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Dear Sirs

**Re : - Planning Application number PP/01777034**

**Proposed Waste Transfer station on the Highfield Estate, Lasham**

We are receipt of the above application and upon further consultation with Sophie Champion, of Highways, and you, we write to formally object to this submission.

This application is on a small industrial site within a quiet residential village and cannot be considered suitable for such an operation for the following reasons: -

**Hours of Opening**

It is proposed that the hours of opening would be from 6am – 10pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday. It is inevitable that such operations will cause additional noise and inconvenience to the local residents, there will be no restrictions on the type or number of vehicles passing through in the very early hours or late at night.

**Vehicular Access**

**Policy DC6 – Highways, States: -**

**Major mineral extractions, landfills and 'strategic' recycling, aggregate processing and recovery and treatment facilities, will be permitted provided they have a suitable access to and/or route to the minerals and waste lorry route as illustrated on the Key Diagram. In all cases, minerals and waste development will only be permitted if it pays due regard to the likely volume and nature of traffic that would be generated by the proposal and the suitability of the proposed access to the site and of the road network that would be affected. Consideration should be given to highway capacity, road and pedestrian safety, congestion and environmental impact, and whether any highway improvements are**

**required and whether these could be carried out satisfactorily without causing unacceptable environmental impact.**

## **Response**

Whilst the application proposes that the lorry route will not go through the village we know from bitter experience that this is not always the case. There is a large volume of lorries already cutting through the village to/from Highfield Estate causing significant disruption as the roads are very narrow and not suitable for the already heavy volume of traffic.

There are no footpaths or street lighting in the village, in addition there are sunken lanes on the approach roads to the village making access even more difficult. This proposal will only exacerbate this already unsatisfactory situation.

Furthermore the proposed route from the avenue to Highfield Estate is via a very narrow country lane with a number of blind bends which is not suitable for heavy transport vehicle movements, in particular approximately 100m from the entrance to the site there is a very narrow section of the road with a blind bend, which currently causes considerable danger for the existing volume of traffic, a large goods vehicle meeting a standard size car cannot pass at the same time.

In the application there is a supporting letter from the applicant, which advises that the business is set to develop and enlarge which will presumably cause greater pressure on the transport requirements for the business in the future, causing yet more disruption.

We also note an additional application for 'an operating centre for 8 (presumably large) goods vehicles and 8 trailers has also been applied for by Thomas (Hampshire) Limited.

There is also a third application submitted by Loddon for '1 trailer and 1 goods vehicle'

**The traffic that could be generated if all three applications were approved would cause unacceptable environmental impact on the village and its surrounding areas.**

**We consider that this application does not meet the above criteria.**

## **Suitability**

**Policy DC8 - Pollution, health, quality of life and amenity, States: -**

**Minerals and waste development will only be permitted if due regard is given to the pollution and amenity impacts on the residents and users of the locality and there is unlikely to be an unacceptable impact on health and/or the quality of life of occupants of nearby dwellings and other sensitive properties. Where necessary minerals and waste developments should include mitigation measures, such as buffer zones between the site and such properties.**

## **Response**

The suitability of the site for such an operation must be in question following a serious fire last summer from a unit carrying out similar activities (Loddon) which caused a number of residents having to be evacuated. In addition the ground water was contaminated and the loss of crops, this incident could have been far worse if the wind had been blowing in the opposite direction across the village with the real risk of damage to property and the potential of loss of life. By approving this application the potential risk is being doubled as Loddon are back in resident in the adjacent unit.

**We believe this is a strong argument for this application not to be approved on the grounds that the impact on the health and quality of life of the occupants of the village would be too great should a second incident occur.**

For the reasons stated above, we request that you do not approve this application.

Yours faithfully

Gina Toth

on behalf of Lasham Village Committee and Villagers