

# Comment for planning application WSCC/007/24

Application number	WSCC/007/24
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Address	WILLOW COTTAGE, BRANTRIDGE LANE, BRANTRIDGE LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH, RH17 6JT
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Whilst we are in support of Southern Water's intention to improve waste water at their facility in Staplefield we have a number of concerns and therefore write to object &amp; comment on this application to create a new site.</p> <p>There hasn't been a meaningful attempt to engage with the community and questions about the plans have not been dealt with by anyone with technical expertise.</p> <p>Hedges will be removed at nesting time and the screening to replace it is not detailed in the plans and would need to fully hide the site.</p> <p>The cells will be up to 2.0m higher than ground level and will look out of character with the gently sloping landscape that currently exists. This will be out of character for the setting and there are also parking and hard landscaped paths planned which are not needed. There is already parking at the existing treatment works next door.</p> <p>All existing wildlife at the site will be destroyed. It is noted that the plans were submitted 4 days before the Government's new rules for sites such as these to show a "Diversity gain" of 10% over the current levels. This is very rushed and is a deliberate attempt to avoid compliance to the latest standards. On a neighbouring field, which is 10m away from the site, there are great crested newts, bats, dormice, 3 species of owl, skylarks and grass snakes amongst a huge diversity of other wildlife.</p> <p>The whole project will increase the amount of traffic and noise in the area.</p> <p>Why can't the existing treatment plant not be upgraded. This would avoid changing a much loved rural setting and protected landscape in an area of outstanding natural beauty. This will avoid a visual change to the landscape of the designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and avoid killing and destroying existing wildlife especially during the breeding season?</p> <p>We need to be fully consulted before this application should be considered further.</p>
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