

Comment for planning application WSCC/028/21

Application number	WSCC/028/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I would like to register my strong objection to this application. It is difficult keeping emotions out of this, but words fail me when the site that was destined to be closed and fully restored by now continues to be worked with the operators finding sand from what was stated as a depleted resource only a few years ago, and now expanding the industrial activities there to "recycle" materials and deposit inert waste. It seems to me that Wiston Estate's "Farmer" Harry Goring, sees the site as a cash cow totally ignoring the community surrounding the area.</p> <p>My objections amongst the many that could be cited are:</p> <p>i. The predicted 500 additional lorry movements per day would impose on the A283 which is already carrying many HGVs from both commercial activities in the area. These lorry movements would not be evenly spread over 24 hours, but between a window of normal working hours. If this was, say, an 8 hour working day that would be one lorry movement per minute. The current operations are already affecting air quality with the resulting noise, vehicle emissions, particulates and dust arising from such vehicle movements. The additional lorry movements along this road and adjoining network expected from increased operations at Rock Quarry will exacerbate this.</p> <p>ii. The lorry movements and heavy plant both on site and off site will generate additional and unacceptable CO2 emissions, noise, and dust. An escalation of industrial activities at the quarry site will cause irreversible environmental damage and pose a threat to the sensitive ecological and environmental receptors in the area, with the Honeybridge Stream already in danger of polluted run-off from the existing Windmill Landfill site next door.</p> <p>iii. The continued operations at Rock Common have continued way beyond the previously agreed date at which the site was to be restored. The current planning approval was to have operations cease by the end of this year and is probably the third extension of the cessation in the past 20 years.</p> <p>iv. The effect of not only continuing the operations as-is, but a scaling-up and infilling of the quarry will seriously impact on the wildlife in the area. There are some 40+ species of birds resident/visiting in and around the quarry. Peregrine Falcons, Sand Martins and other endangered species will be displaced with loss of habitats and nesting sites. The existence of Great Crested Newts cannot be ignored, together with rare bats, and other rare mammals and reptiles enjoying the diverse environment which will al</p>
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