

## Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response

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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](http://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)
Title	Mr	
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Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
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Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		

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

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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.

By attending the residents meeting(s)

## 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?

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Support

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Object

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Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

Dear WDC,

I'd like to take this opportunity to formally object to the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site on the Stratford Road in Warwick.

I believe that there are a number of reasons why the proposed site on the Stratford Road is unsuitable for Gypsies and Travellers. Primarily, the inherent flood risk to the proposed site. There is history of flooding in the area and the proposed site includes both Flood 2 and 3a zones, which means the site directly contradicts the planning guidance for caravan sites for permanent residents. Couple that to the very real potential for water related accidents from the proximity to the river and the site looks even less suitable.

Access to the site from the A429 is also an issue in my opinion. The access is on a dangerous bend and with caravans coming and going, there would need to be significant change to the road layout in order to keep both local residents and any Gypsies and Travellers safe. The farm track down to the proposed site is also not suitable for large static caravans or even mobile caravans. Unless WDC is proposing to significantly change the road layouts in order to accommodate the Gypsies and Travellers, then this current layout does not permit the easy ingress and egress of their living accommodation. It would cause traffic chaos.

The site is also very close to the M40 and will experience noise pollution on a constant basis. The M40 roundabout at junction 15 has over 8000 cars using it each day. I understand that careful consideration should be given to the health and safety of children and others who will live on the site. By their very nature, caravans and static homes are less well insulated for noise when compared to a brick built and double glazed residence. The M40 is well known to Chase Meadow residents on the opposite side of Stratford road to the proposed site. The M40 can be heard loud and clear a considerable distance further away than the proposed site.

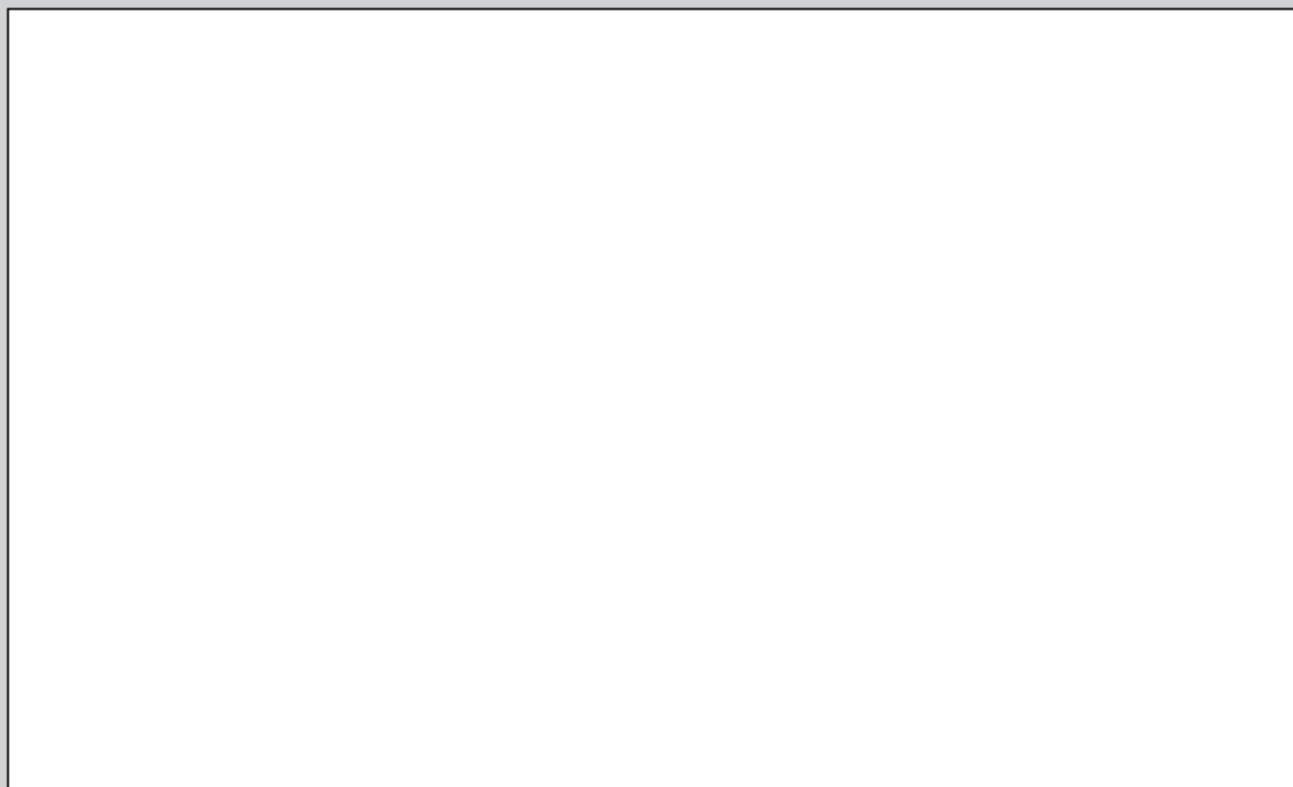
The Proposed Site should be considered unacceptable from a safety point of view due to it being surrounded by the Severn Trent sewage works a few hundred yards to the North, the river on its eastern edge and both the M40 and A429 surrounding it on two sides. It is fundamentally unsuitable and for the reasons stated above, I formally object to the proposal.

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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, alternatively complete online at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://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](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
<b>Warwick District Council Offices</b> Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> 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
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> 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
<b>Warwickshire Direct</b> <b>Warwick</b> Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 5.30pm Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm Sat 9.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth</b> 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
<b>Warwickshire Direct Lillington</b> 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
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 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.**