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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GYPSY/TRAVELLERS SITE GT02

I am writing to register my objection for the proposed development of site GT02, on the following grounds.

Rural Environment

The fact of GT02 lying within a valley and would be visible to travellers from many of the local areas, constitutes failing the "*rural environment*" due to the visual impact. I travel to work everyday through this area and fail to see how this development couldn't fail to be seen by anyone passing through this valley.

Also, the damage to the wildlife habitat in the Parlour Spinney Woodland, adjacent to the GT02 proposed site would be hugely detrimental and contrary to your own criteria.

Travel

My grandparents live on the Fosse Way just ½ a mile from the proposed location and have done so for nearly 40 yrs. In that time I know they have witnessed many road accidents, including one involving my Uncle. I am a younger driver and am well aware of the speed and danger on the Fosse Way. The Council have even put up High Risk travel route signs within recent years. To pull out safely onto this road when visiting my grandparents is not easy, but is especially difficult at commuter times of the day. There have been more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years and despite the speed signs, some vehicles continue to use it, it would seem as a race track!

The adjacent bus stop to the proposed GT02 is on an overgrown verge. There is no path to walk anywhere and cycling is dangerous.

Historic Environment

The site is on the Archaeological Register with Ancient Pottery recently found. We have walked many of the public footpaths surrounding the area, and the Parlour Spinney Woodland, mentioned above, has been there for a very long time. The land is on a Historic Toll site from mediaeval times.

Impact on the local economy

If the plan goes ahead, the GT02 site will have a detrimental affect on the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. It has lost prospective business already. During Exhibitions, up to 40 jobs – now at risk – are provided for the local community. An economic impact assessment submits that the exhibition centre contributes more than £2m to the local economy each year, with knock-on business at risk.

Access to Local Amenities

As the nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for lots of new patients, and the next nearest one is almost five miles away, with no direct bus service, it would seem to me that this does not constitute "*convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport*" that is another of the criteria against which the suitability of GT02 site is judged.

I object to this proposed development as I do not believe that the suitability of GT02 ticks all or indeed nearly all, of the criteria boxes you require. I urge you to reconsider the suitability.

Yours faithfully



Stacie Heath