

## Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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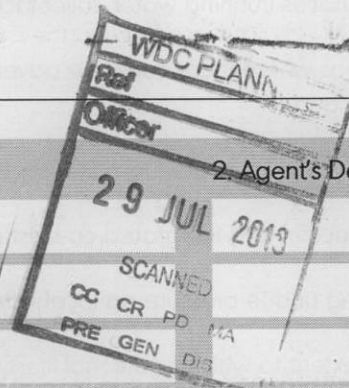
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

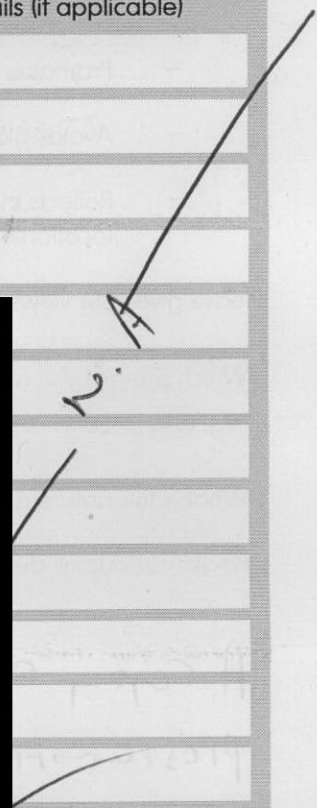
### Part A - Personal Details



1. Personal Details

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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Would you like to be made aware of other representations?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender	[REDACTED]
Ethnic Origin	[REDACTED]
Age	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44
Where did you hear about this consultation?	LOCAL GROUPS AND AS RESIDENT OF BARFLEND



## Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- 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;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be 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.

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to?

(e.g. GT01 - Land adj. to the Cobalt Centre, Siskin Drive)

What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

A copy of the "Representations to WDC's Consultation Programme on the Revised Development Strategy for both the local Plan and Sites for Gypsies and Travellers" is attached and largely concerned with:

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## Representations to WDC's Consultation Programme on the Revised Development Strategy for both the Local Plan and the Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

- Site 16 – is actually the flood compensation area from the Barford bypass build and contains a permanent central pond and is unsuitable for any form of development
- Sites 12 and 16 – sit within (part) and otherwise immediately adjacent to areas identified by the Environment Agency as having significant flood risk.
- Sites 12 and 16 – a number of residents have reported the existence of water voles in and immediately adjacent to these sites. Water voles are, of course, now a legally protected species.
- Sites 12 and 16 – there is inadequate pedestrian crossing facilities for safe access into the village.
- Sites 6 and 9 – These sites are situated on historic landfills which though closed may still have the potential to release greenhouse gases and are unsuitable for any form of permanent habitation and occupation.
- Sites 10 and 20 - These sites are situated adjacent to historic landfills which though closed may still have the potential to release greenhouse gases are unsuitable for any form of permanent habitation and occupation.
- Sites 6 and 9 – sit immediately approximate to the Asps which Warwick District Council decided, after further research regarding the landscape and transport impact of development, that site should remain open due its value as a backdrop to the historic Warwick Castle Park. The Revised Development Strategy, therefore, excludes the Asps and should also exclude the adjoining sites 6 and 9 for the same reasons.
- Sites 6 and 9 – there have been a number of reported wild deer sightings on this land and there is a population of deer that roam freely across the Castle grounds on to these 2 sites and beyond.
- Sites 12 and 16 – vehicular access to these sites is from the A429 trunk road which was constructed as a bypass to Barford. It is a 60 mph speed limit road and there have been a significant number of accidents on it since its opening, including a fatality. The existing access into the sites is entirely inadequate.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 – vehicular access to these sites is from an already heavily utilised road network. Access and egress to and from these sites to the highways network would not be safe.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 – the sites are not sustainable in terms of multi modal accessibility. None of the sites offer the ability to access local community facilities (schools, doctors surgeries etc) on foot or on bike via pedestrian footpaths or cycle routes, or by bus. The only means of accessibility is by car which would place further pressure on the local highway network infrastructure and is unsustainable.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 20 – development would lead to an unacceptable loss of farmland and rural employment, rendering the isolated sites (eg site 12) totally unviable.

- Sites 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 16 – development would have a material negative impact on the capacity of Barford St. Peter's School, especially given the village's status as a "Secondary Service Village" and it's likely requirement to provide 70-90 new dwellings during the Plan period.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 20 – WDC have disregarded their own Rural Area Policies, especially RAPs 1 (New Housing), 6 (New Employment), 10 (Safeguarding Rural Roads) and 15 (Camping and caravan Sites). In all respects the sites fail to meet the policy criteria to allow any form of development.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 and 20 – the development of all of these sites could not take place without a material adverse effect on the landscape and could not be integrated without harming the visual amenity of the sites.
- Sites 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 – are not locations which allow peaceful and integrated co-existence with the local community.
- Availability – only 3 of the sites listed are available, namely sites 15, 17 and 18. By definition the remaining sites are not deliverable.
- WDC should have identified brownfield sites within the existing urban areas of Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington for Gypsies and Travellers. These sites would be more suitable and sustainable, and would enable better integration in to the local community. Despite such sites existing, they are all being proposed for redevelopment for more valuable uses.
- WDC should be requiring Gypsy and Traveller sites are delivered within the proposed major new housing developments in Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington. This would ensure that the sites could be properly designed in a sustainable fashion and be fully integrated into a local community which will provide facilities such as a school, a doctors surgery and shops which are accessible on foot, on bike, by bus and by car.
- Ecology and Environment – all of the sites have some ecological value and environmental issues which does not appear to have been assessed.
- WDC should revisit its Greenbelt Policy and release sites to the north of Warwick and Leamington which would reduce the pressure to allocate land for all forms of development during the new Local Plan period to the south of the District.
- WDC should consider allocating an area of land to the south of Warwick and Leamington including The Asps and Sites 5, 6, 9, 10 as Greenbelt to provide a 'buffer' to the proposed developments to the south of Warwick and Leamington and/or to extend the proposed Bishops Tachbrook Country Park as far as the Banbury Road near to Warwick Castle Park. This would ensure the villages in the south of the District retain their identity and are not 'swallowed up' by Warwick and Leamington over time.

## Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this 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 land owner's details below:

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