

Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Response Form 2013

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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.

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Part A - Personal Details

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Where did you hear about this consultation?		

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.

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**RESPONSE TO A PROPOSAL BY WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL TO
CONSTRUCT A GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS SITE ABUTTING THE
FOSSE WAY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE A425 (RADFORD SEMELE TO
UFTON ROAD)**

Site Reference GT02

1. If sited on the Warwickshire Exhibition site it would eliminate that business which currently employs over forty people full /part time employees, a business which currently fits well into the local landscape and social environment.
2. If sited on the opposite side of the Fosse Way to the Exhibition site, as shown on the Plan in the Consultation document , the business could be expected to close. The announcement of this site as a potential site for Gypsies and Travellers has already led to the loss of future bookings. The owner advised the public meeting on 25th June 2013 of this as fact.
3. There are ecological concerns particularly as to the effect that uncontrolled and unvaccinated dogs would have on the wild life and local farm animals.
4. The area of the site is low-lying with a potential for flooding.
5. There are concerns from the local farming community where intensive fresh food production required to be secure from any form of contamination in order to meet current food standards. It was pointed out that this form of local crop production may well not be able to continue. Owners would not be prepared to maintain portable equipment e.g. for water supply on the open fields.
6. The analysis of the location in the report failed to recognise the association with the Roman occupation of this area and therefore the archaeological possibilities once digging commences to prepare a site for the proposed development.
7. The area of the proposed site, necessitated by the extensive facilities to be provided, demands a site equivalent to three times the size of the existing Exhibition Hall. The meeting on 25th June 2013 totally disbelieved that such a proposal for this site could even be contemplated by anyone having a proper focus on the character of the site and any knowledge of the location.
8. Existing traffic density is also a concern. There are numerous traffic signs already drawing attention to current dangers. An additional site will exacerbate the problem. The Fosse Way is renown for its traffic accident rate and there is little likelihood that it will be upgraded or widened
9. Access to the road network from the site by numerous and disorganised vehicle movement is clearly a traffic hazard.
10. The Report prepared by the Consultants for WDC advanced the idea of easy access to the towns of Leamington and Kenilworth - bus services, convenience of doctors surgery, convenient footpaths etc. A more realistic assessment reveals that bus

stops in the vicinity are on the grass verge, there are no safe waiting positions, there are no footpaths in the vicinity, only very busy roads, and the nearest doctors surgery is a distance away and full and unable to take more patients.

11. Existing public transport is inadequate and it is doubtful that there is sufficient schooling capacity within practical reach of the site.

12. The current characteristics of the site need to be taken in the context of its history. The origins of the Village at Radford Semele and its perimeters date from Norman times with Saxon influence. 1,000 years prior to that the historic Fosse Way was constructed, which passes the precise position proposed by the Consultants for this site. The area of the Fosse Way is potential for archaeological expiration and the larger alluvial plain between the two wooded escarpments of Radford Semele on the one hand and Ufton on the other provides for quality agricultural land which is in use today. Installation of a Gypsy and Traveller site would undoubtedly cause an adverse detrimental impact upon this scene.

David Leigh – Hunt

Valerie Leigh - Hunt

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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:

I THINK MY REASONABLE CONCERN
IS TO FOCUS ON MY OWN AREA

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