

## 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](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)
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Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
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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  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 and drop in sessions



## 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.

- 1) I object on the basis that the Council has failed to follow due process in this consultation. There has been inadequate opportunity for the residents of Warwick to understand the plans which the Council has for this land, so restricting the ability of residents to object or support, based on lack of information, unclear decision process, lack of public engagement, misleading/incorrect information and confusing criteria for assessment.
- 2) I object because the above 5 listed criteria do not cover all of the issues upon which we are entitled to object. A further 11 items are contained in the *"Revised SA of the Stratford Road Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation"* issued by the Council. Several of these are very pertinent to such a consultation.
- 3) Access - I object because Point b) above is not true. I understand that Severn Trent Water are not willing to provide access to the site across their land and so the current narrow farm track leading to the site from Longbridge is the only alternative and that is totally inadequate. This is contrary to the Government's guidelines on planning Gypsy and Traveller sites. There are lots of issues around access to the site that the council has simply not addressed, for example cost of any improvement to the access, the traffic on the busy A429 and the close proximity of a listed building to the proposed alternative access.
- 4) Air, Water and Soil Quality. (not shown above as a criterion upon which we are invited to object). I object because the Council's own Sustainability Assessment has identified Air, Water and Soil Quality as an area of significant concern with a *'potential major negative effect'*. The council has given no indication how this negative effect can be mitigated. I do not consider that this site, at a location close to a sewage works and a busy motorway is at all suitable for habitation, particularly one where children will live and is contrary to the government's own guidelines on planning Gypsy and Traveller sites which is addressed in more detail in the Chase Meadow Residents Association document *"Land at Stratford Road, Warwick: Objection to the allocation for and use as a Gypsy and Traveller site"*, which I have signed up to.
- 5) Flood Risk. This is another area, not shown above, which the Council has not invited residents to object on. The Council's own 'Sustainability Agreement' identified this as an area of concern. The government's guidelines on planning Gypsy and Traveller sites states that *'Caravan sites for permanent residence are considered "highly vulnerable" and should not be permitted in areas where there is a high probability that flooding will occur (Zone 3 areas)'*. This site is graded either 2 or 3. For this reason alone, the site is unsuitable. Given the Government's guidelines the Council must prove conclusively that the risk of flooding can be eliminated which so far they have not done.

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6) Economic Impact. (again not listed above) The Council's own Sustainability Assessment has not stated what the effect on the economy [of Warwick] will be, so this is uncertain at this stage. With Employment Land near the proposed site, it clearly suggests to me that the Council is trying to side step this issue. It seems odd to me that this issue has not been raised by the Council, as a legitimate area of real concern.

7) It is not clear how the Council plans to police any expansion of the site beyond its set boundaries as currently designated. This is a major worry to the residents of Chase Meadow and its environs.

8) The council have not made it clear that the land itself is for sale for the purpose of a Gipsy and Traveller site. It is my understanding that this land may not be available.

9) There are a large number of other reasons why this site is not suitable which are contained in the Chase Meadow Residents Association document "*Land at Stratford Road, Warwick: Objection to the allocation for and use as a Gypsy and Traveller site*" which I support as reasons for rejecting this site.

Based on all of the above points, the site is clearly not available now (a requirement for it to be included in the Local Plan)... if at all.



## 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 Shire</b> 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 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
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

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