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Development Policy Manager
Warwick District Council

Local Plan – Gypsy and Travellers Site Options
Response to Site GT02

I object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to use the land on which the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre stands for a site for Gypsy/Travellers.

The use of the site would mean that the landowners concerned would lose their homes, their businesses and their livelihoods
It would result in the closure of the Exhibition Centre which provides jobs for up to 40 people and which, through the number of exhibitions held each year, brings an appreciable amount of trade to the area via the use of local services – this has been estimated at £2 million to the local economy.

The site does not have convenient access to a G.P. surgery and school – the nearest surgery has no capacity for the influx of new patients and the next nearest surgery is nearly 5 miles away with no direct bus service, similarly, there is no convenient bus service to the local school.

The site is on a high risk travel route, there is no path or pavement for anyone walking and cycling is dangerous on the busy, fast commuter route.

The site is on the Archaeological Register and is on a Historical Toll site.

The site is also adjacent to protected ancient woodland which would inevitably come under pressure.

In my opinion the site could not be integrated into the local landscape without harming the character of the area.

It will not promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.


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