

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: 10752

Rep. Ref.

Title MRS

First name/initials MIRIAM

Surname YOUNG

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

OBJECT

~~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.

Please see attached sheets

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.

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to the proposals on the following grounds –

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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

GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS SITE OPTIONS

RESPONSE TO SITE GT02

Miriam Young

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1 Convenient access:

The proposed site does not meet this criteria. The only access to public transport is a bus stop on an overgrown grass verge with no safe access to it. I will not allow my 15 year old to use the bus service as I truly believe it is too dangerous to get to because of the extremely busy road and fast moving traffic and no pedestrian access ie pavements.

The local school is already over-subscribed so there would be some distance to travel to the next available school.

There is no GP Surgery in Radford Semele.

2 Safe access to road network:

Access to the Fosse is far from safe. It is a high risk crash route as denoted by all the warning signs placed along it. Trying to pull out into the flow of the fast moving traffic is very difficult and dangerous (something we hadn't full appreciated until after we moved here). How the travellers could safely manage it with caravans and trailers in tow would be of grave concern.

3 Provision of utilities

There is no mains gas supply or mains sewage. The electricity supply is at times intermittent.

4 Adverse impact on important features:

There would be an adverse impact on the natural and historic environment. The area is of historic importance with it being on the most documented Roman Road and ancient pottery is still being discovered. The site is on the Archaeological Register and an archaeological dig should be authorised before any development proceeds. There are also records on county files from mediaeval times. The site is also adjacent to protected ancient woodland.

There are bats in the area which are a protected species and also buzzards and owls whose habitat would be endangered. Although I am unsure of where their setts are there are also badgers in the area.

5 Sites which can be integrated into the landscape:

The proposed site is set in a valley, it is not feasible for 15 pitches and a workplace to be integrated into the landscape when it can be viewed from the approaches on the hills.

6 Avoids placing undue pressure on local infrastructures and services:

The local infrastructures and services are scant as they are but any amenities in existence are already at maximum capacity ie the local school and the nearest GP surgery.

RESPONSE TO SITE GT02

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The proposed site does not meet the criteria for easy access to public transport as a bus stop on an overgrown grass verge with no safe crossing. I will not allow my 15 year old to use the bus service as I truly believe it is too dangerous to get to because of the extremely busy road and fast moving traffic and no pedestrian access points.

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I object to the proposals on the following grounds:-

The proposed site actually meets very few of the criteria as outlined by Warwick District Council. I have illustrated this in my previous comments.

It is totally unsuitable for children due to the dangerous road. In the 2 years we have been here I have witnessed a dog being run over and had a very distressed lady turn up with a muntjac deer attached to the front of her car – God forbid the same could so easily happen to a young child. With the nature of a travellers site there will be gates opening and closing all the time for the numerous residents to come and go about their business and anybody who has had young children knows what a risk that can be.

There is no pedestrian access to anywhere. All local facilities are already over-subscribed.

The effect to the local economy would be devastating. The Warwick Exhibition Centre is located at this site and it is estimated that it contributes £2m to the local economy with potential of increasing on that. Not only does it employ up to 40 people, it also brings in business to the local B&B's, hotels, petrol stations, shops and tourism in the local area. This would all inevitably be affected. The livelihoods and the homes of all at the Exhibition Centre and Honey Cottage are being threatened with a Compulsory Purchase Order. I believe it is stated that there needs to be a "compelling case in the public interest" for a Compulsory Purchase Order to be issued. I do not believe the Warwick Exhibition Centre losing its business is in the public interest but to the contrary to the detriment of public interest.

This is a totally unsuitable location for the proposed Travellers site.

