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Dear Members of the Cherwell Planning Committee,

I write in objection to the proposed fuel depot at Hornton Grounds Quarry (Reference: 20/02453/F) on the following grounds:

1. The Hornton Grounds quarry was determined to be returned to agricultural use once stone extraction was complete rather than to be used for industrial purposes.
2. The A422 is not suitable for increased tanker deliveries (especially the large articulated HGV tankers to be used for fuel delivery to the site). The road is not designated as an Oxfordshire HGV route and the route from Banbury (and the M40) to the proposed site is totally unsuitable through Drayton and Wroxton, and particularly in the narrow sharp dip between the two villages. The alternative route via Sun Rise Hill is equally unsafe with its steep winding profile. The A422 is already a hazardous route with a history of accidents, and the risks would be increased as a result of HGV and other movements to and from the site.
3. The proposed development is not in keeping with the Cherwell District Council July 2020 review of the Local Plan to 2040, which stressed the importance of protecting 'valued landscapes' and 'areas of tranquillity', especially one so close to the picturesque D'Arcy Dalton Way and the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
4. 24-hour lighting of the proposed site will have a detrimental effect on the 'darkness' of the countryside and will affect the wildlife at the nearby Banbury Ornithological site at Balscote Quarry (itself a perfect illustration of how exhausted quarries should be returned to the environment).

As a resident of Hornton village I respectfully request that you take these and the other local objections into account when discussing the proposal and I urge you to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

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