

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

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4557

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Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller's sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council:

- 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;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be an 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.

IT IS IMPORTANT to comment/object adhering to the above criteria and the council provided form follows that process. It is implied that you should use the WDC form or the response form available online. YOU ARE HOWEVER STILL PERMITTED to respond by writing to the Council's Development Policy Manager or you could choose to use this site specific form prepared for GT 02

I OBJECT

~~I APPROVE~~

(Please delete as required.)

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER / SHEETS

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Warwick District Council will judge proposed sites against the nationally accepted criteria. The purpose of the criteria is to seek to meet the requirements of the Gypsy and Travellers community not necessarily local residents, businesses and employment.

Areas of concern could include:

• Agriculture • Animal Welfare • Co-existence • Crime • Ecology and Habitat • Education/Schools • Healthcare/ Surgeries • Highways and Safety • Local Economy • Rural Landscape • Services and Utilities • Tourism • Traffic Density/ Flow • Urbanisation.

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to the proposals on the following grounds –

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- Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of the rural 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 (wintertime and travel) can continue to sustainably.

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick 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 landowners details below:

Guidance on Making Representations

- 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 WDC in writing.
- All forms should be received by **5.15 p.m. 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 either Riverside House, Leamington Town Hall or your local library or post to **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5QH** or email to: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

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Response to site GT02, Land at Warwickshire Exhibition Centre

I have read the report by Enfusion re the proposed sites, and am surprised that there are so many question marks in the conclusion/summary for this site GT02. Is this report complete? GT02 has the highest number of missing measurements and yet comes out as equal first as a choice for a GT site.

I would like to comment on the categories.

Impact on the Local Community. Not scored

If this site is accepted the owners of Thw Warwickshire Exhibition Centre have said they will have to close. The centre has already suffered losses through being directly linked with the proposal. When exhibitions are on up to 40 local people are employed, these are now at risk. People are attracted from all over the country to the specialist exhibitions, bringing visitor spending power to the area assessed at £2m spread over many different businesses. E.g. accommodation, retail, food and bar outlets. This spending power is at risk of being lost to the local community.

Historic Environment. Not scored.

GT02 is right next to an ancient Roman Road, The Fosse Way. It is listed on the County Council" Archaeological Register , ancient pottery having been found recently. This land is also on a medieval toll site.

Access to local Amenities

The nearest doctor"s surgery is 5 miles away from GT02 not 1.5 miles as implied. This surgery is already full, and there is no direct bus access. The local school in Radford Semele is , I believe also full.

Travel

There have been more than 12 serious accidents along this high risk route, The Fosse Way, in the last 3 years. The bus stop nearest to GT02 is on a grass verge, by a busy roundabout, with no pavement access. It is therefore a dangerous high risk site. The area has no street lighting, no paths or pavements, and cycling is another high risk activity on such a

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GT02 is right next to an ancient Roman Road, The Fosse Way. It is listed on the County Council "Archaeological Register", ancient pottery having been found recently. This land is also on a medieval toll site.

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The nearest doctor's surgery is 2 miles away from GT02 not 1.5 miles as implied. This surgery is already full, and there is no direct bus access. The local school in Radford Semele is, I believe also full.

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busy route, especially in rush hour as many commuters use it. There would be high additional costs to the council to provide these facilities to either of the nearest villages, Radford Semele or Harbury.

Mains Services.

GT02 does not have mains drainage or a gas supply. Providing these would be costly.

Rural Environment.

GT02 is very close to protected ancient woodland and the site would have a considerable impact, noise and light pollution just two examples, on wildlife including some protected species. GT02 lies in a valley as approached from Princethorpe, Ufton and Radford Semele. The Exhibition Centre keeps a very green low profile, however the visual impact of a GT site would be enormous and would not be able to be screened by hedging, or landscaping to avoid such impact.

In conclusion I feel the Enfusion report falls short of full exploration of all the issues. When thoroughly researched they render the GT02 site unsuitable for such development.

I therefore object to this proposal.

Pat Follett

