

# Gypsy and Travellers Site Options Response to Site GT02

Land abutting the Fosse Way at its junction with the A425

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### Criteria

#### 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**

**I OBJECT**



(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.

See attached letter.

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.**

**OBJECT**

**APPROVE**

(Please delete as required.)

to the proposals on the following grounds -

See attached letter.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

To the Warwick District Council Development Policy Manager.

Please see below my reasons for objection to the proposed Gypsy/Traveller site option GT02 (land abutting Fosse Way at its junction with the A425).

I am a resident of Ufton and therefore feel justifiably entitled to express my objection to your proposal.

My objections are many fold but foremost this proposal makes absolutely no economic sense. This site is home to the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre a major contributor to the local economy and a successful and expanding business, however if this proposal goes ahead then that business model and potential growth will be seriously diminished (if not lost). If this proposed site goes ahead it could and probably would see the closure of the business which would be disastrous not only for the local community in terms of employment potential lost but also for the council and local business community as an income stream. The exhibition centre is also a local employer and if it closed as would probably be the case if this proposal goes ahead then those employees would be out of work.

In this climate of extreme financial constraint how can the council justify the cost involved in locating the Gypsy/Traveller site here. The site would require a huge amount of taxpayers' money invested in it to make it suitable as detailed by your own criteria. There is no safe bus stop or pedestrian path nearby on the fast and potentially dangerous Fosse Way and A425. The site cannot be adequately screened from view as it would lie in a natural valley and be clearly visible from Ufton and surrounding high ground. It would therefore harm the character of the area.

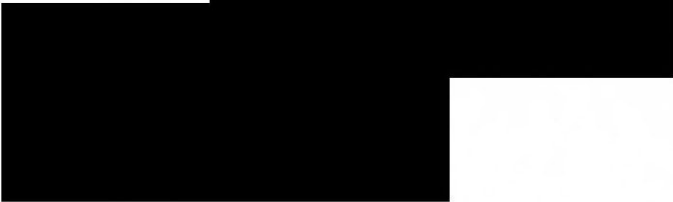

Investigation would also be required to determine that no wildlife endangered or otherwise would be potentially harmed as a result of this proposal.

As far as I am aware at present there are not sufficient provision of utilities on the current site and these would therefore need to be provided at considerable cost to the taxpayer.

This site could not seriously be considered safe with regard access to the current road network, even the county council reduced the A425 to 50 mph, and the Fosse Way has a speed camera not far from the proposed site a sure indication that this is considered a potentially dangerous highway.

It is accepted that the council has to provide a site for the Gypsy/Traveller community but not at this site.

Yours faithfully



7<sup>th</sup> July 2013