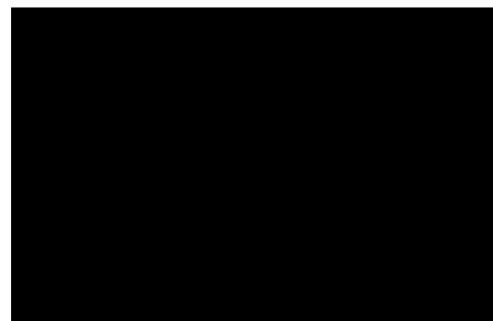
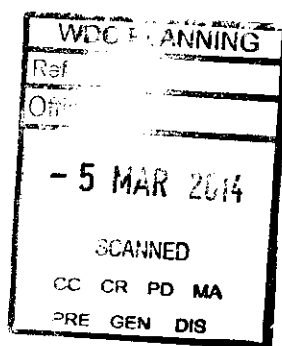


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To whom it may concern

**Objection to the Gypsy/Travellers Site, Birmingham**  
**Road @ Oaklands Farm, Warwick**

Firstly, this is a road already heavily congested which would have extra traffic/people/children from this proposed site.

Why position Travellers on an open/main busy road, a road that has already had many fatal accidents, speeding signs are not kept to. How many more lives need to be lost before someone agrees over loading areas just to place people in homes is not the answer.

The safety of existing residents should be priority, with busy traffic majority of day and into late evening, why put extra people/children at risk. The Birmingham Road is in total darkness from around mid-night to dawn, another big safety issue.

Hatton residents have already been threatened with possibly 90 new Homes, opposite what the Council plan as a Travellers Site. This gives more alarming concerns with safety. Where will all these extra children go to school from the Travellers Site? Hatton Park has one small shop, hardly a giant superstore. We have already been told we could possibly be losing our bus service? Where are the park facilities for children to play safely? NEXT TO A MAIN ROAD IS NOT THE ANSWER.

It can take up to 45 minutes some days to leave Hatton Park and get to the traffic lights at the end of the Birmingham Road, this being bumper to bumper. Why add congestion to congestion?

We have worked hard to be where we are today, we chose to live where we live, for the beautiful countryside which we all enjoy and RESPECT.

If the owner of Oakland's Farm has any respect for the land and surroundings he is selling, maybe look at something that would benefit the area. The Canal is very popular with walkers; why not put in a Tourist Centre, so walkers can visit and read about the history of the canal and locks, and relocating the café so the countryside could be enjoyed. It is not just about money it is about working to save our history and countryside. A tremendous amount of money has been spent and wasted in the centre of Warwick, put some of that money into Hatton Park.

Will the Council step in if the site becomes an eye sore if plans are agreed for a Travellers Site?

No good saying we got it wrong when someone else loses their life.

It appears any piece of open land is being considered. The safety side is not priority, releasing numbers from your proposed planning list is. There is open land by the river in Dormer Place, not on a busy main road, how about placing Travellers there? Facilities all around them. Not sure this would go down well with appearance for Royal Leamington Spa. Also land at the side of the Portobello Bridge, it does flood but that doesn't seem to be a problem with planners. Also land surrounding Warwick District Council offices at Riverside, give Travellers homes there.

This is a huge SAFETY ISSUE, can someone please sit up and see the light. Face reality, this is not a sensible site, we have already been faced with extra housing, that no doubt the Council will push through, no matter how hard we residents fight. Look elsewhere for your Travellers Site, have some respect for Hatton Park Residents.

We look forward to a reply.

Yours sincerely

