Comment for planning application 20/02453/F

Application Number	20/02453/F	
Location	Hornton Grounds Quarry Hornton	
Proposal	A fuel depot including ancillary offices, the installation of plant and hardstanding	
Case Officer	Bob Neville	
Organisation		
Name	Sir David Gilmour	
Address	The Barn House,Alkerton,OX15 6NL	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	The Barn House Alkerton Oxfordshire OX15 6NL tel 01295 678673 email: gilmourdr@aol 15 October 2020 At CPRE we have examined planning application 20/02453/F and find it objectionable on every count. An industrial development of this nature is entirely unsuitable for a rural and very scenic area with access only to a busy and dangerous road snaking through the villages of Wroxton and Drayton before entering western Banbury. This scheme might benefit the landowner, the promoters of the plan and of course the fuel company. Everyone - and everything - else will be a loser: the roads, the wildlife, the polluted environment - and above all the hundreds of people living along the route who will be subjected to almost incessant noise, disruptive light and the eternal hazards that a fuel depot always carries. Some people, such as the owners of a neighbouring B&B, will lose their livelihoods. There is frankly no merit in this application. The depot should clearly remain where it is or else be resited somewhere near the M40. Another reason for our objection is that it contradicts the good intentions of Cherwell District Council as stated three months ago in its review of the Local Plan up to 2040. At CPRE we have welcomed the Council's proposals to protect 'valued landscapes' and 'areas of tranquility' as well as the need to identify areas 'where development would be inappropriate'. We also welcomed the suggestion that the Council 'might protect those areas which are relatively undisturbed by noise and are valued for their recreational and amenity value'. Of only two such places specified by the review, one is the Ironstone Downs, in which the Hornton Quarry sits at the centre. It would thus make a mockery of the Council's plans if this noisy, destructive and wholly unnecessary application were to be approved. Sir David Gilmour FRSL Chairman, CPRE, Cherwell District	
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