

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 and Mr Fisher.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to address this panel regarding my personal concerns and those of the wider Currans Hill community.

Health Risks.

The Environmental Assessment Report still lists **Rail Ballast** among products that are proposed for processing at this site under item **2.2**.

In my initial submission I wrote that I objected to the processing of Rail Ballast in that it is known to contain Asbestos, even if certified as clear. In addition there is 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 that they would send Ballast directly to another site for processing, I am also of the opinion that Benedict stated at the council meeting when they told Council they were reducing hours that they also said that they were not processing Ballast.

A further submission was made through Council when it was noted in the amended proposal by Benedict 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 and that of other residents on this matter. Rail Ballast should be excluded from the list of acceptable materials.

MDF Fibres.

There are a large number of Kitchen Manufacturers in Smeaton Grange and Narellan, The MDF dust included with timber offcuts in the bins are a known cause of Pulmonary Thrombosis and present a health risk to the workers in the processing facility and could easily become airborne due to strong winds in this area irrespective of the watering system **no response has been made to this objection**

Dumping Area.

The proposed facility is to be located in a cul-de-sac and already 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 would enter Kenny Creek and could flow on to Harrington Park Waterways.

Operating Hours

We were advised by Benedict at the site meeting that the operation in their Belrose facility was the closest operating facility 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 residential areas and is located in an old Brick pit. We understand from recent press releases by Benedict that this plant is similar to the one proposed for Smeaton Grange operating 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 “**acoustic 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 and is effective in reducing the noise from a basic operation of unloading palleted materials at the Coles Warehouse however this vegetation does not continue to Kenny Creek and is shown in the original Benedict brochure as being an open area.

**A colorbond fence and lack of vegetation will not reduce the noise level
There is no quiet way of loading or unloading B doubles, 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 providing noise reducing shutters by Benedect to the most affected Residents at receivers R5 to 9.

I firmly believe that these matters in conjunction with objections from Currans Hill Residents strongly convey our belief that this project is not in the Public Interest.

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