

Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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Ref: 10758

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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

OBJECT



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Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria as outlined by the council.

The site is located at a point where there is no main gas, sewerage or drainage and these facilities will need to be provided adding to the cost of the development, alongside traffic control and road widening to provide access into the site. There would also be a requirement for bus shelters, a pedestrian crossing and more street lighting would also be needed. The choice of site overlooks the fact that at this point the Fosse Way built 2000 years ago, is on its original alignment and there's likely to be considerable archaeological remains in the area which will be destroyed by this development. Nearby, there are historic Woodlands which contain rare species of bats and newts amongst others so this criteria is also not met. How can there ever be a peaceful and integrated co-existence between roughly only twenty houses in a rural area and a newly created site with treble or more inhabitants suddenly setting up camp. The site would inevitably result in the closure of the Exhibition Centre with resultant job losses of up to 40 local people along with, and importantly, the loss of up to £5million to the local economy. As expressed in your own report published in May 2012 (W.D.C. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments) states that this area (GT 02) "is not adjacent to the existing built up area and will not be considered to be a suitable location for development in terms of access to schools, shops and employment." i.e direct from the horses mouth. The area has no safe access as its on a very fast High Risk route where there have been more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. The nearest GP is in fact 3.3 miles away not 1.5 as claimed by your report and like the local schools they are running at near full capacity at present.

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 – GT 02 is sited on a junction of two main roads with high traffic flows and Fosse Way in particular is on a High Risk travel route which has seen more than 12 serious accidents in the last 3 years. Along with the High Risk road there is also the added danger of the Grand Union Canal which would seem to present a safety issue for the residents of the site due to the influx of many children. The Warwickshire Exhibition Centre will have to close due to external organisers will form the perception that the venue is no longer secure, and stop using it leading to up to 40 local job losses and around £5million in revenue brought to the local economy will be lost. The nearest doctor's surgery has no capacity for the influx of new patients and the nearest primary, junior and secondary schools are already at capacity. The site is located at a point where there is no main gas, sewerage or drainage and these facilities will need to be provided adding to the cost of the development, alongside traffic control and road widening to provide access into the site. There would also be a requirement for bus shelters, a pedestrian crossing and more street lighting would also be needed. GT 02 is next to the roundabout which sees 15,500 vehicles in a 12 hour period from 07.00-19.00. In peak hours this figure reaches over 2,000 vehicles, consequently this site does not fit the criteria of avoiding noise and providing a safe location, and additional traffic generated by the site would add to peak hours delays. GT 02 is located in a rural setting with a very limited number of bricks & mortar housing located in a half-mile radius. Residents on site would well outnumber local residents and this cannot be considered a good basis for integration. The choice of site overlooks the fact that at this point the Fosse Way built 2000 years ago, is on its original alignment and there's likely to be considerable archaeological remains in the area which will be destroyed by this development. Nearby, there are historic Woodlands which contain rare species of bats and newts amongst others so this criteria is also not met.

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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