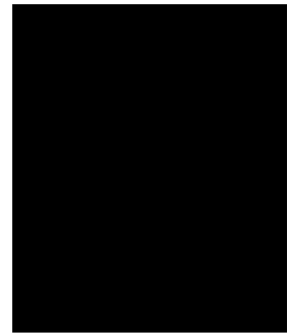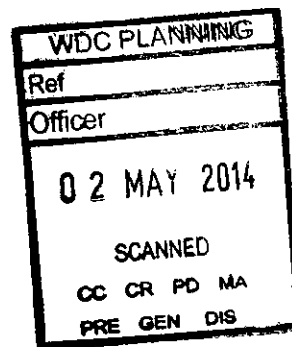**IAN MACKAY**
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Dear Sir / Madam

Re Objection against Gypsy / Traveller Site proposed off the Birmingham Road, Hatton GT19:

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to provide pitches for Travellers / Gypsies on a plot of land situated at Oaklands Farm, Birmingham Road, Hatton.

My reasons for this are as follows:

1) The site is situated on a limited bus route and a GP surgery is only accessible by individuals using their own transport. The local school is full, having just increased intake numbers.
2) Utilities such as water, toilet facilities and waste disposal will presumably need to be provided at huge cost to the Council.
3) The site would seriously have an impact on the visual look of the road for tourists and the use of the Grand Union Canal. The land is prone to flooding in winter.
4) The area of the land in question is approximately only 1/3rd of an acre and therefore not large enough, in my opinion, for 5 pitches.
5) Access off Ugly Bridge would appear impossible for the size of vehicles involved and the width of the road. This would result in more congestion on an already busy Birmingham Road in an area known for frequent accidents. During the school terms, if I turn left at the Lodge House in Hatton Park at around 8.15 a.m, it will take me around 40 minutes to get to Listers Garage in Leamington. If I turn right, I can be in Moseley, Birmingham in the same time. This cannot be right and a Travellers' Site in Hatton will only exacerbate the problem.
6) The existing Oaklands Farm is an active business. The business undertaken will be seriously compromised due to the threat of a possible Traveller / Gypsy site being developed on this land.

I trust your Development Services Department will be mindful of the above considerations before making any final decision to go ahead with this proposal.