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Gypsy and Traveller Stratford Road Leamington 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

- Mrs

First Name

Joyce

Last Name

Knight

Job Title (where relevant)

Organisation (where relevant)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

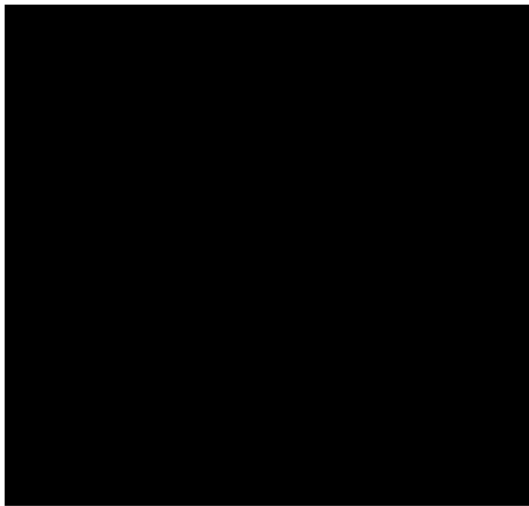
Address Line 3

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.

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.

Please see attached
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In formulating my response I have referred to:

1. WDC's Sustainability Assessment Objectives
2. WDC's criteria for assessment
3. Government Guidelines

The following are the reasons why I consider the site unsuitable.

- A pleasant area of countryside on the outskirts of a Warwick would be ruined.
- Whether the site is viable due to the costs involved to construct all the required infrastructure and services?
- The site is close to the river bank where there is evidence of habitats for wildlife so there may be a negative effect on biodiversity.
- The size of the site goes against WDC's recommendations of March 2014 which state the preferred option was for smaller sites. This site means that 60% WDC's allocation would be at Longridge
- Severn Trent Water (STW) were not made aware of WDC's plan to include a gypsy and traveller site next to their proposed development land. This could jeopardise any interest a potential company might have when considering locating to the area.
- I have concerns on how the site will be monitored and regulated and the payment of local taxes.

Access

Access to the site is on a dangerous bend on the A429 with poor visibility.

Traffic levels in the area are high with fast moving traffic to and from the M40. The road is often congested at peak times and the addition of large vehicles manoeuvring at this point could present a hazard.

The present narrow lane does not conform to Gov. Guidelines for Gypsy and Traveller sites in respect of

- Road quality and size
- Provision for emergency vehicles
- Turning and passing capacity for trailers

Flood Risk

The site includes areas classified as Flood zone 2 and 3a. Government Guidelines state "**caravan sites for permanent residents are considered vulnerable and should not be located in Zone 3 areas**".

The report from the Environment Agency states the risk of flooding can be mitigated. This would be an expensive and lengthy process to ensure the area is safe.

Air Water and Soil Quality

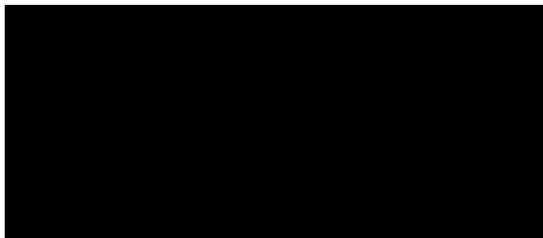
The proposed site was flagged as RED in the SA report with “potentially major negative effect”

- How do WDC intend to mitigate the issues highlighted?
- The site would be in close proximity to a major sewage works. Severn Trent have stated that they have not committed to realign the Cordon Sanitaire
- The site is in close proximity to the M40. Safety and noise barriers would need to be erected. Another area of expense.
- The SA stated a noise assessment should be undertaken prior to any development. However the results of the report (July/August 2014) are flawed as compromises were made in order to meet the short deadline.

In conclusion I would like to make the following comments relating to the Consultation Process.

- This proposal suddenly appeared as one of the final “**preferred sites**” when it was not included in the original consultation document when a 20 possible sites were listed
- There has been lack of early/clear information with limited time for public interaction
- The Assessment criteria has varied from 19 to 5 at various times during the consultation process
- There has been misleading/incorrect/confusing information provided
- Public Meeting at Aylesford School on 4th December 2014

Chris White MP attended but it was disappointing that the other invited representatives of WDC declined to attend to address any issues that public wished to raise.



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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:

No

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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
- 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

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 – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	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 – Tues	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Wed	10.30am – 5.30pm
	Thurs – Fri	9.00am – 5.30pm
	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 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
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am – 5.00pm

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