

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

For Official Use Only

Ref:

Rep. Ref.

10081

Title

MR

First name/initials

DAVID

Surname

Row

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.

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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

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.

I OBJECT BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING:-

- THE NEAREST DOCTOR'S SURGERY IS ALREADY AT/NEAR CAPACITY WITH THE NEXT SURGERY BEING APPROX. 5 MILES AWAY WITH NO DIRECT PUBLIC TRANSPORT LINK.
- PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS POOR ANYWAY.
- ACCESS TO THE SITE IS FROM THE HISTORIC FOSSE WAY, A ROAD RENOWN FOR THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY. SUCH IS CONCERN THAT THE COUNCIL DISPLAY SIGNS EVERY FEW MILES DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF ROAD USERS TO THESE ACCIDENTS.
- THE A425 LEAMINGTON-SOUTHAM ROAD IS ALSO ADJACENT TO THIS SITE. THIS IS A NARROW, HEAVILY USED ROAD THEORETICALLY SUBJECT TO A 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT.
- THE NEAREST BUS STOP IS SITUATED ON A NARROW, OVERGROWN VERGE ON THE A425 & NOT SERVED BY A FOOTPATH. THERE IS NO SHELTER OR STANDING AREA WITH CARS AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES PASSING AT A MINIMUM OF 50 MPH!
- ACCESS TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE IS VIA THE A425 WHICH HAS NO FOOTPATH AND WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNSAFE FOR PEDESTRIANS OR CYCLISTS.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT UTILITIES ARE NOT INSTALLED ON THE SITE AND IT WOULD BE VERY COSTLY TO INSTALL THEM.
- THE SITE IS ON THE ARCHEOLOGICAL REGISTER NEXT TO A ROMAN ROAD WITH ANCIENT WOODLAND NEARBY
- THE SITE WOULD ADVERSLEY EFFECT THE RURAL AREA BOTH VISUALLY AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF FLORA AND FAUNA.
- THE LOCAL ROADS ARE BARELY ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH CURRENT USAGE AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THIS COULD BE REMEDIED WITH OUT VERY MAJOR WORKS ESPECIALLY SINCE FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS IS INADEQUATE.
- IT WILL BE EVIDENT FROM LOCAL OPPOSITION AND PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING CLEARING UP AFTER TRAVELLERS THAT THE CHANCES OF A PEACEFUL AND INTEGRATED CO-EXISTENCE ARE ZERO.

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.

OBJECT

I APPROVE

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds - CONT. FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

IT STATES ABOVE THAT "THE CRITERIA SEEK TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY NOT NECESSARILY LOCAL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT."

IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THIS STATEMENT THAT THE ALMOST CERTAIN DESTRUCTION AND CLOSURE OF THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THE WARWICKSHIRE EXHIBITION CENTRE WITH THE RESULTANT LOSS OF AROUND 40 JOBS AND AROUND £2M TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY IS OF NO CONSIDERATION.

DECISION MAKERS SHOULD HOWEVER BE AWARE OF THIS AND ITS ADVERSE EFFECT OF PEOPLES ATTITUDE.

I HOPE MY OBJECTIONS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION!

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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:

THE LITTLE CHEF SITE ON THE A46

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

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Gypsies 'forcing camps on council'

GYPPIES are trying to pressure Warwick District Council to secure permanent traveller sites, says a veteran councillor.

Long-time Whitnash independent councillor Bernard Kirton believes Gypsies are trying to force the council into action after his town saw yet another short-lived Gypsy camp come and go.

It comes as council chiefs consider controversial plans to provide 31 permanent pitches for Gypsy and traveller caravans in the district. A public consultation is currently on-going over 20 possible sites, which has provoked strong opposition from residents who do not want the sites on their doorstep. Council chiefs have admitted they would rather not have to provide such sites but have been ordered to by the Government.

Coun Kirton said the recent arrival of 11 caravans and two motorhomes on Redlands Park, off Spa View, was not accidental. "I have a distinct feeling this is politically organised by people wanting to



Contractor Steve Findler clears up mess left by gypsies at Redlands Park. 29.013.0005. learn.me

make a point. It is politically motivated," he told The Observer.

"Gypsies want to put pressure on councils like ours as they want permanent Gypsy sites. My view is that this is not the way to get people on side by turning up and being a nuisance."

But the traveller community have accused politicians of using the issue for personal gain.

Joseph Jones, Gypsy council chairman, said: "It is apparent that local MPs and councillors are again using the Gypsy site identification project as a political football, to gain votes in the next election."

"Just how are we to integrate into today's society when MPs and councillors are promoting more segregation through their own selfishness and power? Have we not contributed to local commerce through the agricultural industry, fought in two world wars and more over been in the UK for 500 years?"

"Now, because we like living in tin cans, we have become the UK's untouchables." The group spent six days camped

on Redlands Park before they left on Thursday (July 11) after setting woodland on fire, leaving firefighters and their council contractors to clear-up in their wake.

And the day before the Redland Gypsies arrived, another group left a makeshift camp at Myton Fields in Warwick - a favourite site over the years - again leav-

ing the area rubbish-strewn for the council to clear.

Warwick District Council said the clear up cost was met by its existing cleaning contract and would incur no extra cost to the taxpayer.

The public consultation on Gypsy and traveller site options runs until Monday, July 29.

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