

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	Felix Francis
Address	Manor House,The Green,Hornton,Banbury,OX15 6BZ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I write in strong objection to the proposal to site a fuel distribution depot in the disused Hornton Grounds Quarry. The A422 Stratford Road through Wroxton and down the Edgehill Escarpment is simply not suitable for the number of tanker journeys that would result, indeed the A422 is specifically NOT advised by Oxfordshire County Council as an Oxfordshire lorry/HGV route due to the sharp bends and undulating road between Banbury and the proposed site, to say nothing of the extremely sharp bend on Sun Rising Hill as it ascends/descends the Edgehill escarpment. As a Hornton resident, I regularly use the cross-roads junction where the road from Hornton meets the A422 near Balscote, and that junction is already a dangerous place due to the speed and number of vehicles currently using the A422. This proposed development would simply add to the danger in particular due to the volatile nature of the cargo the tankers would contain. To have large articulated delivery tankers supplying the depot on a daily basis through the village of Wroxton would be total madness. I also strongly object on the basis that such a commercial development should not be situated in such a rural setting, specifically in a site of outstanding natural beauty very close to the Banbury Ornithological Society wildlife reserve near Balscote. The proposed 24-hour high-intensity 5 metre-high security lighting round the perimeter of the site will hugely effect the visiting wildfowl as well as the resident breeding pairs of rare birds, butterflies and dragonflies. I cannot stress strongly enough how important this nature reserve is to the local residents who supported its creation in the disused Balscote Quarry in 1998. It provides a perfect example of how disused quarries should be returned to nature rather than used for intrusive commercial development such as is now proposed at Hornton Grounds.</p>
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