Comment for planning application 20/02453/F

Proffitts House, Millers Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BS

Application Number	20/024E2/E
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Location	Hornton Grounds Quarry Hornton
Proposal	A fuel depot including ancillary offices, the installation of plant and hardstanding
Case Officer	Bob Neville
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Name	Roy Bridgland

Type of Comment

Objection

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I strongly object to this planning application, and find it surprising CERTAS would submit an application largely identical to the one rejected only 4 miles down the road (ref: 19/01202/F) where the reasons for it being refused I suggest would apply in this case as well, namely: 1) The proposed development represents an unjustified and unsustainable form of development in a rural location, which lacks opportunities for sustainable travel to and from the site, and would have significant adverse impacts on the character of the surrounding environment. 2) The proposal would have a detrimental visual impact on the rural character and appearance of the locality, causing significant and demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the area and valued open rural landscape. 3) As demonstrated in photographic evidence provided by Horton Grounds Farm there are valid concerns around surface water drainage, which have not been identified or considered by the applicants surveys or proposal. Therefore, the development represents a significant risk that in the event of spillage of fuel there could be serious detriment to the water environment and surrounding natural environment. In addition I raise concerns over the volume and size of vehicles accessing the proposed development. I understand this is currently restricted to 10 per day compared to the c.150 per day proposed as part of the development. I suggest this will have a damaging impact on the villages of Wroxton and Hanwell which are on route to the M40, and significantly increase the risk of road traffic accidents as these very large tanker vehicles negotiate the tight bends and narrow road sections through the villages. In the opposite direction towards Stratford the tankers will have to go up and down Sun Rising Hill a 1:10 gradient that is already notorious for stranded HGVs due to the incline, which I am sure would increase with the proposed number of tankers attempting it in all weathers both night and day, thereby further increasing the risk of road traffic accidents. From a logistical standpoint the proposed location does not seem to make sense in my opinion. There is very good reason distribution operations are expanding along the M40 around j11 with the infrastructure and access advantages it offers, and I would suggest CERTAS consider selling the proposed plot so it can be returned to farming, and acquire a more suitable plot along the M40 corridor.

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