

Comment for planning application WSCC/028/21

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| Type of Comment | <input type="text" value="Objection"/> |
| Comments | <p>Regarding the current application for the new waste site in Washington. Please consider some of the below points.</p> <p>This quarry is a major aquifer. Consider what will happen if the water level is allowed to rise, due to leeching from the adjacent household waste site. Yes it is leeching - this is in the report. The water is being pumped into Honeybridge stream, and will be pumped forever. This is major concern; the report identifies compounds such as arsenic and chromium. This will enter our water supplies.</p> <p>As for the business there is the business park on The Hollow, Rock Campsite within a few meters of this site just as examples, so very many different businesses. The campsite will be severely affected by noise and dust, Google reviews already mention this from the very few remaining sand diggers. It's full of absolutely amazing wildlife. Breeding peregrine falcons, sand martins and great crested newts (see photo below of one from here) for example. Just one incidence of demonstrating how corrupt this application is, is 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) and hence none were found! 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. Just awful. 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 martins. Peregrines. Sand lizards. They openly admit the habitats will be irreversibly 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!! It's criminal.</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 mitigating measures. The width of lorries in diagram are suddenly half the correct width when it shows them passing next to each other, it's laughable.</p> <p>At some point they say they will 'widen the road' (on the edge of the cliff)... Come on!</p> <p>They want to reinstate the underground conveyor belt to transport the rubbish. 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 (claiming household waste site adjacent leeching in and contaminating water). Well this is a redundant point as they can never turn the pumps off (whether they get this application or not) - it now has to be pumped indefinitely. Because they have gone below the water table.</p> <p>There are so many things wrong, this is just the tip of the iceberg.</p> |
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