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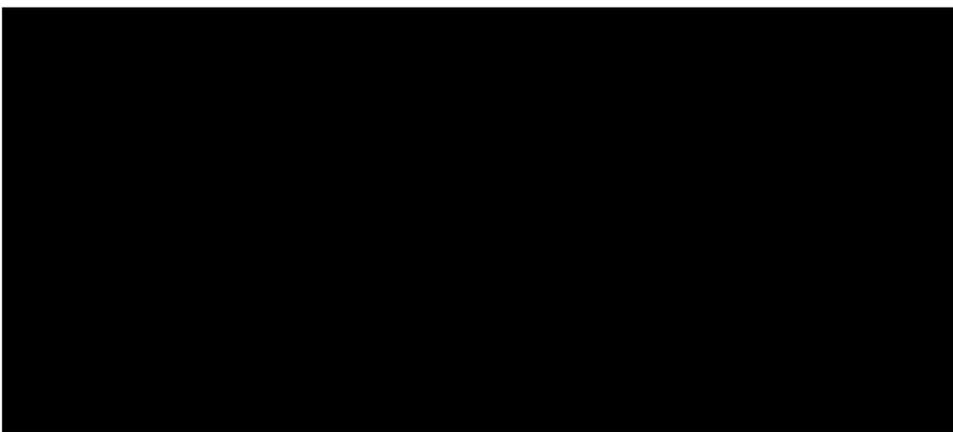
Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been informed that Warwick District Council are planning to erect a permanent Gypsy/Traveller site on the Stratford Rd Warwick near the present Severn Trent Sewage works. In my job I visit many Traveller sites and I do not believe this proposed site for Warwick is appropriate my reasons for this I have listed below.

- 1 Most sites I visit are composed of individual concrete compounds with bathrooms and kitchens housed in purpose built brick outhouses. The whole site is usually surrounded by one big fence not an attractive outlook on one of the main approaches into Warwick.
- 2 Most families I know keep several dogs usually housed in outdoor kennels which are quite aggressive to strangers and very noisy.
- 3 The standard the sites are maintained at vary from family to family some will be pristine while others are characterised by old abandoned cars and various rubbish.
- 4 The main form of transport travellers use are transit vans or pickup trucks parking areas on existing sites are usually not adequate.
- 5 All of the sites I have visited are based in rural settings which suit the Travelling Community being very open, unconfined and free from settled neighbours.
- 6 What I have noticed if any of the individual sites within the main area becomes vacant they are used as dumping grounds and bonfire sites.
- 7 Finally a lot of effort has been put into improving the appearance of Stratford Rd to make it an attractive way into the centre of Warwick. The park land and fountains laid out by the Developers of Plantagenet Fields and recently the work of volunteers to plant trees along the Stratford Rd it would be a shame to negate all their hard work with an ungainly Travellers site.

I hope the District Council will abandon this proposal and develop more appropriate plans.

Yours Sincerely



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