## Comment for planning application WSCC/002/24

Application number Name

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Comment

Langhurstwood Road Reside

Address

Abbotslea Langhurstwood Road Horsham

Type of Comment Comments

It is pointless objecting to this application because the fact is that the Landfill capping requires completion, BUT it should be totally un-necessary for this task to be extended a further year. The deadline for completion of over-capping/planting the landfill has already been extended, by we recollect some three years. Our understanding has always been that Biffa chose to contract this work to a third party, and a third party that could use this space for the deposition of spoil, and serve their own business needs. We wonder whether we simply have a case of the "tail wagging the dog". Members of the Community Liaison Committee has consistently questioned the progress of the restoration and were given to understand that all was on schedule, only to be told in October 2023 that an extension was going to be applied for - just 10 weeks before 31.12.23. Residents have long looked forward to the conclusion of the numerous HGV's that have been shipping in restoration soils over many years and now we have to live with these again through the Spring/Summer of 2024, a time when we are entitled to the enjoyment of our homes. The HGV movement statistics provided monthly by Biffa indicate that in excess of 45% of the movements associated with the MBT/AD Plant were as a result of the haulage of restoration solls during the 12 months to 31.12.23. Since 1 January 2024 Biffa have operated the Landfill site outside of the permission date for completion.

Any new permission should, in our view, only be granted on the basis of a plan that will complete all within the extended period granted [12 months] and that WSCC Planning should insist on this plan. In addition there ought to be a financial penalty on Biffa, which they can pass on to their contractor, if the site restoration is not completed by 31.12.24. Without this there remains the potential of applying for another extension, which surely is not on. It certainly is not for the residents of Langhurstwood Road.

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