

Planning Assessment Commission Meeting
Waste Recycling and Transfer Facility

7 December 2017 The Harrington Grove Country Club
1 Forestgrove Drive Harrington Park.

Madam Chair, Dr Evans Mr Fisher.

Rail Ballast

The Environmental Assessment Report still lists **Rail Ballast** among products that are proposed for processing at this site.

In my initial submission I objected to the processing of Rail Ballast as it is known to contain Asbestos.

There is also the potential for out of hours operation If there is an urgent need from the Railways.

This would contribute to significant sleep disruption.

At the community site meeting, Benedict stated they would send Ballast directly to another site for processing,

A further submission was made through Council when it was noted in the amended proposal that Ballast was still included, this email was noted by Council and forwarded to the Department

There has never been any acknowledgment by the Department or a reply to my objections on this matter Rail Ballast should be excluded from the list of acceptable materials even If certified as clear of asbestos

Dumping Area.

The proposed facility is located in a cul-de-sac and experiences dumping of waste which Council have had to remove.

There is a high potential for illegal Dumping of Asbestos and other materials out of hours as evidenced recently at Moss Vale with an associated Fire.

If rubbish was set alight in this area it would quickly spread to adjacent vegetation and any run off from Fire Fighting could enter Kenny Creek and flow on to Harrington Park Waterways.

Operating Hours

Benedict advised at our site meeting that their operation in **Belrose** was the closest to a residential area being 250 metres away

This facility is located in an **old Quarry** and the operating hours are:
Mon to Fri 6am to 5pm Saturday 6am to 1pm.

The **Chipping Norton Facility** is further away from residents and in an old Brick pitt. Hours are:

Mon to Fri 6am to 6pm Saturday 6am to 2pm Sunday 8am to 2pm

The effects of the Smeaton Grange proposal on residents in Currans Hill cannot be compared to the above facilities as the nearest residents are only 120 metres away.

Should this proposal proceed, I respectfully submit that the initial operating hours be set the same as Belrose so that noise and disturbance factors can be monitored against the models submitted by the consultants

Noise and Vibration

We have not been provided with any details of the “**accoustic fence**” other than it is 11mtrs high. *is it just a normal colourbond Fence?*

Section 5.1 notes that the adjacent Industrial area has a 2 mtr high fence and established vegetation.

This is effective in reducing the noise from a basic operation of unloading palletted materials.at the Coles Warehouse however vegetation and fencing does not continue to Kenny Creek and is shown in the original Benedict brochure as being an open area.

A colourbond fence and lack of vegetation will not reduce the noise levels. There is no quiet way of loading or unloading Trucks or Skip Bins containing Rubble, Timber, Scrap metal or Glass

We ask that these matters regarding noise attenuation be reviewed and further consideration be given to improving noise reduction including Benedict providing shutters to the most affected Residents at receivers R5 to 9.

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