

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.

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This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	MR.	
First Name	TIMOTHY	
Last Name	LOAKES	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender	MALE	
Ethnic Origin	BRITISH	
Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 24
	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 65+
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?	ORIGINAL PLANNING CONSULTATION.	

Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

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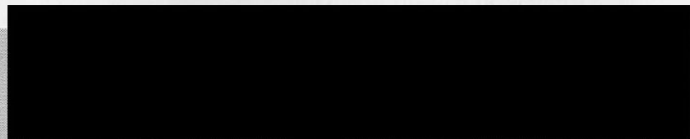
The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- 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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Developing this site for effectively six dwellings and the construction of toilets and washing facility buildings would contravene the Green Belt.
For over 32 years the Depot has been used purely as a storage facility and has not contained any buildings.

GT08 is a huge site just for six pitches, i.e. potentially six Caravans and their towing vehicles. The cost of landscaping this huge site together with the construction of essential amenities and the potential to bring services on site as necessary could be prohibitive in the current climate. There is also the cost of road construction and parking bays within the site.

As the GT08 site is only 180 yards from the nearest houses along Leicester Lane and therefore would contravene one of the councils own policy criteria of 'Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance'.

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I have read the literature regarding the proposed Gypsy sites and worked my way through the Traveller Accommodation Assessment by Salford University. I understand the Warwickshire district planning Dept has an obligation to support the Governments requirement regarding the Gypsy sites but the planning Dept has an even greater obligation to the people of the Warwick district , who support the Warwick District Council to the tune of £7.8million pounds in Council Taxes every year to enable the WDC to run the County services, for the benefit of everyone.

In these straightened times when Council money is so short and Warwick residents are having to tighten their belts how much are the proposed Gypsy sites going to cost to set up? Can the rate payers of Warwickshire afford it ?

I understand from the literature that Washing / shower and toilet facilities will be provided together with refuse collections What about electricity?

Who will pay the water rates? What fees will be charged to use each pitch?

I understand that on some established sites Gypsies have refused to use the sites because they have been asked to PAY a fee to use them.

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Will there be a Manager in charge of the sites with the necessary power to ensure that the gypsies obey the site laws? - and will ID be required by residents - otherwise it could become a free for all! What about insurance and licencing?

I was interested to see the LocalPlan brochure for the Gypsy and Travellers which was obviously designed to be a PR exercise. Caravans parked on immaculate cut lawns with picturesque painted vardoes and the obligatory black and white horse with happy children playing . If only things were like that in the real world.

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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:

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