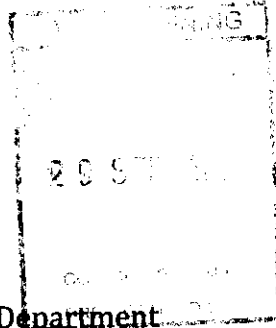


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RE: Objection to Proposed Stratford Road Site

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my concern and objection to the proposal of the fifteen-pitch Gypsy and Traveller site on Stratford Road in Warwick.

As a resident living within a mile of the Severn Trent Water treatment facilities, I am all-too aware that the odours, and, I imagine, their accompanying gasses, produced by the plant are unfortunately not at all kept within the 'Cordon Sanitaire'. In fact, we have adjacent neighbours who recently moved to Worcestershire, citing the reason for going, amongst other things, that they found the unpleasant smell here to be too much, too often. This is at a distance comfortably outside the Cordon Sanitaire.

You will be aware the Government Planning policy for traveller sites requires that local planning authorities "provide for proper consideration of the effect of local environmental quality (such as noise and air quality) on the health and well-being of any travellers that may locate there or on others as a result of new development" (Policy B: Planning of traveller sites 11e) Despite my very minimal knowledge of the technicalities, it seems unequivocally unsuitable to house anyone on land that is so close to the plant, regardless of any measures taken to 'reduce the Cordon Sanitaire.'

I have further concern that a traveller site at such a heavily used entrance to Historic Warwick and its esteemed Castle will in fact alter the impression of the visitors and have a negative impact on the historic environment.

I also find it disconcerting that this very large allocation of land has been proposed without being included in the consultation period, and believe that this move disregards the government's mandate to "plan for sites over a reasonable timescale" (Introduction to the Planning policy for traveller sites 2012)

I do hope and trust that you will give consideration to an alternative proposal, and thank you for your ongoing work on behalf our growing district.

Regards

