

## 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](http://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	Mrs	
First Name	Carly	
Last Name	Gold	
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"/>	<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.		
Drop-in Sessions		



## 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 write with reference to the proposed permanent Gypsy & Travellers site on the Stratford Road, Warwick. In this letter I speak for my household in raising our complete objections to any such development on this land.

The road noise (from the M40 & A46) is a significant problem for our family, and I would express concern for anybody wishing to live any closer to these major roads. The proposed land is not only in close proximity to these roads, but also a sewage works. The associated noise and air pollution, particularly on a site where children will be living, should cause significant apprehension. I believe the health and safety of prospective residents will be at risk.

I understand Warwick District Council (WDC) have identified that the proposed site is on a designated flood plain within flood zones 2 and 3. The government's own guidelines on planning Gypsy and Traveller sites states that 'Caravan sites for permanent residence are considered "highly vulnerable" and should not be permitted in areas where there is a high probability that flooding will occur'. I would like WDC to demonstrate transparent evidence that this flood risk can be definitively eliminated.

The Council's Consultation document completely fails to address the issue of Access to the proposed site simply stating 'Advice expected from WCC soon'. One is therefore left to assume that the current narrow farm track leading to the site from Longbridge would be proposed. This track would be totally unsuitable in accordance with the Government's own strict guidelines on planning Gypsy and Traveller sites. In addition, accessing the site from Longbridge would place the main entrance to the site next to a Grade 2 listed building (Longbridge Manor) which is itself located on a dangerous bend in the road with poor visibility for motorists. This is an example of yet another issues pertaining to the planning of this site that WDC have not addressed or demonstrated consideration.

I am sure that WDC will be quick to defend their plans and reassure local residents that all of the above factors can be 'mitigated.' However, the sheer cost in improving access, migrating flood risk, air, noise & soil pollution renders the plans un-deliverable.

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I note that in the Council's own Sustainability Assessment the effect on the economy of the proposed site is categorised as 'uncertain at this stage'. Furthermore the consultation documentation makes no reference to the potential effect of the site on the local economy. WDC have claimed for many years that Tournament Fields would have a positive effect on the local Warwick economy, however it has remained largely undeveloped after almost 10 years.

Whilst I fully applaud the local council's efforts to fulfill a legitimate need for residence for the travelling community, 'dumping' them on a site that is totally unsuitable because they have failed to find any other sites is not acceptable.

I truly hope the council take on board the multiple concerns that we have raised.



## 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.