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Old Park Wood Industrial Estate, Old Park Road, Bishops Sutton, Hampshire SO24 0JG

Change of use of part of existing industrial building (B2 use) to use for waste transfer (sui generis) and alterations to building to increase the height of the eaves and ridge, demolition of existing extensions and building and siting of three portacabins associated with the proposed waste transfer use

FAO Kristina King

Thank you for consulting the South Downs National Park Authority (as a neighbouring authority) on the above application.

The site is some 470 metres to the north of the National Park boundary. The wood immediately to the south of the application site is an ancient semi-natural woodland and also designated as SINC, as is Old Park Wood a little to the west. Although these sites are outside of the National Park, wildlife does not respect planning authority boundaries and so any potential impacts of this waste operation on protected species may extend into the National Park. Accordingly the SDNPA would expect guidance to be sought from your ecological advisors.

The road south from the application site enters the National Park and is unsuitable for HGV traffic. The application includes a Transport Assessment that includes details of potentially higher traffic movements if the permitted B2 use were fully realised in place of the proposed scheme. An agreement is also offered by which traffic would only use the road to the north to join/exit the A31, which is a defined lorry route. As long as HCC considers it reasonable and enforceable to apply a condition ensuring associated HGV traffic does only use this northern part of Old Park Road, the SNPA would have no objection to the proposals. Ideally, the junction of the site entrance with Old Park Road would be altered so that traffic can only exit northwards, but this may be unreasonable given that there are other existing occupants of the site to which such a condition could not be applied. The means by which traffic originating from the south or east might reach the A31 is of concern to the SDNPA as it may be that other inappropriate roads within the National Park are used. However, controlling this would be beyond the scope of the current application, other than to seek assurance that defined lorry routes will be used.

Kind regards,

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