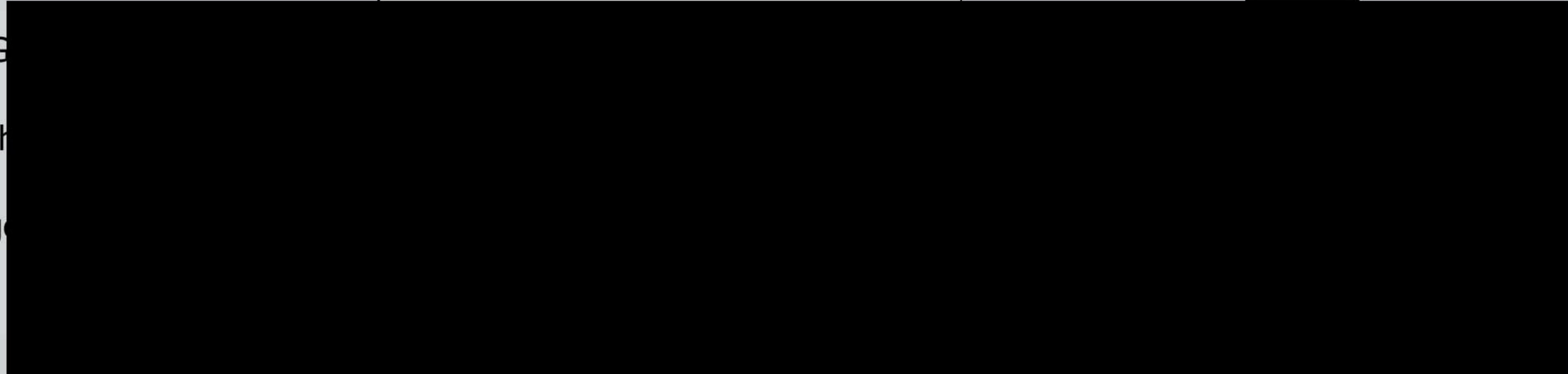
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site.

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](http://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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.		
Residents Association newsletter		



## 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.

Firstly, I object to a Gypsy and Traveller site being located anywhere in Warwick on the basis of the negative impact on the economy and tourism of what is a beautiful market town. There is a huge area of Warwickshire where suitable sites could be found, other than in this historic town. Moreover, to site around 50% of the required pitches on one site is not consistent with the aims of not letting these sites dominate their local environs.

Specifically, I object to a Gypsy and Traveller site near Chase Meadow in Warwick. This is the town's flagship residential and business development and the proximity of a Gypsy and Traveller site can have nothing but a negative impact on this locality in both economic and quality of life terms.

The Council's consultation process for this proposal has been wholly inadequate. Very little information has been provided proactively by the council to local residents and on this particular proposal, this site has only recently appeared on your plans. Moreover, you refused to send any representatives to the public meeting of residents held at the Aylesford School on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. At this meeting, a whole range of questions and issues about these proposals were raised which you were not there to answer or clarify. As a result, this proposal is being rushed through by you without adequate time or process for addressing the issues and questions raised by affected parties. These concerns have been more thoroughly documented in a submission to you from the Chase Meadow Residents Association. I have copied my objection to Chris White MP such that should this proposal ever get before the Secretary of State, these consultative inadequacies can be highlighted.

As for your 5 criteria above as to the suitability of the Stratford Road site, I would challenge all 5.

- a) The site may be within reasonable distance of local facilities but these are already heavily pressured, in particular the schools and medical facilities.
- b) The site is near a major road network but as you will know, this road network is already ridiculously congested. I believe you may not have an access road through Severn Trent's land so this will require a re-think and financial investment.
- c) The size of this proposed site is far too large for the reasons of impact on all of your 5 criteria and also in terms of the dominance it will have on the local environs.
- d) It seems to me that the infrastructure considerations for this site are significant not least because of the flood risk, water pollution, air quality and noise pollution issues. It would seem inappropriate for our council to be diverting much needed funding for services into this site.
- e) As in d above, this screening would require significant investment given the proximity of a prime residential and business site, a sewerage works, a river and a major road network

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Finally, I am very disappointed with the way in which you, as public servants have conducted the whole of the Gypsy and Traveller and Local Plan consultation over the last couple of years. I do appreciate that you have a difficult job to do and that you can't please everyone but the residents of Warwick have raised very legitimate and well-intended concerns. Unfortunately, these issues and concerns don't appear to have been listened to, let alone acted on and it is this that is why I and other people feel most let down by you.



## 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](http://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](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
<b>Warwick District Council Offices</b> Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> 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
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> 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
<b>Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire</b> Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 5.30pm Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm Sat 9.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth</b> 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
<b>Warwickshire Direct Lillington</b> 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
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 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.**