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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.

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Part A - Personal Details

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?		
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		

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

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.

The site sits in part within the flood plain – level 3 risk. The new site will further exacerbate the problems.

Unsuitable farm track access. Large volumes of traffic already use the major road into and out of Warwick. Difficult and potentially dangerous right turn into the road leading to the farm track.

It conflicts with the 'Planning and policy for traveller sites. The local infrastructure cannot support more of these sites as there is insufficient capacity in local schools and GP surgeries.

Tourism in Warwick will suffer. A Travellers site so close to Warwick will have a detrimental effect on tourism.

It is generally accepted that crime rates tend to increase when Travellers/ Gypsy's move into an area and this too will affect tourism.

Experience on other traveller sites around the country suggests that the capacity of sites is overwhelmed regularly when large amounts of travellers in the area, without anywhere to go, turn up on the site and the adjoining roads and laybys. The council then have to start a constant cycle of evictions to remove the travellers from the small site. They just drive off in the evening and park back up the following morning.

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