

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	Kate Birch
Address	The Mount,Eastgate,Hornton,Banbury,OX15 6BT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing to object to planning application 20/02453/F. As a resident of Hornton I strongly oppose this planning application. Herein are my comments and objections relating to this: I understand that massive fuel tanks on site will store 750,000 litres of fuel, of which I understand 120 tonnes would be petrol. Should there be any error, human or otherwise, in relation to the storage of this product the fallout to the surrounding environment would be catastrophic, the reparation bill enormous and the regeneration period lengthy. I believe that any risk of pollution and environmental damage has not been factored into the application which, given its nature, seems ludicrous, callous and ill prepared. The application mentions that approximately 158 lorry loads a week would leave the site and then return. Therefore, potentially 316 trips per week which would lead to an increase in pollution, road noise, traffic, a greater risk for accident and increased wear on road surfaces. The application states a round-the-clock operation, 7 days a week, with tankers delivering fuel to the site during the night and the majority of staff arriving by car at 5:30am in order to drive the tankers to the gantries to fill with fuel and then drive off the site. Due to the large area serviced by the depot and the vastly varying delivery distances, site tankers would return to the depot at times spread out during a shift. All of these points lead me to have grave concerns regarding the increase in noise pollution and an overall disruption to the tranquillity of this area, particularly, but certainly not limited to, the more antisocial times. There is mention that the site will be permanently lit throughout the night. This is completely unacceptable and raises concerns regarding light pollution in an area where there is little to none. Hornton and its surrounding countryside is peaceful and beautiful and it is a joy to live here. The introduction of a fuel depot just 1.2 kilometres away from the village would be wholly inappropriate and in direct opposition to its surroundings. I understand the need for businesses to operate successfully but there are certainly more suitable environments for a fuel depot than the one proposed in this application. Kate Birch</p>
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