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Dear Sir,

Ref: Gypsy and Travellers Site Options, Site GT02.

I am writing in response to Warwick Council's plans for a Gypsy/Traveller site at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. I wish to REGISTER MY OBJECTION to these plans for the following reasons:-

Warwickshire Exhibition Centre is a thriving business employing up to 40 people, contributing a substantial amount of money to the local economy each year. This business will be destroyed if your plans go ahead with subsequent loss of those jobs. This will in turn harm the local economy regarding businesses such as restaurants, bars and shops which benefit from trade from visitors to the Centre with the subsequent loss of employment of local people. I understand that the Exhibition Centre has lost prospective business already because of the proposed plans.

The site has no convenient access to a GP Surgery, the nearest being almost five miles away with no capacity for the influx of new patients.

The only bus stop is on an overgrown grass verge on a busy commuter route with no path or pavement to walk on. The site is on a high risk travel route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last three years. Cycling is particularly hazardous on this route.

The site is also on the Archaeological Register with ancient pottery recently found and is also on an Historic Toll site from mediaeval times.

The site could not be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area. The visual impact across the valley gateway to Leamington and Warwick will be substantially impaired whilst the damage to wildlife habitat with the site adjacent to protected ancient woodland would be considerable.

Warwick Council has surely not done its homework thoroughly on its plans for this site. It is totally unsuitable with negative knock-on consequences for the whole community and the Council should NOT ALLOW this unacceptable plan to go ahead.

Yours faithfully

