

Comment for planning application WSCC/028/21

Application number	WSCC/028/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Despite the positive intentions to find a solution to yet another quarry in the area, I would like to highlight the following concerns, all in service of finding a solution which is genuinely for the benefit of the community:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A proposal consisting of close to 1000 pages requires significant time for the local community to digest. No doubt thousands of pounds and hundreds of paid person hours has gone into a proposal of this detail. It is unfair to expect the local community, who are unpaid, without expertise and with far less time available to them, to assess the proposal and its potential impact in juts 4 weeks.2. The proposal does not in any way take into account the history of this local community. The impact of the A24 dual carriageway splitting the community in four, the numerous quarry activities over the years and the steady increase in traffic and the accompanying pollution and disturbance. The proposal suggests that the cumulative impact is insignificant. I cannot agree. We already have primary age children having to cross a busy A283 at rush hour with no crossing, as they attempt to get to their local school in Washington. St Marys School Washington, I believe is not mentioned in the proposal. Parents who believe that it is too dangerous for their children to walk to school or impractical because of the A24, also have to tolerate significant traffic build up at the Washington roundabout, making a 4-5 minute journey more like 20 minutes. This proposal could become literally the straw that broke the camels back.3. If supported, then commencement of the landfill will coincide with the Rampion wind farm project. So the community will need to withstand not only 300 additional HGV trips a day but also the disruption which will accompany the laying of lines to the wind farm. These will pass right across Washington village as well as sections of the A283.4. Transport Impact - Reports such as the noise assessment took place during the covid lockdown when we saw a huge downturn in traffic and therefore noise/air pollution. Traffic levels are still not back to where they were, but I am sure they will be in 3 years time when the landfill activity commences. This is a huge concern as the report does not portray the real impact on the community and its wellbeing.5. Public Safety - Accident reports in recent years are suggested as low in the proposal. However, accident reports in the early 2000's when the Windmill landfill was active (BIFFA) were significantly higher. Local residents who lived in the community report very real, vs theoretical, impact on the village of Washington.6. Climate Change - The response to the ongoing impact on climate is poor. I do not consider that maintaining the current impact on climate is a constructive defence of the proposal at a time when we are starting to experience changes to our local climate, in part due to large industrialised activity such as this. <p>In summary, I want us to find a solution for the quarry that is in the best interests of the local community. This means a much stronger level of community dialogue is required, significant creative problem solving and if the solution ends up being something like this, then we need far stronger public assurance and mitigation efforts. Without this, I fear that the trust that the community holds for the local institutions and businesses involved with be further depleted.</p>
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