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From: Roger and Lynn Corke, The Cottage, Church Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BY

To the members of Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee, our local ward councillors and the relevant planning officers,

We are writing one final plea to try to persuade the planning committee to reject the proposal to build a fuel depot on the former Hornton Grounds Quarry, which you are due to consider this week.

Why should you turn this down?

1. Because local democracy should mean something. You have had 130 letters opposing this proposal and just one in favour. Recently, you turned down a very similar proposal for this fuel depot to be sited at Sugarswell Farm industrial park, which attracted around 10 letters of support and nothing like as many objections. If that proposal was - rightly - rejected, you have around 120 more reasons to reject this one.
2. Three parish councils and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England have opposed it. Only Banbury Town Council - for entirely self-interested reasons, because they want to shift the present CERTAS fuel depot out of their own back yard - has supported the proposal. It is a matter of some regret that town councillors there felt unable to look wider than their own limited sphere of influence and make a decision that benefits the whole of their district council area.
3. The applicants claim that there is nowhere else in the whole of Cherwell to site this facility. May we suggest that they look a little harder. There are plenty of other places in Cherwell where this fuel depot could be sited. Just look on the Cherwell website for brownfield

sites:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/33/planning-policy/384/brownfield-land-register>

Any one of them would be more suitable than a site located above an aquifer, within 250 meters of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and away from a site that would destroy two businesses and damage another.

Instead, the applicants have wrongly - and knowingly - claimed that this site is a brownfield site, which it manifestly is not, according to the legal definition. They have claimed they have to move from their site in Banbury to the beautiful North Oxfordshire Ironstone Hills, despite the fact that, when they applied to site their fuel depot at Sugarswell Farm a couple of years ago and suggested other potential sites, Hornton Grounds Quarry was not one of them.

4. It is the job of Cherwell's Planning Committee to preserve and protect our area for future generations. North Oxfordshire is full of former quarries that should be returned to nature and allowed to prosper as havens for wildlife. They should not be used as dumps for industrial and potentially polluting activities that do not belong there. Your duty is to protect those areas, not to destroy and pollute them.

Please reject this proposal.

Regards

Roger and Lynn Corke

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