

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

Ref:

Rep. Ref.

8270

Title MR.

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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.

I object to this choice of proposed site for 3 reasons:

Environment. I do not think that this site can be integrated into the existing landscape without damaging an historic rural view that has changed little since the Romans built the Fosse Way. This delightful valley floor area backed by the sweep of deciduous woodland to the west and lying amongst open hedge-bordered fields between the valley slopes must be preserved as it is at present, and this development would be inappropriate.

Traffic Density & Flow

The success of Jaguar Land Rover means that traffic volumes along this stretch of the Fosse Way have increased dramatically in the last few years. Further plans for expansion and for more jobs at both GAYDON and COVENTRY mean that traffic to and between these sites will intensify. The additional vehicle movement created by the choice of this site as a Traveller's site will intensify an already serious problem.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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 –

Local Economy:

To see compulsory purchase powers to close down a home-grown business that brings valuable employment and economic benefit to the District would be wrong. The exhibition hall has built its reputation over many years and could not be easily re-located to premises with similar appeal to visitors and with similar levels of low frequency use car-parking.

For these reasons I urge that this site GTO2 be removed from the list of potential site options.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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:

- 1) There is a ready-built site on the A425 south of Warwick opposite Nursery Wood which was developed some years ago but never opened.
- 2) On the A423 between Princethorpe and the old Ryton Refect plant there is a suitable site already in a similar type of use & with excellent transport links.

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