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Dear Sir

Sites for gypsies and travellers
Warwickshire Exhibition Centre CT02

I write to say that I do not think that this is a suitable site for a gypsy/traveller site at or nearby the **Warwickshire Exhibition Centre** on the Fosse Way & Southam Road junction. There are serious problems that appear to have been overlooked in the proposal. It will have a damaging effect on a thriving local business, which not only provides direct employment, but also indirectly in the wider area in hotels, shops etc. An enterprise like the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre should have every encouragement in these difficult times.

Also the proposed site is in close proximity to two busy roads making it unsuitable for families with children (and dogs), who could be at risk. There is not a doctor's surgery within easy reach. It is many years since there was a surgery in Radford Semele village. Furthermore, the nearest primary school in the village is almost full to capacity now and will almost certainly be over subscribed, when the proposed new houses for Radford Semele are built and occupied.

The proposed site will be in an area of scenic beauty in full view from Ufton Hill, Radford Hill and the approach from the north along the Fosse Way. Even a high hedge would not obscure it. It would be detrimental to the historic environment (the ancient Roman Road) and the rural environment with its wildlife habitats and woodland. Nearby there are other agricultural businesses (including Alpacas and pedigree pig farms) and there are concerns about disruption.

Considering the above, I feel that this is not the right place for a gypsy/traveller site and I feel the travelling community themselves might prefer a site somewhere better suited to their needs.

Yours faithfully



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