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Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites Response Form 2014

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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites.

If you are commenting on multiple sites you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the consultation documents have been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

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Organisation (where relevant)	
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Part B - Commenting on the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Sites

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The policy in the Draft Local Plan will list the criteria by which Gypsy and Traveller sites will be judged for suitability and sustainability. These are the criteria:

- Impact on the green belt
- Impact on Landscape character
- Impact on heritage assets and the settings of heritage assets
- Impact on designated areas of nature conservation Flooding issues
- Ability of infrastructure requirements to be adequately met
- Impact on ecology
- Impact of land contamination, noise and other disturbance
- Agricultural land quality
- Impact on visual amenity including the visibility and character of the site and surrounding area
- The potential for the site to be adequately screened
- Access to the road network
- Distance to GP surgeries, schools, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities
- Proximity to other residential properties
- Potential for the proposal to utilise previously developed land
- Safe access to and from the site for vehicles and pedestrians
- Site topography
- Suitable size
- Availability of the site (including impact on the existing uses on the site)
- Deliverability of the site and associated infrastructure requirements

Please give your views about site suitability below with reference to this list of criteria.

Which site are you responding to?
(e.g. GT04 Land at Harbury Lane/Fosse Way)

What is the nature of your representation? Support Object Comment

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support with reference to the criteria above.

NB PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEETS :-
1 SHEET, PLUS SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

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If you have objected to a Preferred Option site, is there another site (green or amber) from the Alternative Sites that you would support instead? Give your reasons for preferring this site?

Do you have any other suggestions for land within this 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 land owner's details below:

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Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one site, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- 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 us in writing
- All forms should be received by **Midnight Monday 5 May 2014**
- 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 one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to see copies of the Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Sites

Copies are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times	
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs Fri	8.45am - 5.15pm 8.45am - 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs Fri	8.45am - 5.15pm 8.45am - 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon - Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat	10.30am - 5.00pm 1.30pm - 5.00pm Closed 10.30am - 4.00pm 10.30am - 1.30pm
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Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon - Thurs Fri Sat	8.00am - 5.30pm 8.00am - 5.00pm 9.00am - 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon - Tues Wed Thurs - Fri Sat	9.00am - 5.30pm 10.30am - 5.30pm 9.00am - 5.30pm 9.00am - 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon Tues and Fri Weds Thurs Sat	9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 6.00pm 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5.30pm Closed 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 7.00pm 9.30am - 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Fri	9.00am - 5.00pm

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Comment on the proposed gypsy site at Oakland's farm Birmingham Road, Budbrooke. site GT19.

It is my understanding that this land is green belt, which is according to government policy, inappropriate for gypsy development; the use of green belt land can only be used in very exceptional circumstances. To my knowledge sound 'special circumstances' that make this site applicable have not been identified. (see Lewis 17/1/2014 attached). This traveller's site constitutes 'inappropriate development' in the green belt and that the unmet need for traveller's sites is unlikely to outweigh harm to the green belt in this case.

There appears little consistency over the planning and road traffic assessment of this area on the Birmingham Road. It is my understanding that the landowner was refused permission to run a timber business on his property because of the obstruction to the open character of the green belt; yet the council now think it is fine for a gypsy site.

Looking at the local plan for Warwick District under current review, I note that the area now proposed as a gypsy site is labelled number 4 in housing proposals for Hatton Park. It was discounted in the plan for housing because the plan notes "Number 4 - impact on potential local wildlife sites and wider canal corridor". Therefore I cannot understand how during the same period this site is reconsidered for a permanent gypsy site, as the impact on potential local wildlife sites and wider canal corridor will still be the same.

In addition the impact on landscape character would be affected as behind this proposed site is the Grand Union canal which is well used by local residents and visitors walking along the canal towpath and taking boating holidays. A permanent array of caravans would detract from the 'stairway to heaven' flight of locks putting off the visitors that use it, and potentially visit Warwick.

The infrastructure is not adequate the A4177 road is busy and at this particular point there are two competing turnings, which are well used. One turn down Ugly Bridge Road and a second with access into the Shell garage. A gypsy site would add a further complication between the two. A gypsy site would add constant white vans turning in and out and less frequent caravan movement. The site is at present very occasionally used for a few caravans, during Spring and Summer holiday periods. This current usage is more like private property usage; therefore the entrance is normally unused by traffic thereby it does not add to the junction traffic. The A4177 road has had a significant increase in traffic over the last ten years, including by lorries during the early hours of the morning.

It is also my understanding that the site opposite the gypsy site is proposed for 90 houses, which will add further traffic. Assuming that a developer wants to build opposite a gypsy site, every proposed house would have on average, two cars, adding 180 cars entering and leaving the Birmingham Road plus gypsy caravan movement on an already ready congested road. It is a complete nonsense. More roundabouts would not help and the overall effect would be to suburbanise the road into a ribbon development (again against government policy) making no distinction between Hatton Park and Warwick.

The area of Hatton park is seriously lacking in amenities, given the total amount of houses meaning that everyone in the area uses their car. Given that the council may grant permission to build a further 90 houses, would it not be more prudent to provide amenities on this site that would relieve the need for more car usage in an area of accident black spots rather than add to it?



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Written statement to Parliament

Green belt

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Policy: Making the planning system work more efficiently and effectively (<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/making-the-planning-system-work-more-efficiently-and-effectively>)

Topic: Planning and building (<https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/planning-and-building>)

Minister: **Brandon Lewis MP** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/people/brandon-lewis>)

Written ministerial statement by Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis



In my written statement of 1 July 2013 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/planning-and-travellers>), official report, column 41 WS, I noted the government's intentions with regard to the importance of the protection of the green belt.

The government's planning policy (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework-2>) is clear that both temporary and permanent traveller sites are inappropriate development in the green belt and that planning decisions should protect green belt land from such inappropriate development. I also noted the Secretary of State's policy position that unmet need, whether for traveller sites or for conventional housing, is unlikely to outweigh harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the "very special circumstances" justifying inappropriate development in the green belt.

The Secretary of State wishes to re-emphasise this policy point to both local planning authorities and planning inspectors as a material consideration in their planning decisions.

That statement revised the appeals recovery criteria by stating that, for a period of 6 months, the Secretary of State would consider for recovery appeals involving traveller sites in the green belt, after which the position would be reviewed.

The Secretary of State remains concerned about the extent to which planning appeal decisions are meeting the government's clear policy intentions, particularly as to whether sufficient weight is being given to the importance of green belt protection. Therefore, he intends to continue to consider for recovery appeals involving traveller sites in the green belt.

Moreover, ministers are considering the case for further improvements to both planning policy and practice guidance to strengthen green belt protection in this regard. We also want to consider the case for changes to the planning definition of 'travellers' to reflect whether it should only refer to those who actually travel and have a mobile or transitory lifestyle. We are open to representations on these matters and will be launching a consultation in due course.

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