

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.

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Part A - Personal Details

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+	
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Support

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I object to the proposed site above as it fails to meet a number of the key CRITERIA for site suitability as follows: Site GT05

Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**

Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site; **FAIL: Access to this site is already from very busy road networks presenting unacceptable risk to existing and new traffic without considerable investment in new road infrastructure.**

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I object to the proposed site above as it fails to meet a number of the key CRITERIA for site suitability as follows: Site GT06

Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**

Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;

Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site; **FAIL: Access onto the A429 at this junction is hazardous, it can be up to 5 mins before a gap in traffic moving at 50+ mph. One fatality in the last year on this stretch of road.**

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I object to the proposed site above as it fails to meet a number of the key CRITERIA for site suitability as follows: Site GT09

Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**
Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site; **FAIL: Access to this site is already from very busy road and Motorway networks presenting unacceptable risk to existing and new traffic without considerable investment in new road infrastructure. Impacts at this junction can impact into Coventry and Stratford.**
Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and, **FAIL: These sites are home to wild deer which roam freely and would be impacted by the development.**

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Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**

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I object to the proposed site above as it fails to meet a number of the key CRITERIA for site suitability as follows: Site GT12

Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**
Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding; **FAIL: Site is identified by the Environment Agency as having significant flood risk**
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Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc); **FAIL: existing services do not exist, Barford services already at breaking point due additional houses without upgrades**
Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and, **FAIL: Water voles exist in these areas and are legally protected. In addition Bats exist in these areas and could be impacted by such a development.**
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I object to the proposed site above as it fails to meet a number of the key CRITERIA for site suitability as follows: Site GT16

Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding; **Fail: This is actually a flood compensation Area and was acknowledged as being an unsuitable site by the WDC at the consultation !**

Site has been removed from Consideration.

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Convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport; TEST CRITERIA Result - **FAIL: ONLY possible via a car, increasing traffic and congestion**

Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;

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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:

The results of the study to establish the number of sites should be re-visited as the survey was taken during the peak time for GT activity in the area. The comparison would be surveying Retail footfall figures in the 8 week run up to Christmas and then declaring this was the demand all year around.

Once the figures have been re-validated, if demand remains, then I would brown field sites should be considered that will not fail on the majority of the criteria above or the new housing developments where the key challenges of sustainable services, infrastructure and peaceful integration can be over come.

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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 Fri	8.45am – 5.15pm 8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs Fri	8.45am – 5.15pm 8.45am – 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat	10.30am – 5.00pm 1.30pm – 5.00pm Closed 10.30am – 4.00pm 10.30am – 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds Thurs Fri Sat Sun	9.30am – 6.00pm 10.00am – 7.00pm 9.30am – 6.00pm 9.30am – 4.30pm 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs Fri Sat	8.00am – 5.30pm 8.00am – 5.00pm 9.00am – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – Tues Wed Thurs – Fri Sat	9.00am – 5.30pm 10.30am – 5.30pm 9.00am – 5.30pm 9.00am – 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon Tues and Fri Weds Thurs Sat	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Closed 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm 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 Tues, Thurs and Fri Sat	1.00pm – 7.00pm 9.00am – 7.00pm 9.00am – 4.00pm

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.