

11th July 2013

Warwick District Council
Planning and Development Department
Riverside House
Milverton Hill
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Dear Sirs

Re: Reference: GT-07 – Smiths Nurseries - Proposed Gypsy Site at Baginton

I refer to the above proposed Gypsy Site at Baginton and am writing to object strongly on behalf of Coventry Golf Club and to which I would like our objection registered.

Our course together with land that we own to the east of the River Sowe is currently within the green belt and from the map on the website appears to abut the site of the proposed gypsy and traveller site. We do not consider that the creation of a gypsy and traveller site in the proposed location justifies an encroachment into this green belt. The Club takes its environmental responsibilities very seriously and last year we became the first golf club in England to receive accreditation under the Golf Environment Organisation certification scheme which is golf's international ecolable. This accreditation was the culmination of five years work in improving our methods of operation to benefit the environment – this included the creation of eco-corridors to allow our land, from a wildlife perspective, to merge into the surrounding countryside. We would be very disappointed if the benefit of this work is reduced by allowing the proposed development to take place.

I would also like to bring to your attention that the proposed site combined with the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway development will also create strained community relations and a reduction in the quality of life, property value reductions, etc on the current village inhabitants.

If you require any further information form Coventry Golf Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kay Forrest
Club Secretary



