

Parish Clerk
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10th May 2021

Dear Planning Officer,

Application: 8/21/0207/FUL

Applicant: Eco Sustainable Solutions Ltd

Chapel Lane, Parley, Christchurch BH23 6BG

1. My Council have requested me to submit our initial responses in respect of the above application. The Parish Council is somewhat surprised and disappointed that along with Ferndown Town Council, we are not regarded as statutory consultees. This is despite the fact West Parley and Ferndown South are in terms of population, the most affected by these proposals. Any S106 monies generated by the grant will go to BCP and not those more adversely affected.
2. The extra traffic that will be generated by the proposal to increase the permitted waste throughput, will impact adversely, on Northbourne, Longham and West Parley. Whilst in isolation the figures mooted, look acceptable. However, it appears that the Highways Authority's concern is more pertaining to the increase in traffic on Chapel Lane itself and not on the wider area, which will undoubtedly see a large increase in HGV movements through already congested areas of eastern Dorset. The potential increase also shows disregard of the fact the Bournemouth Airport and the Industrial Estate are not operating at anywhere near maximum capacity. Whilst it has been suggested traffic to the Eco site could enter via the A338 and leave via West Parley or vice versa, we are yet to be convinced an operable monitoring scheme can be implemented. There will also be the extra traffic generated from the Eastern and Western housing and nursing home developments permitted by the Planning inspectorate on examination of the current a Local Plan. On the eastern site there is also planned a large store, along with numerous office and retail units.

3. Whilst roads are currently proposed through the estates, they are just that-estate roads and NOT relief roads. In summary the current proposals do not relieve the already heavy congestion at Parley traffic lights and the Northbourne and Longham roundabouts. Indeed, no application is yet to be submitted for the western link road and funding for this small development is dubious. However, Dorset Council Highways have confirmed that both 'relief' roads need to be present for their model to operate. The application talks about the provision of low carbon energy through the incineration of 'residual waste' expanding on the permitted waste throughput. The current volume of 'permitted waste' under existing consents has not been fully utilised. What is not clear is whether medical waste is also allowed to be incinerated.
"Of the total wastes generated by health-care organizations, 10%-25% are biomedical wastes, which are hazardous to humans and the environment and requires specific treatment and management. For decades, incineration was the method of choice for the treatment of such infectious wastes. Incinerator releases a wide variety of pollutants depending on the composition of the waste, which leads to health deterioration and environmental degradation. The significant pollutants emitted are particulate matter, metals, acid gases, oxides of nitrogen, and sulphur, aside from the release of innumerable substances of unknown toxicity. This process of waste incineration poses a significant threat to public health and the environment. The major impact on health is the higher incidence of cancer and respiratory symptoms; other potential effects are congenital abnormalities, hormonal defects, and increase in sex ratio. The effect on the environmental is in the form of global warming, acidification, photochemical ozone or smog formation, eutrophication, and human and animal toxicity. Thus, there is a need to skip to newer, widely accepted, economical, and environment-friendly technologies. The use of hydroclaves and plasma pyrolysis for the incineration of biomedical wastes leads to lesser environmental degradation, negligible health impacts, safe handling of treated wastes, lesser running and maintenance costs, more effective reduction of microorganisms, and safer disposal".
4. West Parley is a semi-rural village and there are a large amount of horse owners/riders and ride the circular route from Barrack Rd then up Chapel Lane to Parley Common who already have to run the gauntlet of traffic there. Whilst there is one bridleway that takes riders off Chapel Lane it is very narrow and not well maintained as it is overgrown in places, so not an easy or safe route for riders or other users such as cyclists etc. This aspect appeared to be overlooked until raised at ECO's presentation to the Parish Council several months ago. We note, there is a proposal off the back of the Transforming City Fund to improve this bridleway but it has not as far as we are aware been given the go ahead as there has to be discussions with landowners to be made. This must be a condition of any application.
5. The site is not only within the heart of local greenbelt, it is in close proximity to protected Dorset Heathland and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The protection of these habitats should be paramount and will obviously be adversely affected when considering the predominance of wind direction for the plume.
6. The height of the chimney has been restricted due to the proximity to the airport, however this has a direct correlation to the fall of the pollution particles from the chimney, which means the pollution would fall closer to the site than if a taller chimney was installed. Given the population of the local area, this can have a negative impact on the health of those residing in the 'drop zone'. See attached plume dispersal map below.

7. We have seen and fully agree with the letter from our neighbouring Parish Council at Hurn and endorse totally their concerns. The environmental considerations need close and careful consideration. In the interests of brevity, we will not repeat them here.
8. As a small Parish Council we are much reliant in Planning Matters on advice from our larger Unitary Authority- Dorset Council. Regrettably at this stage we have not had the benefit of considering any views articulated by Dorset's Planning Team on this application. Neither of course of has the technical summary and recommendation of the BCP Council Planning Team on the application yet been published.
9. At the time of writing this letter, the consultation period has not yet closed. However, already there are considerable letters expressing a variety of views- the vast majority echoing concerns. Whilst it is easy to try and dismiss these concerns as a form of Nimbyism, they raise legitimate matters of concerns by our local electorates. In the interests of democracy, they need to be addressed fully and transparently.
10. Our over-riding view is that these legitimate concerns and any further questions raised, be answered. Regrettably, in this instance we have concerns over the manner in which this important decision which has regional impact is being considered. Both Dorset and BCP Councils use the existing facility and are the likely major candidates to use the expanded facility. The current operation is undoubtedly well managed and tidy. The suggested educational centre sounds great. There are great local pressures to plan for the future disposal of 'waste' and local landfill sites are operating near capacity. People need to weigh these considerations when making a determination. It therefore seems perverse that the decision on the application will be made by a party with a heavy vested financial interest in the outcome. One of the other consultees (Dorset Council) again has the same financial vested interest. Individuals would have to recuse themselves from any determination if a Council Member, hearing the application. It is akin to the Council being judge and jury for the application.

For this reason, we respectfully request that the Application be 'called in' under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to the Government Minister responsible and a Planning Inspector hold a Public Inquiry on this controversial application, in public.

Rightly or wrongly, Questions are being asked on the

- funding of the development
- whether up to date technology is being used given this fast-evolving field
- health concerns (both from increased traffic movements and pollution from burning plastics)
- environmental factors. The site is in the green belt and near to two sites of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- what alternative locations have been considered to provide this facility
- traffic issues

- the detail of wording to be attached to any conditions recommended to the determinants if minded to grant the application

In conclusion, West Parley Parish Council wish to offer a strong objection to this proposal on the numerous grounds raised in this letter.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Yours faithfully,



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