

**Application no.:** HCC/2012/0158 (map)  
**Site Reference:** WR218  
**Location:** Barton House, Upper Wield, Alresford, SO24 9RN  
**Proposal:** Erection of replacement building for use as part of the lawful use of the site as a site for waste/scrap metal sorting and recycling and end of life vehicles

### **Comments by Old Alresford Parish Council**

#### **Old Alresford Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons**

##### **DESIGN and ACCESS**

The application site falls on the northern edge of Old Alresford Parish and is adjacent to the Parish of Wield and is accessed entirely by long lengths of single-carriageway rural roads. Increased levels of commercial traffic accessing this site increase the risks of accidents, damage road verges and reduce enjoyment by horseriders and cyclists. The access roads are all unrestricted so that vehicles can legally drive on them at 60mph.

The Design and Access statement has insufficient detail with regard to traffic levels, sustainable transport plan, energy conservation and pollution control outside the building particularly from the waste storage area.

It is not clear to me whether the proposed parking area has planning permission for such a use.

##### **PLANNING HISTORY**

This site has a long history of breaches of planning regulations and it is not clear whether these breaches have been resolved. In particular the position of a bund to the rear of the application site is pertinent to this application. It should be noted that the site layout plan is out of date (2006), not accurate and does not match the most recent Google Earth image.

No development should take place until the site boundaries have been confirmed as correct by Winchester City Council planning department and the site plan brought up to date.

In order to monitor further planning breaches, to prevent spread of the proposed development and to prevent the possibility of licensed operations being carried out on areas that do not have the appropriate planning permission the applicant should be required to provide a professionally prepared measured survey of the entire site listing and delineating all of the current uses on the site prior to development taking place. This should be confirmed as correct by Winchester City Council.

##### **ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY**

This site has a history of poor adherence to environmental legislation (with many reports of the burning of waste material by locals and illegal tipping of waste material). In addition Environment Agency enforcement staff have been intimidated when attempting

to investigate these breaches. Given this history it is possible that an operating permit will not be issued by the Environment Agency.

The proposed storage area for 250 tonnes of material should be designed so that no more than 250 tonnes of material can be stored within it.