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Application WSCC/028/21

Rock Common Quarry
The Hollow
Washington
Pulborough

STRONGLY OBJECT

Washington Caravan and Camping Park is an established business (for some 30 years), abutting Rock Common Quarry and the closest commercial property. Our customers camp at the westerly edge of the Quarry boundary immediately next to Honeybridge stream.

With our unique location at the foot of the Downs we provide a quality camping and caravanning amenity to people wanting to visit the local area and enjoy the South Downs National Park.

This application if approved will essentially destroy the amenity, our business, livelihood and home. Furthermore, the local tourism and village pub will be severely impacted.

I object as joint owner of the business on the following grounds :

➤ **Noise**

The noise generated by the proposed operation will be extremely intrusive on our business.

The application states that the processing plant would require expansion and sorting and placement of materials will be done with a 'raker bucket' which creates noise. Dumper trucks reversing alarms and all other plant machinery required to sort, crush and move the material around will be unacceptable to our customers.

The hours of operation have been extended to include Saturday mornings which will again severely impact on our business. Who would want to wake up to the noise of a 'plant' operation on the adjacent land. Customers simply won't tolerate it.

The Clarke Saunders Acoustics report is flawed. They have conveniently placed an automated monitoring location device (LT1) at the water pumping outlet into Honeybridge stream. The noise of the water pumping into Honeybridge stream therefore makes this exercise null and void. The noise sensitive receptor R3 is too far away from the customers that would be impacted by camping in the popular location near Honeybridge stream.

Furthermore if the exercise was undertaken during Covid times it is not a true representation.

➤ **Water Contamination**

I was alarmed to learn in the H20geo report that there are already elevated levels of contamination in Honeybridge Stream. It will be unacceptable on humans and wildlife to risk further contamination from a self-governing operation making financial gain. I trust that WSCC environment health will not make a decision that could result in a major Aquifer becoming contaminated and cause utter devastation.

➤ **Air Quality / Dust**

The Southdowns Environmental dust report is flawed. Map on P189 shows on our boundary we are a sensitive receptor (20m) but the summary table shows us as >30m putting us as 'Slight adverse effect' when in fact we are 'Moderate adverse effect, meaning our customers are at risk of dust impacting their stay at our Park.

➤ **Vibrations**

I do not see any reference to this in the application, clearly my tent customers cannot camp on land that will be subject to vibrations from neighboring operations.

➤ **Pollution – up to 500 trucks a day**

Storrington high street is the MOST POLLUTED area in the UK. I don't think anything else needs to be said and assume the encouraging 'Breathing Better' action plan as signed off by WSCC holds the gravitas to ensure that we do breathe better and don't allow trucks from outside our area to clog our roads and air we breathe.

➤ **Loss of business and amenity**

The Campsite will be at risk should this application go ahead and have far reaching implications.

I do not see anything in this proposal that solves for any financial loss to business in the area.

The Quarry should now be left after the remaining sand extraction. Let the wildlife and customers to the area enjoy it !

Karen Cleaver
Washington Park