


RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

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25th July 2013

Development Policy Manager
Development Services
Warwick District Council
Riverside House
Milverton Hill
Leamington Spa
CV32 5QH

BY HAND

Dear Sir,

Local Plan – Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

You will be aware there is strong opposition in the locality of Radford Semele to the suggestion that a permanent site for gypsies and travellers should be installed in the areas identified as sites GT02 and GT04 by the consultants who have drawn up the Local Plan for Gypsies and Travellers sites.

You will be aware that on 25th June 2013 over 400 local people attended a meeting at site GT02 when they were addressed by, inter alia, the Leader of Warwick District Council, Councillor Michael Doody.


The Parish Council have taken on board the strong local feeling evidenced by that meeting and subsequent paperwork produced by the organisers of the meeting and, also, their own strong views as Parish Councillors for the area.

I therefore now enclose submissions on behalf of my Parish Council which are independent from any individual submissions made by residents.

I enclose a completed form in respect of site GT02 and another one in respect of site GT04.

These documents are being copied respectively to Councillor Doody, Jeremy Wright MP and County Councillor Wallace Redford.

Yours faithfully,



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Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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Last Name		LEIGH-HUNT	
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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?			
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Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to?

(e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

GT 02

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.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the general principles of law that apply to the case at hand. It is important to note that the law in this area is constantly evolving, and it is essential to stay up-to-date on the latest developments.

2. In the second part, we analyze the specific facts of the case and apply the relevant legal principles. The court has found that the defendant's actions were negligent, and this negligence was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries.

3. Finally, we conclude that the plaintiff is entitled to damages for the harm suffered. The amount of damages should be based on the actual losses suffered by the plaintiff, including medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

4. The court has also found that the defendant's conduct was reckless, and this reckless conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. This finding is significant because it allows the plaintiff to recover punitive damages, which are intended to punish the defendant and deter others from engaging in similar conduct.

5. In addition, the court has found that the defendant's conduct was willful and wanton, and this willful and wanton conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. This finding allows the plaintiff to recover interest on the damages awarded.

6. Finally, the court has found that the defendant's conduct was oppressive, and this oppressive conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. This finding allows the plaintiff to recover costs, which are the expenses incurred in bringing the lawsuit to trial.



7. The court has also found that the defendant's conduct was unconscionable, and this unconscionable conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. This finding allows the plaintiff to recover attorney's fees, which are the expenses incurred in bringing the lawsuit to trial.

8. Finally, the court has found that the defendant's conduct was outrageous, and this outrageous conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. This finding allows the plaintiff to recover punitive damages, which are intended to punish the defendant and deter others from engaging in similar conduct.

9. In conclusion, the court has found that the defendant's conduct was negligent, reckless, willful and wanton, oppressive, unconscionable, and outrageous. This conduct was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries, and the plaintiff is entitled to damages for the harm suffered.

RESPONSE BY RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL TO A PROPOSAL BY WARWICKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TO CONSTRUCT TWO GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS SITES- 1) GT02 ABUTTING THE FOSSE WAY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE A425 (RADFORD SEMELE TO UFTON ROAD) AND GT04 FOSSE WAY AT HARBURY LANE

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Radford Semele Parish Council make this statement in response to the proposal put forward by consultants to Warwick District Council to develop a site referred to as GT02 in their consultation document.

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- (1) If sited on the Exhibition site it would eliminate that business which currently employs over forty people, either as full or part time employees and claims to contribute £2m annually to the local economy. This business currently fits well into the local landscape and social environment.
- (2) If sited on the opposite side of the Fosse Way to the Exhibition site, as shown on the Plan, this business would expect to close. The announcement of this site as a potential site for Gypsies and Travellers has already led to the loss of future bookings. The owner advised the public meeting of this fact.
- (3) These locations are both subject to water drainage problems.
- (4) There are ecological concerns particularly as to the effect that uncontrolled and unvaccinated dogs would have on the wild life and local farm animals.
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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
1100 EAST 58TH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

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Dear Mr. [Name]:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 1968.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time.

The committee is still in the process of reviewing the proposals.

I will contact you again as soon as a final decision has been reached.

I am sure you will understand the need for a thorough review.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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(9) The Report prepared by the Consultants for WDC drew attention to the easy access to the town, good bus services, convenient footpaths etc. A more realistic assessment reveals that bus stops in the vicinity are set on the grass verge, there are no safe waiting positions and there are no footpaths in the vicinity, only very busy roads. To make the necessary changes would require considerable infrastructure costs including the acquisition of more land. The nearest doctor's surgery is full and unable to take more patients.

Conclusion- Site GT02

The current character of the site needs to be considered within the context of its history. The origins of the Village at Radford Semele and its perimeters date from Norman times with earlier Saxon influence. 1,000 years prior to Norman times the historic Fosse Way was constructed, passing the precise position now proposed by the consultants for this site. The course of the Fosse Way has the potential for archaeological exploration. The large alluvial plain, resulting from the last ice age, between the two wooded escarpments of Radford Semele on the north side and Ufton on the south, provided the quality agricultural land which is in use today.

An installation of a Gypsies and Travellers site would undoubtedly cause an adverse and detrimental impact upon this outstandingly beautiful countryside.

The above observations summarised in paragraphs 1-9 above contain the main substance of the strongly held views of approximately four hundred people attending the meeting on 25th July. Strong disapproval was expressed from the platform, including a strong objection by our MP Mr Jeremy Wright. Questions and comments from the floor indicated the strong opposition to the proposed change of use for the Fosse Way site GT02.

Radford Semele Parish Council is fully supportive of these views of local residents and makes this statement to give formal opposition to the proposal for site GT02

Site Reference GT04

This site is proposed as a Gypsies and Travellers site, under a reference in the consultants report, as site GT04 at Harbury Lane.

Almost all of this proposed site is located outside of the Parish of Radford Semele. Site GT04 includes only one or two acres of land which are within the boundary of Radford Semele village. Radford Semele Parish Council restricts its comments to the area within the Parish boundary.

The area within the Parish is currently used by a number of commercial organisations including a petrol station and a residential property. Adjacent is the main Birmingham to London railway line which is open to access and therefore a potential hazard. The parish boundary at this point is the small stream, a tributary of the River Leam, which has flooded the surrounding area several times in recent years at times of heavy rainfall. As it is already a fully developed site it is quite unsuitable for redevelopment as a Gypsy and Traveller site.

Radford Semele Parish Council considers this site totally unsuitable for the proposed development and therefore opposes the change of use for this site GT04.

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Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this district that you think would be suitable for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site, bearing in mind the criteria for site identification? If so, please give the location and the land owner's details below:

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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 on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 **5.15pm on Monday 29 July 2013**
- 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

Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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 – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	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 – Tues	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Wed	10.30am – 5.30pm
	Thurs – Fri	9.00am – 5.30pm
	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 Fri	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm
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	Sat	9.30am – 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am – 5.00pm
Finham Community Library Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon	1.00pm – 7.00pm
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EXHIBIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

Know all men by these presents that the undersigned, the State of Texas, County of Dallas, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, to-wit:

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