

## Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response

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

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](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan) or by letter (address on back page)

### Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Mrs	
First Name	Christine	
Last Name	Bradshaw	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		

Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?

Yes

yes

No

About You: Gender	
Ethnic Origin	
Age	

Where did you hear about this consultation? (e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, or other sessions)

Word of mouth
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## Part B - Commenting on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Site

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:

- a) the site is within reasonable distance of schools, GP surgeries, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities;
- b) the site has good access to the major road network;
- c) the site is of a suitable size to accommodate between 5 and 15 pitches for permanent sites or 12 pitches for transit sites;
- d) it can be demonstrated that infrastructure requirements can be adequately met; and
- e) there is potential for the site to be adequately screened.

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.

Here are my reasons for objecting to this site.

### Access

The Council's Consultation document does not give details of access to the site and this is a major omission. I know this site very well as I travel along the farm track several times a week to see my daughter who lives at The Barn House next to Longbridge Farm. She is a single mother with two children aged 2 and 5. The gypsy and traveller site would be in the next field to the Barn House and I am obviously concerned for the impact this large development would have on the quality of her life. She obviously uses the farm track regularly to take the children to nursery and school and for every other purpose. The farm track is only a single track and there are only short areas to pass small vehicles on the track bends. Having large gypsy vehicles going up and down this farm track would be a nightmare for her to deal with on a daily basis. The track is unsuitable for heavy usage as it is not hard surfaced and needs regular maintenance even for the small amount of traffic currently using it.

### Traffic Problem

As I travel from The Peacocks to the Longbridge farm track on most days I know how difficult it is turning right off the Stratford Road. I have a difficulty seeing traffic coming from the direction of Warwick as it is almost a blind bend with longer views obscured by trees and shrubs. Slow moving turning vehicles with long trailers would be a serious extra hazard at this accident black spot.

### Flooding

The designated field was partially flooded during the 1998 floods that hit Warwick and Leamington. This would be a grave risk for people in single storey dwellings such as those used by gypsies and travellers as they would not be able to go upstairs to escape from the water. During the 1998 floods many caravans from the holiday parks around Stratford were washed away into the River Avon. Severe flooding such as this seems to occur about every 25 years and there is little that Severn Trent can do to alleviate this as it is a naturally occurring event. The flood plain opposite the site in the Warwick Castle grounds becomes totally submerged.

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Stratford were swept into the River Avon and people had to be rescued by boats and even helicopters. These severe floods seem to occur about every 25 years on this stretch of the River Avon and it is not possible to alleviate this grave flood risk when rivers burst their embankments. The flood plain on the Warwick Castle grounds on the other river side to the proposed site was totally submerged.

### **Size of Site**

The 15 pitch site is the maximum size for a gypsy and traveller site. This site will completely overwhelm the three dwellings immediately next to it and also the village of Longbridge. It is therefore unsuitable on these grounds.

### **Local Authority Expenses**

It is not clear from the plan who will bear the set up costs for the site which will be considerable and could cost the local council a lot of money that the council can ill afford in these times of austerity. For example who will pay for the cost of the land, landscaping, improved road access and maintenance, connection to utilities etc.

## 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, alternatively complete online at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)
- 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 **4.45pm on Friday 12 December 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](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## Where to see copies of the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site

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

Location	Opening Times
<b>Warwick District Council Offices</b> Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – 8.45am – 5.15pm Thurs Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues 10.30am – 5.00pm Wed 1.30pm – 5.00pm Thurs Closed Fri 10.30am – 4.00pm Sat 10.30am – 1.30pm
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds 9.30am – 6.00pm Thurs 10.00am – 7.00pm Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm Sun 12.00pm – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Warwick</b> Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 5.30pm Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm Sat 9.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth</b> Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – 9.00am – 5.30pm Tues Wed 10.30am – 5.30pm Thurs – 9.00am – 5.30pm Fri Sat 9.00am – 1.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Lillington</b> Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm Tues and Fri Weds 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm Thurs Closed Thurs 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm Sat 9.30am – 12.30pm
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.**