

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: 10698

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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 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.

I object to site GT02 being used for a Gypsy and Travellers site for the following reasons:-

1 - Impact to local economy

The Warwickshire Exhibition provides an essential location for business, clubs and hobbyists to stage shows. The Exhibition centre is a thriving expanding business. The shows its hosts bring in 10's of thousand visitors to the Warwickshire area and numbers are increasing all the time. It is estimated that this income brings at least £2m to the local community in the form of B&B accommodation, eating out and fuel to/from the event etc. The centre employs at least 40 people and as the venues expand this number is likely to increase. The increase in numbers to these venues and the number of shows are on the increase and are likely to rise further once the Stoneleigh centre closes due to HS2. Having a Gypsy site in this area is likely to put visitors off coming to the centre forcing the centre to close. There is evidence of loss of prospective business already.

2 - Access to local Amenities

The nearest Doctors surgery is in Leamington, some 3 miles away. These surgeries are already full with no further capacity for additional patients. The residents would have to travel at least 5 miles and there is no direct or regular bus service. There are few Schools in the area and the nearest is some 2-3 miles from the site. The nearest schools have no more capacity for children. This is already an issue with further housing developments planned for Whitnash, Leamington, Southam etc.

3 - Travel

The site is on a high risk route (Foss Way) on which there have been 12 serious accidents over the last 3-years. The nearest bus stop is in a verge and deemed dangerous by local residents. There is only 1 bus service which runs very infrequently so making travel to/from town very difficult. The area hasn't any paths or walkways so walking would be dangerous. There is no viable access to rail transport.

4 - Historic

The site is on the Archaeological Register as ancient pottery has been found and is on a historic Toll site being next to a old roman road. For these reasons a settlement could not be justified.

5 - Rural Environment

The area is in a valley and is the gateway into Leamington/Warwick from the east. As a consequence, any new development would impact visual amenity as it would be seen for miles and would be impossible to effectively screen. It would be viewed as not in keeping with the surrounding landscape.

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