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Tracey Dark,
Warwick District Council,
Riverside House
Milverton Hill,
Leamington Spa.
CV32 5QH

Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Dear Madam,

I am writing to state my objections to the possible development of one of the above sites on my land down Westham Lane, Barford.

Having already lost a considerable area for the construction of the bypass under a compulsory purchase order the loss of further land, however small, will have a significant effect on the viability of my farming activities which is my sole occupation.

All of my land is top quality Grade 2 suitable for growing high value vegetable crops. There is only a small area of such land in the Midlands, a high proportion of such land already growing such produce as evident in the Barford, Wasperton and Hampton Lucy. Although currently I grow combinable crops I have grown potatoes in the past and may well revert to growing them again and also introduce these now most popular salad crops.

The loss of a piece of ground for a site would no doubt create, further to the bypass, awkward shaped fields making it more difficult for field operations, particularly applying pesticides and thus increase the hazards to the environment.

Unattended machinery around my buildings would be an attractive 'playground' for children living close by and thus create a safety hazard.

I hope that you will take the above into account and rather than using my ground consider the many suitable 'brown field' sites and areas of reclaimed land within the district.

Yours faithfully,


W.T.Morgan