

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	Jonathan Cantlay
Address	Angel Cottage, West End, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a resident of Hornton, I strongly object. I believe this proposal comes as a result of an application having been rejected for this site to be located elsewhere. What were the grounds for this rejection and how/why should the original grounds for rejection (albeit elsewhere) be any different here at this location? The Stratford road is already a busy one with numerous sharp bends and turnoffs both of which would serve as a particular road hazard to other vehicular traffic should the road become regularly used by fuel tankers and super tankers alike. Many of the roads connecting with it are narrow leading to small villages. To have the increase in slow heavy lorries up and down, delivering and turning at the access point is an accident waiting to happen. The surrounding area, including our village, will be affected by this noise and pollution (including light pollution) not to mention the Environmental impact at the site itself, especially should a fuel leak/contamination occur. Devastating! What risk assessments have been or will be done with regard to the storage of fuel in such volumes should the worst occur in terms of tank rupture/leakage be it from a main store or fuel tanker. This is of particular concern in terms of the water table and the fact that the site will sit above our low-lying village which incorporates a primary and pre-school for a number of local children. As a professional user (Commercial Pilot) of various grades of fuels (volatile & non-volatile) I have received training in and am well aware of the devastating effects of both fuel leakage and contamination! What highway/infrastructure improvements would be introduced in conjunction with such a development? I would be deeply concerned with an increased volume of heavy vehicular traffic in the form of tankers on the surrounding roads. Of particular note would be the steep gradient associated with Edgehill and ultimate access to the proposed site. What safeguards would be introduced to mitigate against the potential impact of spillage following an accident on the surrounding roads involving a tanker or indeed at the site itself. Potential additional risk would also exist in terms of tanker brake failure on the way up/down any one of the steep gradients/inclines in any road conditions but of particular concern would be in icy/winter conditions. Surely such a distribution site would be better suited to an industrial location NOT a rural and agricultural/residential community risking contamination. We moved to the area because it is relatively unspoilt with especially in terms of light pollution. This depot running 24/7 and flood lit would very likely impact this. My family and friends stay at the local b&b when they visit us (Hornton grounds Farm) the appeal of this Accommodation is the peace and quiet of this area and their main selling point. The noise associated with this site would undoubtedly be detrimental. This would in no way be seen as supportive from a local authority looking to assist local business at such high risk of closing down given the pressures of the current and ongoing Covid-19 pandemic/crisis.</p>
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