

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: 10784

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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

~~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.

My objection is based on the impact it would have on our Local Economy.

With the closure of the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre it means a loss of jobs also at local Bed and Breakfast/Hotels. People come from all over the country to visit the centre which brings money not only to the village but to Leamington Spa town centre and surrounding areas bringing sought after tourism, strengthening our local economy.

Local Amenities is a strong issue e.g local doctors practices are already full to capacity with long waiting times for appointments. Local schools would also struggle as they were not built for large numbers and may change the catchment area for existing families.

To have family units on the site would be very dangerous as the nearest bus stop is on a narrow grass verge next to heavy traffic. The Fosse Way is a high risk accident road hence the very extensive warning signs. The Radford/Southam road is also very dangerous and I'm sure with a residential site based there people would walk putting drivers as well as themselves at risk. There would be an adverse affect on this medieval historic toll site where ancient pottery has been found not to mention the ancient wood and wildlife it holds.

The Visual Impact would spoil the area as being in a valley it would be seen from miles around. Local businesses sell themselves with the countryside views. Hotels/B&B and the public house at Ufton. These would be lost, as would the businesses themselves.

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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Reflect the extent to which traditional lifestyles (whereby some travellers live and work from the same location) the city/county many travel to work/journeys can contribute to sustainability.

Avoid placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services.

Promotes peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.

Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.

Swiftness and

Avoiding areas where there could be an adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment and

Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal) etc.

Site access to the road network and provision for parking, loading and unloading on site.

Accommodation with a low risk of flooding.

Conversion of sites to a Gypsy, Traveller school and/or day care.

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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:

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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