

Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

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Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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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, exhibitions, bin hanger?	word of mouth	

Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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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:

- Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport;
- Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
- Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and,
- Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.
- Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community;
- Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services;
- Reflects the extent to which traditional lifestyles (whereby some travellers live and work from the same location thereby omitting many travel to work journeys) can contribute to sustainability.

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)

GT16 LAND WEST OF A1429 BARFORD

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.

1. Access from Westham Lane onto the bypass is dangerous with busy, fast, moving traffic (60mph). Pedestrians would have to cross this road in order to gain access to the village. There is no crossing which would defeat the object of a bypass and would still be dangerous.
2. It took us 2 years to gain planning permission to move internal walls only, because we are outside the envelope of the village for development. This is WDC double standards at their best, as now looking to put permanent G and T sites on the field right next to us. Westham House which contains apartments for sale and rent will undoubtedly cause noise and disturbance and would create an "eyesore" on the unspoilt landscape. Our business would be decimated. We employ local tradesmen and staff which we would no longer need. We are feeling the effects already as we have lost a sale since the proposed sites were announced due to the threat of G&Ts being neighbours and the uncertainty that that holds for purchasers.
3. Westham Lane is an un-adopted single track private lane. There are no public rights of way it would need to be widened & a CPO would be required. Ownership is unknown. There would be loss of hedgerows, landscape and bad visual impacts. The agricultural land is grade 2 and should not be considered for development the Farmer does not want to sell so a CPO would again be required. Water voles (a protected species) are present and during the construction of the by-pass Bronze Age burial sites were discovered which, as an historical site are protected and excluded from any development.
4. WDC wants to promote a peaceful integrated existence between the site and local community, when just this week, as an example G&Ts have taken over a field nearby and the police have given a warning to locals to take appropriate security precautions. This does not bode well for the neighbourly ness issue.
5. There are no public storm/foul sewers or gas services west of the bypass. The area is of medium flood risk. There is no GP in the village As the landscape is flat unspoilt the visual impact would be hard to mitigate
6. WDC have disregarded their own RAP new housing, new employment, safeguarding rural roads and camping and caravan sites. Putting in G and T sites would be a contradiction to their policies.

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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:

1. WDC should use existing brown field sites within Warwickshire area for G+T sites. These sites could meet the criteria and be close to amenities required.
2. The G+T sites could be integrated into the new housing developments in Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington Spa. This would provide them with the community and amenities, schools, shops, and doctors etc they require.
3. Why not look at WDC owned land along the Fosse Way, which was a former canal tip, now closed, as a G+T site. It is within easy reach of Leamington Spa, bearing in mind G+T all have motor vehicles, and where all amenities are available.