

Comment for planning application WSCC/004/20

Application number

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Type of Comment

Objection

Comments

The September 18 Report appendices reduced Part 1 states "The construction of a residential dwelling on the South - West of the site", although there appears to be no mention of this in any of the other supporting documents. Is this proposed, and will this require a separate planning application to Mid Sussex County Council if this application is approved? I note the existence of a badger set on the site and the statement that there needs to be a buffer zone between the set and the capping elsewhere. I also note that the Ecological Report proposes that the badgers 'fend for themselves' during the period of the work, rather than force a closure of the set. However, it is highly likely that, due to the near presence of humans, the noise and vibrations, that they will be forced to leave this site. The Noise Impact Assessment December 2019 states that from tests carried out, noise levels will be higher than guidelines for those residing/working/being schooled at the Beechcroft Care Centre and Trefoil Montesorri Farm School: mitigation appears to be to limit work activity to the summer months and possibly school holidays, but the suggestion that windows are kept closed is not very helpful, especially as the work will be carried out for over a year. The Road Safety Audit was inadequate: apart from the desk top analysis, a 15 minute visit between 12:45 - 13:00 on one day did not give a true reflection of the traffic using West Hoathly Road. A fuller survey of traffic during a week would have revealed the high number of vehicles travelling into and out of East Grinstead using this road, particularly during the rush hour. It is particularly dangerous where the road narrows with rock formations on either side, so any wide vehicles (in addition to buses) present a potential hazard to other road users, especially as the speed limit here is 60 mph. The Transport Statement confirms that the site will require between 120,000 - 150,000 cubic metres of soil, equating to 12,000 - 15,000 HGV deliveries, estimated to take 80 weeks. However, this could take even longer, given adverse weather conditions or the exact amount of soil in each delivery. It is estimated that there will be up to 35 deliveries a day i.e. 70 HGV movements when factoring in the empty lorries making return journeys, but this ignores the traffic hold - ups in and around East Grinstead, which will extend the period even more. The Transport Statement also states that the source of the clay/soil is unknown at present, hence the lack of information regarding how the HGV's will get to Ship Street. If the source is from the direction of Forest Row, then it is not logical, or desirable for heavy vehicles to travel along the A22, past a senior school and along the historic High Street, to reach Ship Street. If the source is north of the A22, then the HGV's will be held up in traffic along the London Road into East Grinstead, and will need to go through the Town Centre to reach Ship Street. The proposed route down Ship Street and Dunnings Road is also unacceptable, and shows a lack of understanding of roads in and around East Grinstead. Parked vehicles already limit the width of these roads, and school children cross Dunnings Road daily to go to the nearby The Meads School. There is currently no Crossing Patrol person here, so HGV's using this route on a daily basis present an increased danger to children and adults. The proposed route from the site also has problems i.e. my understanding is that the HGV's will be sharing the National Trust property at Standen before exiting onto West Hoathly Road, so there is the potential for a road traffic collision with visitors to the property. The HGV's will also have to turn right at the 'triangle' at Saint Hill Green, which is a blind spot and will be difficult of the drivers to manoeuvre their vehicle. Although a one - way system is envisaged in the plan, there will be pressure on the HGV drivers to use alternative routes to shorten their routes, whether this is to or from the site. For the above reasons, I object to this proposal, which, if approved, will bring misery to the lives of people living and working in and around East Grinstead, for such a long period of time.

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