## Comment for planning application WSCC/007/24

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

Southern Water has made no meaningful attempt to engage with the community and questions about the plans have been dealt with by someone with no technical expertise. We live in Rose Cottage Lane and are approximately 500m from the proposed site.

It is hard to understand why the existing treatment plant is not being upgraded. This would avoid changing a much loved and protected landscape in an area of outstanding natural beauty. I understand that the site is experimental for Southern Water being the first of its kind they have built. Southern Water has a well documented history of contempt for the environment and waterways with record fines over sewage discharges. It is hard to believe that they will put the required amount of resources in to keep this wetland working properly.

Hedges will be removed at nesting time and there is little in the plans to suggest the site will be adequately screened.

There seems to be a large amount of hard standing as well a a car park, which is completely out of keeping with the rural setting, and no real explanation as to why this is necessary as there is already parking at the existing treatment works. In addition the new cells will be up to 2m higher than ground level which will again be completely out of keeping with the setting.

There will be a complete destruction of all wildlife on site in the building phase and I note that the plans were submitted 4 days before legislation around diversity gain changed, which seems like a cynical ploy.

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