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Dear Councillors and Planning Department Officials,

I understand that this planning application is due to be reviewed this week. I would like to draw your attention to the letter of objection I wrote, see attached. Specifically, I am very concerned about the additional heavy goods vehicles that will be on the roads around Hornton Grounds, especially during the winter months when the local roads can frequently be extremely treacherous in icy conditions. Also, in our personal experience, heavy goods vehicles climbing and descending Sunrising Hill pose a serious threat to other road users due to the steepness of the hill combined with a hairpin bend. We have witnessed over the past decade several near misses due to heavy goods vehicles losing traction and rolling back down the hill towards following traffic. The vehicles behind these lorries have had to pull across the road and risk collision with oncoming traffic to avoid being impacted by the heavy goods vehicle. If the supertankers are routed via Sunrising Hill as we now understand is proposed, we believe that it is only a matter of time before there is a tragic accident involving the loss of life.

I am also very concerned by the development of an industrial site with highly flammable solvents in an area that offers so much promise and which could potentially in time take its rightful place in the Cotswold area of outstanding natural beauty. The Council have the opportunity with this application to vote against the development and support the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. We have enough brownfield industrialised land – do we really need to use this greening land that is slowly re-establishing biodiversity when the UK is in a biodiversity crisis with a huge drop in wildlife across the UK. Each decision we make either takes us on a further downward trajectory or offers the chance to turn the corner on our natural environment.

We are grateful for your careful consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely

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