

DRAFT RESPONSE TO 14/00314/FUL
Rainbow nurseries.

Although we recognise that we are only being consulted as an adjoining Parish we feel strongly that our opinions and concerns should be taken very seriously – the reason? This site is much nearer to the settlement of Long Marston than Welford and any impact will be much greater on our community.

We oppose this application most strongly for the following reasons. In the Communities and Local Government booklet “ Planning policy for traveller sites “under Policy B. (11)it states that “ Local Planning Authorities should ensure that traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally”

We contend that this site does not meet the criteria in the following subsections:-

- a) Peaceful Co-Existence. There is strong, overwhelming and vocal local opposition to this plan as was demonstrated at our Planning Meeting held on Monday 3rd March.
- b) Access to Health services. No health services are provided in the immediate neighbourhood. The nearest being Stratford, Bidford or Lower Quinton.
- c) Schooling for children. It is well known and acknowledged by Warwickshire County Council that Welford on Avon primary school has no places available.
- d) Transport. Any occupiers of this proposed site would need to travel by car to reach any kind of services/facilities.

Road Safety.

a) This proposed site fronts on to a very fast straight road between Welford on Avon and Long Marston. Traffic comes at very fast speeds down Rumer Hill and our records from speed visors show that the majority of vehicles are still travelling at more than 40mph when they reach our village boundary.

b) There is a notoriously dangerous junction at the bottom of Rumer Hill where visibility of vehicles coming down the hill is very restricted. Many residents use the method of checking that there is no traffic approaching from the other direction (south) to ensure their safety. Any other vehicular entrance on this road would further compromise road safety.

c) The entrance proposed is currently an agricultural entrance only and we are given to understand that on two occasions in the past, one quite recently, permission to open up this agricultural entrance has been refused by Warwickshire County Council on safety grounds

d) This area of land already contains a Gypsy site to the north of this proposal but they are not connected in any manner meaning that this extra entrance is planned – why ?-when there is already an entrance under previous planning permission.

e) No stopping point for use of infrequent public transport.

Appearance and Over development.

- a) This proposed site would be clearly visible from the top and the descent down Rumer Hill from where there are far reaching wonderful views of the Cotswolds .
- b) The proposed site sits in the middle of a large area of land previously used for horticulture until it was left to degenerate . We feel that this land is suitable to be brought back into productive use.
- c) This application would result in 2 separate gypsy sites on the Rainbow Nursery site with separate vehicular accesses onto Welford Road.

Need.

- a) Finally we understand that the existing gypsy site, which was given original permission after an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in 2011 and then further provision granted in 2012, HAS NOT BEEN OCCUPIED for most of 2013. If this is correct where is the need for further provision for this same applicant.
- b) No other local need has been identified.