

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.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

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	MRS	
First Name	VALERIE	
Last Name	LEIGH-HUNT	
Job Title (where relevant)	SOLICITOR	
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?		
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		
Where did you hear about this 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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**RESPONSE TO A PROPOSAL BY WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL TO
CONSTRUCT A GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS SITE ABUTTING THE
FOSSE WAY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE A425 (RADFORD SEMELE TO
UFTON ROAD)**

Site Reference GT02

1. If sited on the Warwickshire Exhibition site it would eliminate that business which currently employs over forty people full /part time employees, a business which currently fits well into the local landscape and social environment.
2. If sited on the opposite side of the Fosse Way to the Exhibition site, as shown on the Plan in the Consultation document , the business could be expected to close. The announcement of this site as a potential site for Gypsies and Travellers has already led to the loss of future bookings. The owner advised the public meeting on 25th June 2013 of this as fact.
3. There are ecological concerns particularly as to the effect that uncontrolled and unvaccinated dogs would have on the wild life and local farm animals.
4. The area of the site is low-lying with a potential for flooding.
5. There are concerns from the local farming community where intensive fresh food production required to be secure from any form of contamination in order to meet current food standards. It was pointed out that this form of local crop production may well not be able to continue. Owners would not be prepared to maintain portable equipment e.g. for water supply on the open fields.
6. The analysis of the location in the report failed to recognise the association with the Roman occupation of this area and therefore the archaeological possibilities once digging commences to prepare a site for the proposed development.
7. The area of the proposed site, necessitated by the extensive facilities to be provided, demands a site equivalent to three times the size of the existing Exhibition Hall. The meeting on 25th June 2013 totally disbelieved that such a proposal for this site could even be contemplated by anyone having a proper focus on the character of the site and any knowledge of the location.
8. Existing traffic density is also a concern. There are numerous traffic signs already drawing attention to current dangers. An additional site will exacerbate the problem. The Fosse Way is renown for its traffic accident rate and there is little likelihood that it will be upgraded or widened
9. Access to the road network from the site by numerous and disorganised vehicle movement is clearly a traffic hazard.
10. The Report prepared by the Consultants for WDC advanced the idea of easy access to the towns of Leamington and Kenilworth - bus services, convenience of doctors surgery, convenient footpaths etc. A more realistic assessment reveals that bus

stops in the vicinity are on the grass verge, there are no safe waiting positions, there are no footpaths in the vicinity, only very busy roads, and the nearest doctors surgery is a distance away and full and unable to take more patients.

11. Existing public transport is inadequate and it is doubtful that there is sufficient schooling capacity within practical reach of the site.

12. The current characteristics of the site need to be taken in the context of its history. The origins of the Village at Radford Semele and its perimeters date from Norman times with Saxon influence. 1,000 years prior to that the historic Fosse Way was constructed, which passes the precise position proposed by the Consultants for this site. The area of the Fosse Way is potential for archaeological expiration and the larger alluvial plain between the two wooded escarpments of Radford Semele on the one hand and Ufton on the other provides for quality agricultural land which is in use today. Installation of a Gypsy and Traveller site would undoubtedly cause an adverse detrimental impact upon this scene.

David Leigh – Hunt

Valerie Leigh - Hunt

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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:

I THINK MY REASONABLE CONCERN
IS TO FOCUS ON MY OWN AREA.

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Guidance on Making Representations

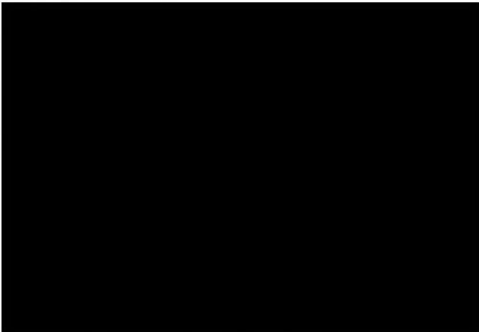
- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 us in writing
- All forms should be received by **5.15pm 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 one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times	
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs Fri	8.45am – 5.15pm 8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs Fri	8.45am – 5.15pm 8.45am – 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat	10.30am – 5.00pm 1.30pm – 5.00pm Closed 10.30am – 4.00pm 10.30am – 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds Thurs Fri Sat Sun	9.30am – 6.00pm 10.00am – 7.00pm 9.30am – 6.00pm 9.30am – 4.30pm 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs Fri Sat	8.00am – 5.30pm 8.00am – 5.00pm 9.00am – 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – Tues Wed Thurs – Fri Sat	9.00am – 5.30pm 10.30am – 5.30pm 9.00am – 5.30pm 9.00am – 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon Tues and Fri Weds Thurs Sat	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Closed 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm 9.30am – 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am – 5.00pm
Finham Community Library Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon Tues, Thurs and Fri Sat	1.00pm – 7.00pm 9.00am – 7.00pm 9.00am – 4.00pm

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.



27th July 2013

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

BY HAND

Dear Sir,

Local Plan – Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

On behalf of my wife Valerie Leigh – Hunt and myself I enclose two forms of objection to the selection of Site GT02 for the purposes of a permanent site for gypsies and travellers.

Yours faithfully



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Officer
29 JUL 2013
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