

# 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

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**OBJECT**

**I APPROVE**

(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.

- There is NO convenient access to a G.P. surgery - the nearest surgery has no capacity for the new influx of patients and the next nearest surgery is nearly 5 miles away with no direct bus service.  
Available places are limited at the village primary school.  
Access to public transport is an isolated bus stop, on an overgrown verge, with no pavement, on the edge of a busy road with a 50 mph speed limit - hardly convenient or safe.
- There are currently no provision of utilities on the proposed site these would have to be installed at a considerable cost.
- The proposed site would have an adverse impact on both important natural and historic environments
- The proposed site could not be integrated into the landscape without causing a visual impact that would harm the character of the area.
- The already strong local opposition to the proposed site and the way sites that have recently been inhabited by travellers have been left does not promote a peaceful and integrated co-existence between local communities and travellers' sites. (see local press coverage July 2013)
- There is no evidence to suggest any contribution to sustainability by the travellers living and working on the same site - what jobs can be carried out on the proposed site and how would these affect the sustainability of the local community??

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

I APPROVE

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to the proposals on the following grounds -

THE GTOZ SITE SIMPLY DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SUITABILITY OR SUSTAINABILITY BY WHICH THE WDC JUDGES PROPOSED SITES. The requirements of a gypsy/travellers community as outlined overleaf cannot be met by the GTOZ site because of the following:

- THERE IS NO CONVENIENT ACCESS TO LOCAL AMENITIES - the nearest GP's is full and the next nearest G.P.'s is almost 5 miles away with no direct bus service and the local primary school is already nearing its full capacity
- The site is on a high risk travel route with more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 yrs. The adjacent bus stop is on an overgrown verge with no pavement or shelter and therefore poses a very real danger to those who use it. There are no pavements to walk anywhere and cycling is very dangerous on this very busy route.
- The site is on the archaeological register and next to a major Roman road therefore creating an adverse impact on the historic environment.
- The rural environment would also be adversely affected by the site, creating a visual impact across the valley gateway to Leamington and Warwick and possibly endangering the protected ancient woodland adjacent to it.

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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:

No.

## 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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

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## OBJECTION to site GTOZ

Whilst the purpose of the criteria is to seek to meet the requirements of the Gypsy and Travellers community and not necessarily the requirements of local residents and businesses it should also be noted that if this plan goes ahead it will have serious consequences for the local economy.

The proposed site is located near to the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, which has already lost prospective business due to these plans and will close if they go ahead. Such a closure would mean 40 local residents losing their jobs and according to an economic impact assessment a loss of more than £2 million to the local economy each year will knock on business also at risk.