

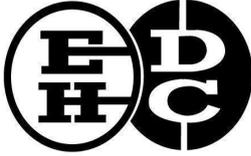
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Please find comments for the above application attached.

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29 March 2012

Dear Ms Davey

**Change of use (with associated building modifications) from existing builders storage depot to waste recycling facility to accept and process commercial and industrial waste (including the use of a waste picking station and trommel)
At: The former sewage works off Waterbrook Road, Alton GU34 2UD, at Hutchins & Carter Yard.**

I refer to your letter dated 14th March 2012.

I have reviewed the details that have been submitted to support the above application and have the following observations to make.

The air quality assessment considers potential impacts related to the proposed commercial and industrial waste transfer station. Particular consideration has been given to the potential impact on residential amenity from road traffic, odour and dust should the development go ahead.

The assessment demonstrates that overall the proposed development is unlikely to have a significant impact on air quality. The proposed waste transfer station has the potential to occasionally generate fugitive dust emissions which can be controlled by the applicant implementing good practice control measures. Should you be minded to grant permission I recommend that a condition is attached requiring the applicant to submit a dust management plan for written approval prior to the use commencing to ensure dust from the site is sufficiently controlled and to protect the amenities of the area.

A noise impact assessment has also been submitted with the application. This suggests that noise from the proposed use is unlikely to significantly impact residential amenity. However the conclusions are based on a one hour measurement at each identified noise sensitive receptor which has been taken on a weekday. Although this may be considered representative for operational hours during the week, I am concerned that a weekday background noise level may not be representative of noise levels on a Saturday during which many units within the industrial estate and surrounding area do not operate. Consequently noise from the proposed waste transfer facility has the potential to have a greater impact on nearby noise sensitive receptors on a Saturday, a day when local residents are also more likely to be at home.

The impact of noise from the proposed waste transfer station on a Saturday has not been sufficiently considered within the noise assessment. Should the applicant want to operate at

weekends as detailed in the application, I recommend further information about noise on Saturdays is required before a decision is made on this application.

In addition to the above, I have some concerns about discrepancies within the noise impact assessment, which I believe does not consider all plant that will be used at the site and is based on an assumed 140 HGV movements a day, not 150 HGV movements as detailed in the Design and Assess Statement. No crusher plant has been included and only one screener. I recommend that the applicant is required to confirm in writing exactly what plant will be operated onsite to enable the potential impact of noise from the site to be fully considered.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Please note that I am on annual leave from Monday 2nd April until Tuesday 10th April 2012.

Yours sincerely

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