

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

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Criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller's sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability by Warwick District Council:

- 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;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities waste disposal etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be an 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.

IT IS IMPORTANT to comment/object adhering to the above criteria and the council provided form follows that process. It is implied that you should use the WDC form or the response form available online. YOU ARE HOWEVER STILL PERMITTED to respond by writing to the Council's Development Policy Manager or you could choose to use this site specific form prepared for GT 02

I OBJECT

(Please delete as required.)

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

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I wish to object to the site GT02 as I do not consider it meets the criteria outlined.

- The nearest available surgery is nearly 5 miles away and schools are equally distant. All are at or near capacity. The nearest supermarket is over 4 miles distant. So convenient access is not possible.
- The proposed site is on two major high-speed roads so this would be unsafe for residents particularly the children.
- The site would be on an important historic and archaeological area and occupy valuable good quality arable land needed for food production.
- A 15 pitch site would occupy over 8000 m² and the irregular pattern of these types of sites could not be integrated into the rural area without being highly visual and harming the entire area.
- The site would be in close proximity to five isolated properties and over a mile and a half distant from the closest community. They could not be integration as envisaged and a small number of settled residents would be greatly outnumbered.
- There is no mains sewerage or gas at this location and the rural electricity supply could not accommodate this far greater demand and thus the proposal places undue pressure on infrastructure and services. The site would require extensive non mains facilities to ensure air/groundwater quality.
- The suggestion of working from site would result in an even larger more unsightly operation harmful to the entire area.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Warwick District Council will judge proposed sites against the nationally accepted criteria. The purpose of the criteria is to seek to meet the requirements of the Gypsy and Travellers community not necessarily local residents, businesses and employment.

Areas of concern could include:

• Agriculture • Animal Welfare • Co-existence • Crime • Ecology and Habitat • Education/Schools • Healthcare/ Surgeries • Highways and Safety • Local Economy • Rural Landscape • Services and Utilities • Tourism • Traffic Density/ Flow • Urbanisation.

I OBJECT

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to the proposals on the following grounds –

I also consider that there are further concerns relative to this proposal.

- A major concern is that should the site be established it will result in the closure of the nearby Exhibition Centre with a loss of jobs and a major effect on the local economy. In addition there are number of other small businesses located nearby which could also be affected.
- If the Exhibition Centre were to close local residents could face the problem of illegal entry and occupation of the centre's large car park thereby creating a far greater problem.
- The proposed site would be highly visible in the countryside from both the Southam Road and Fosse Way. These are important routes carrying substantial traffic and this type of site would be detrimental to Warwick and Leamington's reputation, appearance and tourism.
- Local services, facilities, medical care and schools cannot accommodate further development of this type and there would be many effects on what is a well established settled community.
- The proposed site will present a very irregular appearance particularly if space for work from site is provided. It would be completely out of place in the rural setting and the high number of traffic movements generated could have very adverse effects on highway safety at a junction which, at peak times, is used by over 2000 vehicles per hour.
- The site would result in many features such as street/site lighting, pavements, bus stops and possible road widening widening to provide access and this would be urbanisation of what is now open countryside.
- The site is close to traditional Woodlands where there are protected species and established habitats and these would be greatly affected, it is also on an important highway built nearly 2000 years ago.

SEND TO: Development Policy Manager, Development Services,
Warwick District Council, Riverside House,
Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH

Signature 

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within Warwick 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 landowners details below:

Guidance on Making Representations

- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below. It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform WDC in writing.
- All forms should be received by **5.15 p.m. on Monday, 29 July 2013**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the council's offices at Riverside House and online via the council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

To return this form please drop off at either Riverside House, Leamington Town Hall or your local library or post to **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5QH** or email to: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk