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Subject: Planning Application 20/02453/F Certas Energy fuel depot Hornton Grounds - Drayton PC OBJECTION

Although Drayton Parish Council was not formally consulted on this application, it will have a significant impact on the village, in particular the residents on the main Stratford Road. For this reason Drayton Parish Council wants to OBJECT to this application on the grounds of increased heavy vehicle traffic.

We raise a number of points for your consideration and a response please:

1. The Transport Statement says that there will be 158 tanker trips along the A422, this is broken down into typically 14 return trips per day excluding Sundays. This is only for deliveries out, the report makes no mention of how the oil tanks are to be replenished, which presumably will involve a significant number of larger tankers going to the site. This is a serious omission in the Planning Application documentation that needs a response before the application is determined.
2. The A422 is made out in the report to be a wide A road. The reason for this location being chosen is 'the A road and avoiding use of the narrow rural roads'. It fails to mention that at the east end it goes through Wroxton and Drayton, both attractive villages that have very sharp bends and properties adjacent to the road. There will be additional pollution both in noise and air quality. Increased numbers of heavy vehicles will cause serious damage to the old properties adjacent to the road; both Drayton and Wroxton are Conservation Areas having many historic properties with little or no foundations leaving them susceptible to vibrations caused by heavy vehicles..
3. The consequences of an accident and spillage within the village areas are catastrophic.
4. Looking at the west end of the A422 similar comments can be made for Ettington and Pillerton Priors in Warwickshire.
5. I can find no reference in the Planning Application to what happens if there is an oil spillage from the tanks or a tanker at the site. Presumably there is an oil interceptor but these are not foolproof and oil could escape into the ground contaminating the ground water.
6. This rural location is not appropriate when the destinations are as far apart as Worcester, Bedford, Birmingham etc. It surely needs to be within easy reach of the motorway network, not at least 20 minutes away involving trips through two villages and an ever expanding Banbury. Much of the route involving residential streets such as the villages, Warwick Road and Ruscote Avenue.

On a planning procedural note; the only Parish Council to be formally consulted seems to be Hornton. As Hornton is not on the A422 they will not be affected in the same way as Drayton and Wroxton. With an application like this that has a big impact on these two villages the Parish Councils should have been formal consultees. We should not hear of application of this magnitude through the grapevine.

This appears to be a delegated decision, I trust the given the weight of objections the decision will be made by the Planning Committee.

With Kind Regards

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