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Dear Sir,

Potential locations for Gypsy and Traveller Sites

I am a resident of Bishops Tachbrook and have lived in the village for 13 years and one of the reasons for choosing this location was the quiet, peaceful and rural village setting and I believe the proposed locations of the Gypsy and Traveller Sites of will greatly affect this setting. I strongly object to these proposed locations.

I have read the criteria for the sites for Gypsy and Travellers from the consultation document. I do not think that the proposed sites are distributed evenly around the district and again the south contains a disproportionate number.

In terms of the relevant criteria I do not consider the following sites to be suitable:

Site 3: this site is very remote and does not have easy access to facilities, access, pedestrian access.

Site 4: as above.

Site 5: The access is onto a very busy road and there is no pedestrian access. There would be a visual impact on the approach to Warwick and there is a listed building on the site. There would be undue pressure on the local infrastructure and services of such a small village.

Site 6: has no pedestrian access and is very remote in relation to distance from main centres and services.

Site 9: there would be a visual impact on the approach into Warwick and there are listed buildings on the site. The access is onto a busy road and there is no pedestrian access.

Site 10: Too close to the Guide Dogs for the Blind National Breeding Centre.

Site 15: This site is located on the banks of the Tachbrook. As the proposed site may be used as a place of work there could be a risk of contamination.

The school in Bishops Tachbrook has one class of approximately 30 children per intake. A GT site of 5, 10 or 15 could be home to 10, 20 or 30 children. As Bishops Tachbrook is a small school already at capacity it could not support the needs of the site. There are other schools in the district that are not at capacity that could support the need.

The sites around Bishops Tachbrook are too remote to support the development and the village and its facilities are not big enough to support such an increase in population, in terms of infrastructure and facilities.

I understand the requirement for WDC to provide 31 pitches but I strongly feel that a larger number of smaller sites evenly distributed across the district in areas where the existing facilities can accommodate the need is the most appropriate way to meet the requirements.

