

CM/0017/19

I would like to state my objection to this planning application for 25,000 tonnes of waste to be processed on the site. I was uncertain as to whether this 25,000 tonnes is part of the 87,500 tonnes mentioned in the related application CM/0018/19 or whether it is in addition to that?

My residents have strongly objected to this application, bearing in mind the increase in residential housing which is proposed for Cheddington, Pitstone, Edlesborough and the other surrounding villages, this represents an entirely unacceptable amount skip trucks and industrial waste carrier movements on this site. Since CM/17/17 was approved, residents in all the surrounding villages have written to me to say they find the current HGV and skip truck movements from this site already bothersome, noisy, disturbing their rest in the mornings and they complain of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, ash, dust and grit.

Here are some examples of resident views

"I believe that the pollution this operation creates, including dust, rubbish and odor contributes to a loss of local amenity"

The recycled earth slip is subsiding down into the stream. We have had cause to complain to the environmental agencies regularly about this pollution. The waste companies only clear up once they've been visited by the relevant agency as a result of a complaint. "

"My house shakes as the huge HGVs drive past on Cheddington Lane. They cause havoc by trying to turn into Cheddington Lane from Tring road or Station road as it such a small narrow road."

"The lorries already cause a massive issue in the village with several of the villagers reporting and filming lorries driving too fast, and scraping past their cars and houses causing damage as they turn the tight corners."

“The lightweight plastic has also blown some distance from the site and now litters the surrounding crops/hedges, up to a half a mile away as the fields are open.”

“Surely a business like this would be better suited to a dual carriageway location like College Road a few miles away?”

“Traffic affects significantly the amenity of residents on Cheddington Lane and Station Road in the surrounding villages of Long Marston and Cheddington.”

There are pages and pages of similar comments which I trust the committee members have read.

The road network is even less suitable for industrial vehicles than when Waste King submitted CM/17/17 since the Brownlow Bridge now has an 18 tonne weight limit. The Bridge has been recently hit and damaged again this April, making two impacts in one year.

While this estate continues with its unrelenting intensification of use, it is incompatible with the character of the villages and small rural communities and cottage rows around it.

It is my understanding that this site was originally given permission by AVDC in 1985 as B1 Light Industrial and Storage, which means any use which could be carried out in a residential area without detriment to the amenity through noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit. However, B2 planning permission was subsequently granted to certain units, so I will tell my residents to get used to the noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit in their back gardens and homes as a consequence of that decision.

Through the process of planning creep this has become the third largest HGV movement generator in the ENTIRE COUNTY and

should not be allowed to continue. The emerging Bucks Freight Strategy should be consulted before granting this application.

Given the uncertain fate of the Brownlow canal Bridge in Ivinghoe, the unsuitability of the Cooks Wharf canal bridge, the complaints by residents of increasing pollution, noise, vibration and the impact that this likely to have on the AONB in Ivinghoe and its ecosystems, I ask the Committee to refuse this application.

However, if you are minded to agree with the officers' recommendations, I would ask that the the officers request GPS tracking information from the applicant to ensure routeing compliance. I would also request both a Traffic Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact assessment be done to determine the impacts on the surrounding area and AONB.

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Local Member