

Chanctonbury Landfill Action Group 3.

Rocklodge, The Hollow

Washington, Pulborough

West Sussex. RH20 3DA

20/08/21

Dear Sirs

Ref Rock Common Quarry Washington. Planning application WSCC/028/21

Please accept this as our formal objection on behalf of GLAG 3 to the above planning application WSCC/028/21 for the following reasons:-

- 1 The wording of the application is totally unacceptable, it allows the applicant to carry out virtually any form of industrial works, transfer station, concrete batching, processing plant, etc with no limitations.
- 2 The loss of amenity to the surrounding environment, Washington Village outlook from the South Downs national park will be completely ruined.
- 3 Damage to hedgerows, established flora & fauna within the quarry itself and surrounding area. Especially where die back is occurring due to leachates.
- 4 Damage of the natural environment for protected wildlife located within the quarry, ie Sand Martins, Perigrine falcons, Buzzards; Bats and Great crested newts.
- 5 The fact that a major aquifer runs under the quarry. The water is continually pumped into the Honeybridge stream to keep the water table below the threshold where contamination of the aquifer is highly probable. This has always been a major objection from the Environment Agency. With the water level clearly visible, any issues will become immediately apparent. Also, kept clear it means remedial action is easily achievable. So filling the quarry with no adequate protection of cross contamination is absolute lunacy, especially as toxins have been leaching out for the last 2 years and being washed into the Honeybridge stream.
- 6 A grade 2 listed windmill is under serious threat from this application.
- 7 500 lorry movements a day is totally unacceptable considering the high volume of traffic already. Storrington Road is already one of the most polluted roads in UK. Exacerbating this is utter madness, the increase risk of death and injury especially to cyclists and the general public is increased exponentially. Previous landfill there was at least 1 accident per week on the A 283.
- 8 Any surveys carried out during the Covid pandemic should be totally dis-regarded as they are not a true reflection. Some surveys have been selective in location and are not representative ie Great Crested newts are located within the quarry.
- 9 There has been insufficient consultative time for the general public. The vast majority have had no notification regarding this application.
- 10 There has been a deliberate down playing of this application by various agencies including WSCC, who have been severely lacking in carrying out a duty of care.