

BHH Local Area Committee 3rd March 2022

Summary of points raised by Councillors and speakers at committee

Economy:

- Economic impacts should be a bigger area for objection and not properly considered by applicants.
- Risks of companies leaving Hamble if traffic situation worsened.

Traffic:

- Significant concerns about traffic impact, including increased congestion and highway safety.
- Concern about proximity of the site to local schools and the impact on school children in terms of road safety, particularly for children going to/from Hamble Station.
- HGVs would increase damage and dirt on the roads.
- Additional traffic problems if HGVs became stuck at access point.
- Transport Assessment does not consider capacity issues at all local road junctions.
- Poor road infrastructure to facilitate the development.
- Concern about the condition of the railway bridge and whether it can cope with the additional HGVs.
- Danger due to very narrow access/exit point from Hamble Station on the north side used by 50 -80 children/day.

Amenity:

- Hours of operation for the extraction are muddled. Would seem to be some form of operation taking place on the site for a lot of the day.
- Concern about proximity of the site to local schools and the impact on school children in terms of health and road safety.
- Overall disruption to the life of the village; inappropriate location within urban area.
- Concern that the impact of extraction could extend long past the original 13 years envisaged. Noted that other extraction sites had applied for time extensions.

Pollution and health implications:

- Pollution impacts not fully assessed by CEMEX.
- Significant concern about air quality impacts, particularly from dust particulates and the impact on the health of residents, especially those with underlying health conditions; reference made to particular impacts for people with Asthma and COPD.
- Concerns about the methodologies used to assess particulate matter impacts. Wind assessments specific to the Hamble Peninsular are needed to understand the impact.
- CEMEX needs to provide robust information to confirm no impacts to public health.
- Proposal contrary to saved Policy 32.ES.
- Proposal is contrary to the Government's clean air policy.
- Screening bunds not effective against pollution.

Ecology:

- Impacts on ecology and wildlife.
- Impact on the River Hamble.

Visual impacts:

- Impact on the character of the village. The extraction site would be visible on the main route into the area.
- Landscape buffer bunds too high.

Other matters:

- Management and maintenance of the restored land (if approved), should last for 50 years.
- The site could become a housing development if extraction takes place.
- Concern about the types of material that could be put in the site for restoration.
- Noted that Lowford Surgery closed meaning more patients access the Blackthorn Health Centre, increasing traffic on Hamble Lane.
- A lot of change has taken place in the local area since the allocation was considered in the Minerals and Waste Plan, which needs to be taken into account.
- Application lacks detail.
- Lack of comments from the Harbour Master.