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Dear Sirs

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I am writing in response to the proposed gypsy and traveller sites in the parish of Bishops Tachbrook.

It appears that the majority of sites have been proposed around the village of Bishops Tachbrook, 6/20. What is a real concern to me is that our village has very few resources. We have a church, a sports and social club built through fund raising and used by many of the village groups and the volunteers that run the groups and a small primary school.

The school is always over subscribed. Bishops Tachbrook Primary has an intake of 30 pupils per year, plus 30 children in each class up to year 6 and is always full. The school does not have the resources to be able to support children that have received very little education and will struggle to integrate into this environment. The school has help from a lot of parents who give up their time to help teach and read with pupils. As a lot of gypsy and traveller children's parents are illiterate – then these children will need even more support and the school simply will not be able to meet the requirements of these children.

Secondary schools are also over subscribed in the area.

One of my other main concerns is that these sites back on to a very busy road putting children and adults safety at risk as there are no pavements and a lack of public transport.

My concerns for the sites are as such

GT03 is very remote and not in reach of major amenities

GT04 remote

GT05 has access onto a very busy road, with cars travelling at speed. This would be dangerous to introduce caravans turning into the site, and pedestrian access is dangerous. I would argue that to even build a footpath alongside that road would be dangerous and there is no footpath to reach any facilities.

GT06 very remote and again no pedestrian access

GT09 has no pedestrian access and again a negative visual impact onto visitors to Warwick.

GT10 is close to the Blind National Breeding Centre and I would question the risk of disease from un vaccinated pets and animals belonging to the gypsies.

GT15 lack of public transport and no path or pavement to walk anywhere and cycling is dangerous on busy commuter routes.

Children cannot be allowed to stand on a busy road to wait for transport to school.

I strongly feel that the sites chosen are unsuitable.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you require any further verification of my objections.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Williams