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Planning Application WSCC/007/24 - Installation of Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) and associated infrastructure at land adjacent to Staplefield Wastewater Treatment Works, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield, West Sussex, RH17 GES

Dear Mr Anderson

Please find my concerson in relation to my objection to the above application.

Impact on Landscape:

- **Policy Compliance:** Policy W6 of the West Sussex Waste Local Plan advocates for waste management proposals that minimize visual impact and preserve landscape character. The application's failure to explore alternative solutions and address visual intrusion contradicts this policy.
- **Protected Landscapes:** The proposed wetland site falls within the High Weald National Landscape, requiring special consideration for landscape conservation. The application's assertions regarding minimal visual impact overlook the significant alterations, including bunding and hard surfacing, which disrupt the natural character of the landscape.
- **Landscape Integration:** Policies W11 and W12 emphasize integration with existing land uses and preservation of landscape character. The application's lack of attention to enhancing adjoining land uses and sensitivity to natural features demonstrates non-compliance with these policies.
- **Adverse Changes:** The Landscape and Visual Appraisal acknowledges adverse changes to the landscape character due to the proposed scheme. However, its dismissive approach to potential visual impacts fails to address the concerns raised about the scheme's urbanizing effect and its alienation from the existing natural landscape.

Health and Safety Considerations:

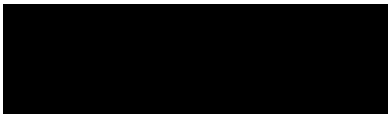
- **Historical Context:** Southern Water's track record of unpermitted sewage discharges into watercourses raises legitimate concerns about the efficacy of proposed sewage treatment methods. The potential impact of such incidents on public health and safety necessitates thorough examination.
- **Proximity Risks:** The proposed wetland's proximity to residential properties heightens concerns about health and safety risks associated with potential sewage spills. Without robust monitoring and control measures, the scheme poses a significant threat to the well-being of nearby residents.

- **Need for Assurance:** Given the project's potential implications for public health and safety, it is imperative for the LPA to seek assurances from Southern Water regarding the effectiveness of proposed sewage treatment measures and their capacity to prevent adverse health outcomes.

Conclusion:

- The concerns raised regarding the impact on heritage assets, landscape, and health and safety are substantive and merit careful consideration in the determination process. It is incumbent upon the LPA to address these concerns comprehensively to ensure the proposed scheme aligns with legal requirements and local planning policies.

Kind Regards



Tim Allen