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## 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)

Title *MRS*

First Name *JAN*

Last Name *OLDFIELD*

Job Title (where relevant)

Organisation (where relevant)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

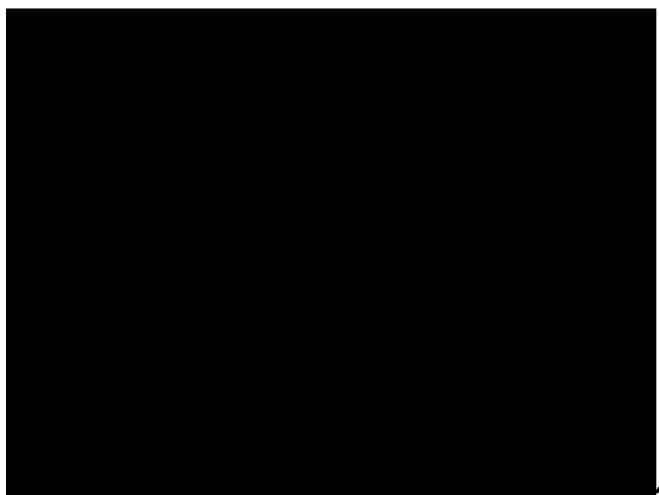
Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Postcode

Telephone number

Email address

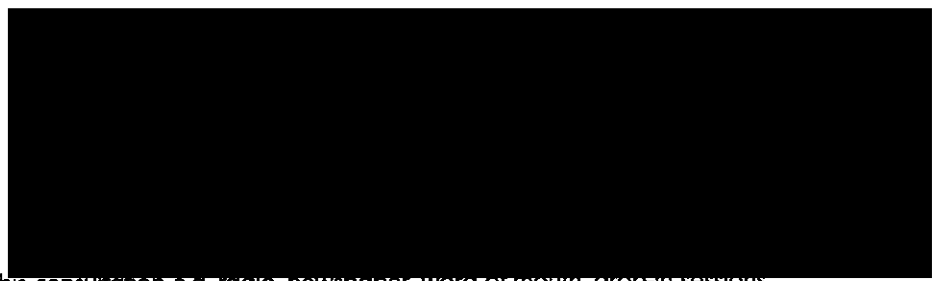


Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites?  Yes  No

About You: Gender

Ethnic Origin

Age



Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, drop-in sessions.

*NEWSPAPER (WARWICK COURIER)*

## 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 am very confused by the above list of 'criteria' as it excludes many of the areas highlighted in Government documents on criteria for traveller sites? In response to points a-e I would offer the following comments:

- a) The site offers no immediate community facilities, no shops within walking distance and is located down a farm track which is some considerable way from the highway
- b) The site has poor access to the major road networks and can only be reached via a rutty, pot-holed farm track which is privately owned and managed. There is no prospect of making this dirt track compliant with the guidelines set out for access without major expense, huge disruption to neighbours (how on earth are we supposed to reach our properties located at the end of the drive/track whilst a suitable 'road' is being constructed? There is no alternative route to reach our homes!) and the destroying of wildlife habitats (the track is flanked by 51 mature trees that would have to be destroyed along with hedgerows were this plan to go ahead).  
Where the farm track meets the main A429 Stratford Road there is an extremely dangerous bend which has been the scene of several accidents. The severity of the bend is clear from the large number of warning chevrons.

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c) Government guidelines recommend a move away from larger sites (such as IS pitches ward be) towards smaller sites which better facilitate integration into the community for traveller residents.

d/e) There may be potential for the site to be screened, but this will not be in keeping with the surrounding area of open farmland. The site will be highly visible from the three properties situated alongside it. Government Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (Policy B, part 9, 2012 March) states quite clearly that "when assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings, local planning authorities should ensure that the scale of such sites does not dominate the nearest settled community" - this site will completely dominate us, its neighbours and screening will only add to its size and prominence, potentially ghettoising its inhabitants.

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Do you have any other suggestions for land within this district that you think would be suitable for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site, bearing in mind the criteria for site identification? If so, please give the location and the land owner's details below:

In several Government planning documents for Traveller sites, mention is made of using brown field sites in preference to green fields. There must surely be sites available locally with existing access that are preferable to destroying an open green field site?

I am somewhat puzzled by a request for land owner's details for alternative locations to be provided when no attempt was made to contact the owners of land involved in the current proposal (ie, owner of site, owner of access track) prior to publication of the Consultation Document!

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## 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 – Thurs 8.45am – 5.15pm Fri 8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs 8.45am – 5.15pm 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</b> Shire 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 – Tues 9.00am – 5.30pm Wed 10.30am – 5.30pm Thurs – Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm 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 Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm 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

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.