

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 MRS.
First Name JANET
Last Name WARREN
Job Title (where relevant) RETIRED TEACHER

Organisation (where relevant)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

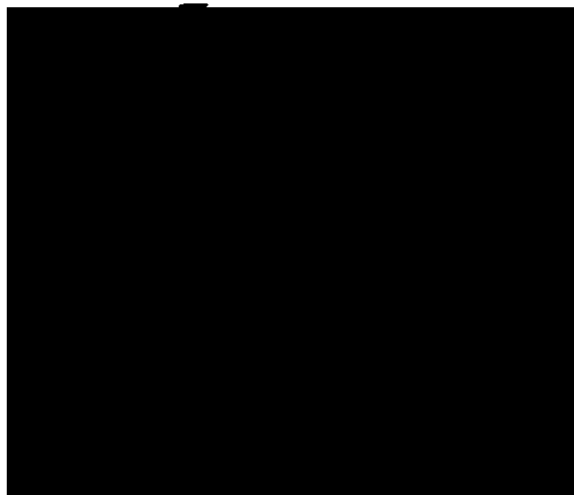
Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Postcode

Telephone number

Email address

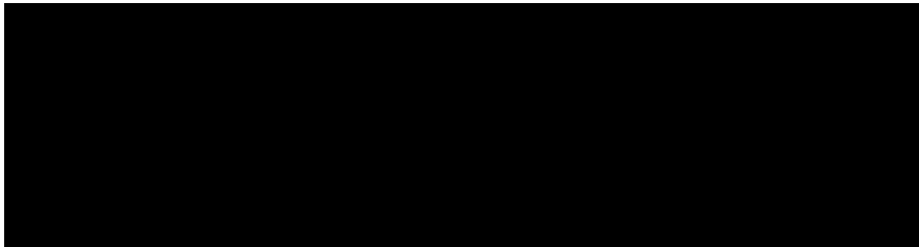


Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on Gypsy Traveller sites? Yes No

About You: Gender

Ethnic Origin

Age



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

NEWSPAPER, WORD-OF-MOUTH

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:

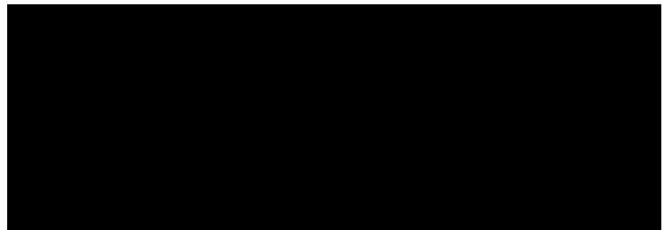
- a) the site is within reasonable distance of schools, GP surgeries, dentists, hospitals, shops and community facilities;
- b) the site has good access to the major road network;
- c) the site is of a suitable size to accommodate between 5 and 15 pitches for permanent sites or 12 pitches for transit 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 have been advised by Dan Barber that a report in my own words is acceptable.

I therefore attach my comments as seen overleaf.



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in making my decision I have referred to

- Government's own guidelines
- Sustainability Assessment by the council
- WDC's own criteria for assessment

I now believe that the proposed site is unsuitable for the reasons outlined below:

Availability: it is unclear whether WDC has actually ascertained the land in question is available.

Severn Trent were not told of Gypsy and Traveller site and are opposed to it.

If CPO's were to be required to obtain all the land in question it would be a lengthy process.

Sustainability Assessment: incomplete information as several areas of enquiry not followed up by WDC.

No clear reasons given for selection of the Proposed Site as the preferred option

Reasons for deselecting other sites not clearly stated

Air Water and Soil Quality: this area was flagged as red in SA with *"potentially major negative effect."* The site is affected by noise and pollution from the M40, the proximity of the Sewage works, and would need to be cordoned off for Health and Safety reasons, contravening Gov guidelines 4.12. This is borne out by the statement that *"sites should not be situated near hazardous places"* because of *"detrimental effect on health and wellbeing of residents and posing particular safety risk for young children"*.

Noise: Ref. the Environmental Noise assessment July/Aug 2014. Results are flawed as guidelines were not adhered to (See Paras 2.2 and 2.5) PPG24 guidance now out of date.

Local Economy: SA states *"the effect on local economy uncertain at this stage"* The future of Warwick's prime business park at Tournament Fields would be affected by the proximity of the proposed site.

Warwick's position as a prestigious tourist town would be compromised by the proximity of the Proposed Site

Flood Risk: Gov Guidelines state *"caravan sites for permanent residents are considered highly vulnerable and should not be allowed in Zone 3 areas."*

It would be a very costly and lengthy process to bring the site to a safe standard.

Size of Proposed Site: The proposed size would mean 60% of WDC's allocation would be sited at Longbridge. It is out of proportion with the tiny existing Longbridge settlement , preventing *"integrated co-existence with the local community"* – see 7.8 of GPG.

Access: Oct 2014 S –under heading Access....." *Advise(sic) expected from WCC soon."* The present access lane does not conform to Govt Guidelines for Gypsy and Traveller Sites with respect to

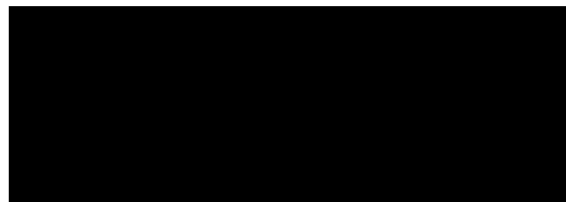
- road quality and dimensions,
- emergency vehicles' provision
- passing and turning capacity for trailers.

The access road is situated on a dangerous bend with poor visibility. At present traffic is often at a standstill at peak periods from the Longbridge roundabout to the Edgehill Drive roundabout.

Size of site: WDC is going against its own recommendations of March 2014, when they said the preferred option was to go for a larger number of smaller sites. Govt Guidelines state the best results are with small sites for 4/5 plots as witnessed by Ireland's findings.

Consultation Process: I wish to point out deficiencies in the process that render it flawed from the outset:

- The criteria for assessment have ranged from 5 to 19 at different times during the consultation process
 - WDC failed to ensure "early and effective engagement with both settled and traveller communities"; see 6A PPTS
- This proposal appeared as one of the final 3 sites for the district when it was not even mentioned in the original local plan, when 20 sites were listed
- it was difficult to access information on the WDC website, as there was a confusing and convoluted route to the appropriate pages
- There has been a lack of clear verbal information available, with many people receiving conflicting details.
- There has been scant provision of time for public to engage in the process with little opportunity to raise concerns



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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:

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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

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.