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Development Policy Manager, Development Services
Warwick District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GYPSY/TRAVELLERS SITE GT02

I am writing to register my objection for the proposed development of site GT02, on the following grounds.

- 1 **Travel** - Having lived on the Fosse Way just ½ mile from the proposed site for nearly 10yrs prior to leaving home, my main concern is that related to safety. I understand one of the criteria you judge a suitable site against is "*safe access to the road network ...*". My brother, whilst stationary outside home, Sharmer House, waiting to turn into the driveway, was knocked off his motorbike and thrown into the ditch, from behind by a car who was travelling too fast along the road to stop. Nearly 30yrs later, there are still many accidents on this stretch of the Fosse Way, and in recent time, the Council have added their own road signs, 'High Risk travel route', highlighting the danger to road users. There have been more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3years, and many before that, when as a family we supported/cared for people who needed the '999' services.

There is no pavement along any of this route to walk anywhere and cycling is dangerous on the busy commuter routes.
- 2 **Impact on the local economy** – If the plan goes ahead, the GT02 site will have a detrimental affect on the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. We heard at a recent meeting, that they have already lost bookings due to the recent disclosure of this proposed site location. The Centre, during exhibitions, provides up to 40 jobs for the local community and this will inevitably be at risk.
- 3 **Access to Local Amenities** - As the nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for lots of new patients, and the next nearest one is almost five miles away, with no direct bus service, it would seem to me that this does not constitute "*convenient access to a GP surgery, school and public transport*" that is another of the criteria against which the suitability of GT02 site is judged.
- 4 **Historic Environment** - It goes without saying that "*avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment ...*" would fail also, with the proximity of the Parlour Spinney Woodland, which dates back to doomsday and has protected species such as, bats, deer, pondlife, etc within. Also the fact that the Fosse Way itself is one of the most historic roads I am aware of.
- 5 **Rural Environment** - The fact of GT02 lying within a valley and would be visible to travellers from many of the local areas, constitutes failing the "*rural environment*" due to the visual impact. See also re woodland above.

I ask you to reconsider the suitability of site GT02 against your own criteria, and urge that this is not a suitable site for the reasons above.

I object to this proposed development.

Yours faithfully

CHRISTINE HEATH