

Eversley PC reviewed this application at its meeting on 16th November as follows:

iii) HR085 10/02547/CMA Eversley Haulage Park, Brickhouse Hill, Eversley

Erection of a Waste Reception Building and changes to internal layout in Units 1.2.3.4.5 and 8 and permanent use of Units 1.2.3.4.5 and 8 for waste recycling and transfer activities, including the recycling and transfer of non putrescible, construction, demolition, commercial, industrial and municipal waste.

It was resolved that EPC objects to the application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed waste reception building would be massive and is on a prominent site in the open countryside. The proposed building is more than twice as high and more than six and a half times the volume of the existing workshop, which is itself a large and intrusive building.
2. There is insufficient space on site to provide any form of landscaping or shielding to help disguise the enormous building.
3. There is an existing problem of surface water runoff from the site into the roadside ditch, which causes flooding of the adjacent highway. This existing problem would be exacerbated by any increases in the built development and impermeable hard standing on site.
4. The site access, being close to an existing highway junction, is inherently dangerous and any increase in HGV traffic or intensification of the use of the site is likely to increase this danger.
5. There should be no permitted "municipal waste" use on the site as it is entirely unsuitable for use as a publicly accessed Civic Amenity Site for either waste or recycling. Such sites often have queues of traffic waiting to enter the site, particularly at weekends, and this site affords no safe areas for waiting traffic.

Eversley Parish Council notes that this application seeks to regularise the use of much of the Haulage Park site which has, for many years, operated a number of unpermitted uses and has numerous buildings and hard-standings that have been constructed without the benefit of planning permission. It welcomes the intention to bring the majority of the site back into a controlled use, but considers that the site is too small and inappropriately located for the form and level of use proposed.

Eversley Parish Council would welcome consideration of an exchange deal whereby the current uses of this site were surrendered in exchange for the transfer of those rights to an alternative site that was better located, of sufficient size to accommodate adequate landscaping and far less prominent in the open landscape. The existing site could then be returned to heathland, either before or after any remaining aggregates had been dug.

The Chairman reported that he had received correspondence from a local resident relating to highway flooding caused by surface water runoff from the site.

Regards

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