

Comment for planning application WSCC/028/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="11 Concorde Close Storrington"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Multiple errors on this application to suit the need of the company who submitted it. This quarry is a major aquifer. Compounds such as arsenic and chromium will enter our water supplies and add to they nearby waste facility. Businesses on The Hollow (where I work), Rock Campsite along with multiple homes are on the doorstep. They will be severely affected by noise and dust, Google reviews already mention this from the currently from existing works. With regards to wildlife (which is paramount) breeding peregrine falcons, sand martins and great crested newts to name a few.</p> <p>The newt survey has not been carried out properly (only 1 done and the requirement is a minimum is 4 - ponds chosen unsuitable and some ignored entirely) as they know it will stop the planning application. Also 3 ponds were identified as habitats, and before the survey could be done, they FILLED THEM IN with sand. One other important pond identified in the report as a habitat they said couldn't be accessed (due to health and safety reasons it was not accessible - well it is a quarry, and, the newts can access it!), then they go on to include a photo later in the report of them next to this pond...</p> <p>There are no mitigating measures for loss of habitat. Rare moth species of NATIONAL importance. Sand lizards are also Hugh on the list. They openly admit the habitats will be irreverably destroyed in the report. This habitat is rare.</p> <p>They have completely ignored the closest property (20m) in the whole report - they even took a photo where they deliberately hide it behind a tree!</p> <p>The traffic survey shows there is not enough space for 2 lorries to pass, it even shows them driving into each other, no mitagating measures. The width of lorries in diagram are suddenly half the correct width when it shows them passing next to each other. The Hollow is Narrow and often have Deer in the road. It is already difficult to pass with 1 big vehicle and their height constantly knocks huge branches into the road.</p> <p>The road cannot be widened as parts are in the edge of the cliff.</p> <p>The reinstation of the underground conveyor belt to transport is ludicrous. The last time this was used caused a landslide in 1999 due to vibrations, this one is even bigger and cliffs are even more unstable now, the whole road will fall in. They used it for less than a year. They will also still need machinery in the quarry to spread the waste, this is all trying to get around their previous REJECTION as they were told the access is NOT SUITABLE.</p> <p>They had to put aside money for restoration during the last decades of excavation. There was already an agreed restoration plan. Where has the money for this gone to?? What will it be used for instead? This is a very important point.</p> <p>They claim they do not have enough inert material to finish filling in the landfill site next door to the proper restoration plan - it was never finished. It looks terrible. But now they have enough to fill over 20 million cubic metres (in 8 years!), from within 10 miles?!</p> <p>They are trying to scare people with what will happen if they have to turn off the pumps if they don't get this application approved. With regards to the pumps, it now has to be pumped indefinitely and that was already a future plan. Scare mongering was added to the report to say this proposal will fix that, it will not, because they have gone below the water table.</p> <p>These are a few of the damaging effect the proposal highlights, with many more within the 1000's of pages submitted to confuse the application process and hide the devastating effect this will have to wildlife and property owners. We need to future proof these areas, by the quarry being positively responsible for it and letting it shut down for good and retain the South Downs protection that it deserves in this beautiful area.</p>
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