

# Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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Ref:

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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

~~RESPONSE~~

(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

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.

**OBJECT**

~~RESPONSE~~

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds -

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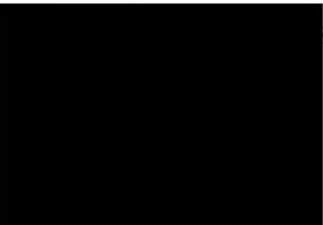
Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick District that you think would be suitable for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site, bearing in mind the criteria for site identification?. If so, please give the location and the landowners details below:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

### 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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)



Development Policy Manager  
Development Services  
Warwick District Council  
Riverside House  
Milverton Hill  
Leamington Spa CV31 5QH

09 th July 2013

Dear Sir,

**Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to site GT02**

I have received information from Radford Semele Parish Council in respect of a proposed development of a Gypsy and Travellers site close and adjacent to Radford Semele village and in the parish of Radford Semele,

I wish to lodge my total rejection to this or any other plan as it is totally inappropriate and flawed as follows:

**Gypsy and Travellers Site options Response to site GT02- Page 1**

**Criteria by which Gypsy and Travellers sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council.**

The criteria is not met it is flawed:

There is no convenient access to a GP surgery or local schools.

The area as designated has flooded owing to water from the hillside and this can only get worse.

There is not a safe access to the road network-adjacent to one of the busiest vehicle commuter arteries from the east side of Leamington spa.

There are no provisions for running water, toilet facilities or waste disposal.

This area would have an adverse affect on the natural and historic environment.

There is no way in which the site could be integrated into the landscape and would completely devastate the character of the area and environment for both Radford Semele and Ufton and become an uncontrolled and unacceptable blot on the landscape.

Development Policy Manager  
Development Services  
Warrick District Council  
41 Salside House  
Warrick Hill  
Warrington Spa CV31 3QJ

1 The Greenwolds  
Ratford Salside  
Warrington Spa  
CV31 1EP

19th July 2013

Dear Sir

Gypsy and Travellers Site (Site) and Response to Site (S102)

I have received information from Ratford Salside Parish Council in respect of a proposed development of a Gypsy and Traveller site close and adjacent to Ratford Salside village and in the parish of Ratford Salside.

I will lodge my formal rejection to the development plan as it is totally inappropriate and flawed as follows:

Gypsy and Travellers Site (Site) and Response to Site (S102) - Page 1

Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warrick District Council.

The criteria is not met it is:

I have no convenient access to a primary or local school.

The area as indicated has flooded during winter from the hillside and can only be accessed.

There is no direct access to the main road network adjacent to one of the nearest which connects routes from the site to Warrington Spa.

There are no provisions for training or employment for the site or waste disposal.

This area would have an adverse effect on the present and historic environment.

There is no way in which the site could be integrated into the landscape and would completely destroy the character of the area and environment for both Ratford Salside and Upton and be an unsightly and unacceptable blot on the landscape.

There is substantial evidence countrywide that travellers do not co-exist and integrate into the local community.

There would be enormous pressure on the local infrastructure and there are no services from which any travellers would benefit.

Travellers lifestyle-There is substantial countrywide evidence that travellers do not work from the same location and therefore omitting the travel to work- they usually have large vans and commercial lorries and work away from the site thus causing unsustainability.

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- It must be pointed out to you that the main A425 is an arterial road feeding Leamington Spa from the east and carries many heavy lorries throughout the day including fuel tankers. This and already increasing traffic flow and density in feeding into the main road makes any certain further increase in traffic by development unsustainable and even more importantly very dangerous.
- There are no footpaths to bus stops, no standing or waiting areas ( these are located on overgrown grass verges at the bus stops ) and crossing the A 425 is totally dangerous for all especially children
- There is no capacity within Radford Semele school so infants and children would need to travel to alternative venues-not ideal, it is unacceptable and would increase traffic at peak times and increase the carbon footprint.
- There are no health facilities in the village-not ideal for any increased population.
- Very limited shops in the area and any additional people would have to travel on existing inadequate road structures.
- Very little local industry for employment.
- A provision of this nature would have a significant and unacceptable impact on the village and adjoining properties and area and become an uncontrolled blot on the landscape.
- Gypsies and travellers have large numbers of horses and ponies which are usually and unacceptably tethered on the roadsides and conduct horse trading and sales which would be a breach of planning laws.



- There is totally inadequate infrastructure at Radford Semele to support this or any other proposed schemes.
- I totally object to any proposal of this nature building and development on designated green belt land and there should not be any alteration to the present limits.
- It will mean the closure of Warwickshire Exhibition Centre which has lost prospective business already as a direct result of the consultation probably no doubt without compensation from the council and which contributes revenue to the local economy and provides jobs which will be at risk.
- The site is on the Archaeological Register with Ancient remains found being a Historic Toll site from mediaeval times and must not be lost.
- It will have an irreversible unacceptable impact across the valley towards Leamington Spa and Ufton and damage to wild life habitats adjacent to a protected woodland.
- Green belt land is specifically set aside to prevent the following:
  - Urban Sprawl.
  - Towns and villages merging together.
  - It is also there to protect our precious countryside.
- **I seems ironic that only last year the council rejected the surrounding area in its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as being “ not a suitable location for development in terms of access to schools services, shops and employment “ so what has changed” ?**
- Just because the Government make the proposals it does not mean that they have to carried out.

Other Suggestions – In the protection of the existing green belt alone there are many existing brown field sites that can be made attractive for this provision.

