

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

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Organisation (where relevant)		
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Email address		

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

Yes

No

About You: Gender	
Ethnic Origin	
Age	

Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.

Chase Meadow Residents Association

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.

In my opinion the proposed Warwick site on the Stratford Road is not suitable for the proposed development for the reasons stated below:

Access to the site is not at all suitable for the sort of vehicles that will be using the narrow farm track on a regular basis. This is, of course, to include the refuse & recycling vehicles. Given our recent experiences of this refuse & recycling collection over the last 18 weeks, only 3 times have I not had to call, this will lead to fly tipping which in turn will lead to damage to the environment, river pollution & of course the local wildlife. Obviously the road from the A429 that leads to the Longbridge Village is unsuitable for the size of vehicles. Have you travelled down it recently? This road is in my opinion an accident black spot area. Long, slow vehicles will be leaving that road junction to join traffic that is already travelling at 40mph. I deem this to be totally inappropriate & makes it dangerous for all road users. This is an unnecessary & unacceptable risk for the current local residents.

With the amount of hard standing that is proposed this will have a significant negative impact on local wildlife, as well as the management of the water in the area. The proposed site I believe is also on a flood plain. Having been informed that caravan sites are more susceptible to flooding this then poses a further issue with housing people in this area. Flood alleviation schemes in these areas are notoriously expensive and quite often fail to deliver the results promised.

This development should also be seen with the immediate surroundings – the proposed development will dominate and overshadow the existing Longbridge village and the impact on the local residents will be completely unacceptable.

This proposed development is situated on the main route into Warwick and I don't think that this development is going to show Warwick at its best and encourage tourism into the town. It will also discourage any further investments into the Tournament Field Industrial Estate which could have a significant negative impact on the local economy.

The existing approved developments in the area have local amenities like Doctors surgeries, Warwick Hospital & Schools are already stretched, they are not resourced for another development.

These issues cannot be overcome without the site placing an even greater burden on already noted services & on the council funding and as such the site **must** be classed as unsuitable.

The way this consultation has been carried out leaves a lot to be desired. When the initial shortlist was drawn up (20 venues I believe) and put out for consultation the Stratford Road site was **not** on the list. but then when that list was

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Put to just three sites, it appeared. How is it possible that a site can end up on the list of the final three when it hadn't been discussed in the initial consultation? This process in my opinion has not been transparent. I feel that this opinion has been pushed onto local residence, perhaps relying on people's stupidity to not notice. We are being forced to accept a shortlisting that was not discussed. There has been a lack of truth given out at some of the drop in sessions (which the council have admitted to and agreed with) which were also held at times when the majority of people would be working. It shows a lack of honesty & integrity to being railroaded into this decision making and consultation process which I feel makes this venue even less appropriate.

In short, I oppose this proposed development.

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

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.