

Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Preferred Options Site Response Form 2014

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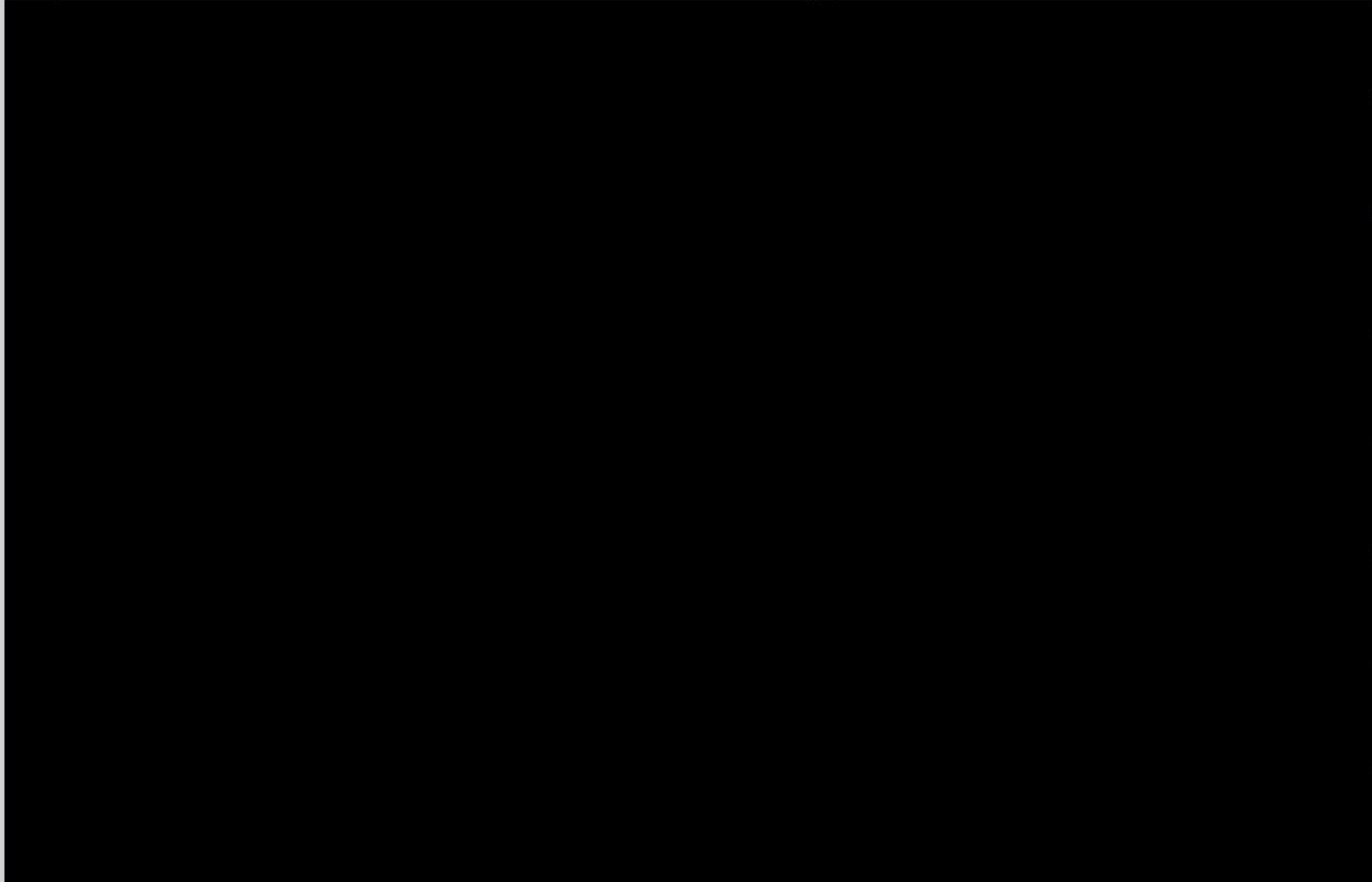
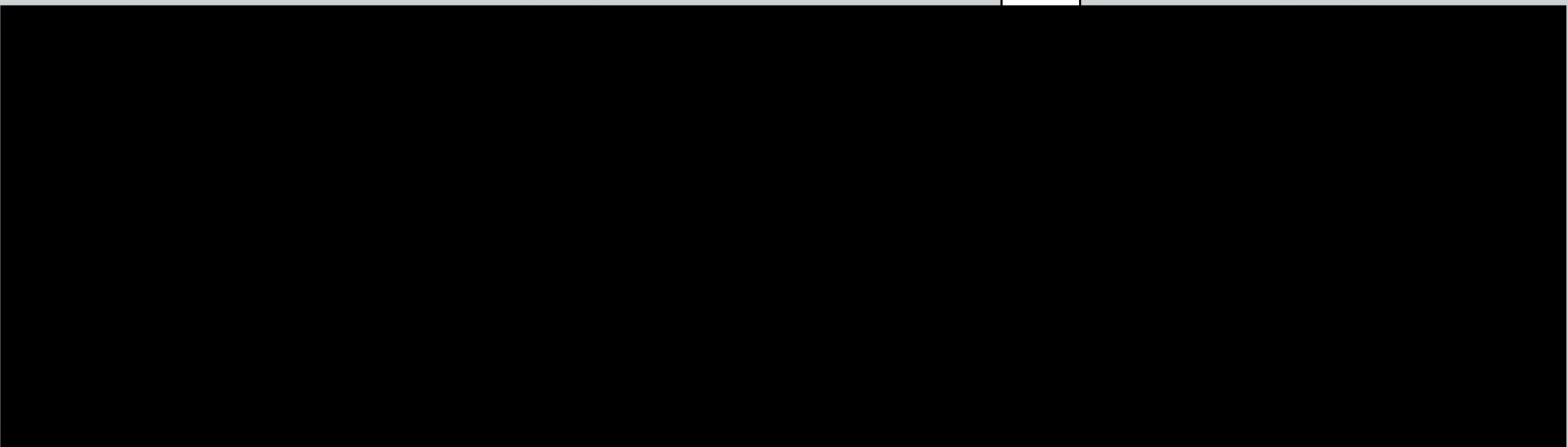
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Please use this form if you wish to comment on the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Preferred Options Site.

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)
Title	Mr	
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Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
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Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.	Word of mouth	

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.

In my view the Stratford site is not suitable for the proposed development for the following reasons –

The access to the site is not suitable for the sort of vehicles that will be using it. All vehicles will need to use a narrow farm track and also the road from the Longbridge Village to the A429 which is wholly unsuitable. That junction is already an accident blackspot and this development will make this junction a lot worse. This is an unacceptable risk for the current local residents. This lack of access will lead to other issues as I cannot see now it will be suitable for refuse collections to occur. This will inevitably lead to tipping of waste on site which given the proximity to the river will lead to river pollution and damage to wildlife populations.

There is also an issue in my opinion with the level of hard standing that is proposed. This will have a significant negative impact on local wildlife, as well as the water management of the area. The location shown to be the proposed site is also on a flood plain. Given that caravan sites are more vulnerable to flooding than this poses a further issue with housing people in this area. Also flood alleviation schemes in areas such as this are notoriously expensive and often fail to deliver the results.

This development should also be seen in conjunction with the immediate surroundings – this development will dominate and overpower the existing Longbridge village and the impact on the local residents will be totally unacceptable.

This development is proposed on the main route into Warwick and I don't think that a development of this kind is going to show Warwick at its best and encourage tourism in the town. It will also discourage and further investment into the Tournament field industrial estate which could have a significant detrimental impact on the local economy.

Due to the existing approved developments in the area the local amenities are already stretched, GP surgeries, schools etc are not resourced for another development.

I do not believe that these issues can be overcome without the site placing too greater burden on the council funding and as such the site **must** be classed as unsuitable.

In addition to these issues the way the consultation has been carried out leaves a lot to be desired. When the initial shortlist was drawn up (20 venues from memory) and put out for consultation the Stratford Road site was not on the list, but then when that list was shortened to the last 3 the Stratford Road site suddenly appeared on the list. How is it

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possible for a site to end up on the list of the final three when it hadn't been discussed in the initial consultation. This is another example of the lack of transparency in this process and how it feels like the council seem to be trying to rail road this decision. Then when this was combined with the lack of truth handed out at some of the drop in sessions (which the council have admitted to and agreed with) then it begins to show a lack of integrity and honesty in the decision making and consultation process which I feel makes this venue even less appropriate.

Therefore I oppose this proposed development.

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.