

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response Form 2014

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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 or by letter (address on back page)

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Organisation (where relevant)		
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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
About You:	[Redacted]	
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Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.	Residents Association newsletter and local paper	

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.

I wish to object to the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site on the Stratford Road in Warwick. The site is near the Chase Meadow development in Warwick, which is supposedly the town's flagship residential and business development. The proximity of a Gypsy and Traveller site can only have a negative impact on this locality in both economic and quality of life terms.

I believe the Council's consultation process for this proposal has been wholly inadequate. Very little information has been provided proactively by the council to local residents and on this particular proposal, this site has only recently appeared on your plans. Moreover, you refused to send any representatives to the public meeting of residents held at the Aylesford School on Thursday 4th December, which I attended. At this meeting, a whole range of questions and issues about these proposals were raised which you were not there to answer or clarify. I believe this proposal is being rushed through by you and the consultation has not been transparent, fair or reasonable. There has not been adequate time or process for addressing the issues and questions raised by affected parties. These concerns have been more thoroughly documented in a submission to you from the Chase Meadow Residents Association which I have endorsed. I have copied my objection to Chris White MP such that should this proposal ever get before the Secretary of State, these consultative inadequacies can be highlighted.

In response to your 5 criteria listed above, as to the suitability of the Stratford Road site, I do not believe the site meets any of these criteria. Specifically:

- a) The site may be within reasonable distance of local facilities but these are already heavily pressured, in particular the schools and medical facilities.
- b) The site is near a major road network but as you will know, this road network is already heavily congested and in a position very close to a motorway junction. I understand that the access road to Severn Trent may not be available for entry to the proposed site. This will mean considerable replanning and infrastructure investment, not to mention the impact on the village of Longbridge.
- c) The size of this proposed site is far too large for the reasons of impact on all of your 5 criteria and also in terms of the dominance it will have on the local environs.
- d) It seems to me that the infrastructure considerations for this site are significant not least because of the flood risk, water pollution, air quality and noise pollution issues. It would seem inappropriate for our council to be diverting much needed funding for local services into preparing this site.
- e) As in d above, this screening would require significant investment given the proximity of a prime residential and business site, a sewerage works, a river and a major road network

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Finally, I object to a Gypsy and Traveller site being located anywhere in Warwick on the basis of the negative impact on the economy and tourism of what is a beautiful market town. There is a huge area of Warwickshire where suitable sites could be found, other than in this historic town. Moreover, to site around 50% of the required pitches on one site is not consistent with the aims of not letting these sites dominate their local environs.

I understand that it is not easy to find suitable sites but it seems that you have refused to look more widely across the county to identify a number of smaller sites (which you claim is your aim) and seem determined to site 100% of your required pitches on 2 large sites close together in the south of the county.

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
- 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 and at the following locations:

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