

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)
Title	Ms	
First Name	Margaret	
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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 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, newspaper, Neighbours	

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.

Objections for Traveller and Gypsy Site

The proposed site is within reasonable but already overstretched, overcrowded GP surgeries, schools and hospital. The surgery on Chase Meadow is already, with Chase Meadow residents, struggling to cope. Newburgh and Aylesford schools are both full and the possibility of additional permanent or transitional traveller children, who would have to be found places, would be detrimental to the children of the Warwick.

There may be good links to the major road network but there will also be a potentially dangerous right hand turn into the road when approaching from the direction of the M40 roundabout. Traffic is already at a premium on the Stratford Road and this would make it worse.

There is a flood risk to the proposed site which is shown on the environment agency map as a flood area with a Level 3 risk which is the highest level.

As a lifelong tax paying resident of Warwick, I do not feel that a gypsy and traveller site should be available in an area close to the home I, and many people in my situation, have worked very hard to buy. This particular kind of site would have a significant impact on property prices and quality of life for surrounding properties and residents. From previous illegal encampments the destruction left behind cannot be denied as the tax payer has had to foot the bill to clean up the mess. Traveller sites, if we have to have them, should be on the outskirts of a town, well away from where any mess that is made will not impact on the day-to-day lives of tax paying residents.

There is never any significant infrastructure for new builds, so I doubt that there will be a proper infrastructure for this new venture.

You may think I am being a NIMBY, but I wonder what the reaction of the Councillors would be if the proposed site were across the road from them!

Objections for Commercial Site

There would be a significant increase in traffic on what is already an extremely busy and congested road. This would cause even more intolerable traffic jams particularly during rush hour.

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The commercial use plan is described only as B class. It does not define whether it will be B1, B2 or B3 use which are very different commercial uses. If developed the site needs to be properly landscaped and restricted primarily to B1 use, i.e. office use. Also there should be height restrictions on any buildings to be erected.

Some commercial use could cause noise and pollution and could affect the River Avon along its boundary.

Traffic in Warwick is becoming heavier by the week and with all the proposed new building will get heavier. I think consideration should be given to the ambulance station on Chase Meadow and the difficulties they would face trying to reach emergencies with additional traffic build up,

The Stratford Road is the main tourist route into Warwick and I believe it is important to keep it looking open and pleasant to maintain tourism for the future.

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.