Comment for planning application 24/00097/F

Application Number 24/00097/F

Location

Land South Side Of Widnell Lane Piddington

Proposal

RETROSPECTIVE - Material Change of Use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 12 gypsy/traveller families, each with two caravans, including improvement of access, laying of hardstanding and installation of package sewage treatment plant

Case Officer

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am writing my comments as a means to object to the proposed change of use.

I understand that permission was never granted and was in fact withdrawn due to contravention of the planning laws. The Council has failed to seek a satisfactory conclusion in the corrections required and the applicants have not been brought to accountability.

This site is wholly inappropriate for a number of reasons.

- 1. its Grade 3 Agricultural land and brownfield sites should be considered first.
- 2. The location of a site with caravans next to an industrial distribution centre of uncured Concrete is of grave concern. The adjacent property managed by Utranazz would have commercial activities and times of operation that would ill suite a site for dwellers to reside next to. These are a list of concerns the Council should take into consideration and responsibility for in protecting the pre-established multi million pound investment of Ultranazz. Currently the Ultranazz operation of preparing concrete mixes pre cured have taken sensible corporate responsibility for establishing their operation away from housing/dwellers locations for good reason.

This site currently stores in excess of some 40 plus commercial vehicles with the intention to provide job security and contribute to local and regional taxes. The risks this operation has to manage are broad and legal. Having a dwellers site directly adjacent could put additional corporate responsibility upon the operation not currently apparent. Right now their operation receives little attention due to its isolation and discrete position. The moment dwellers are located, there could be additional obligations upon the site.

It is not inconceivable to believe that once dwellers are granted permission, that they would attempt to curtail the operation and its profitability by curtailing operating hours due to the noise. There will be heavy traffic, operational noise, safety security alarms running from the early hours with extensive road dust and blow off of uncured cement. The commercial operation has to follow strict health and safety regulations and their staff are trained and protected with appropriately approved PTFE. A potential risk dwellers would have to endure and have no protection from. I have listed them below:

Living next to a cement distribution centre poses specific health concerns primarily due to the potential for air pollution and dust exposure. Cement dust can contain a variety of particles and chemicals that can affect human health, depending on the concentration and duration of exposure. Here are the primary health issues and concerns associated with living near a cement distribution centre:

Respiratory Issues

Inhalation of Dust: The primary concern is the inhalation of cement dust, which can lead to respiratory issues such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, bronchitis, and silicosis (in cases where the cement contains silica).

Particulate Matter (PM): Cement plants and distribution centres can emit fine particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), which can penetrate deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, causing various health problems.

Skin and Eye Irritation

Direct Contact: Cement dust can cause skin irritation, leading to dermatitis upon prolonged contact. It can also cause serious eye irritation and damage if it comes into direct contact with the eyes.

Allergic Reactions

Some individuals may experience allergic reactions to the chemicals in cement dust, including itching, redness, and dermatitis.

Chemical Exposure

Cement dust can contain chromium, which is known to cause allergic dermatitis. Prolonged exposure to crystalline silica, which can be present in cement dust, is a significant concern as it can lead to silicosis, a serious lung disease.

Cancer Risk

There is a potential increased risk of cancer, particularly lung cancer, associated with long-term exposure to certain components of cement dust, such as silica.

Noise Pollution

Living near a cement distribution centre might also expose residents to elevated levels of noise pollution, which can lead to hearing loss, stress, high blood pressure, and sleep disturbances.

Mental Health and Quality of Life

The presence of dust, noise, and heavy traffic associated with cement distribution centres can affect mental health and overall quality of life, leading to increased stress and anxiety levels.

Preventive Measures and Recommendations

Monitoring and Mitigation: Local authorities and companies should monitor air quality and implement dust control measures, such as water spraying and enclosing dust-producing operations.

Personal Protective Measures: Residents may need to use air purifiers, dust masks, or other protective measures during periods of high dust emission.

Health Check-ups: Regular health check-ups can help detect and address any emerging health issues early.

The impact of living near a cement distribution centre should be understood. Its the responsibility of the council to ensure dwellers are informed and protect them from harm. Its clear that if the dwellers are not well informed and do not have access to the appropriate scientific information then the council needs to help them make the decision and deny the rights for anyone to live there due to the risks. Can the council indemnify the council tax payers from any claims health cost or other that the dwellers would make as a consequence of them being granted approval and corresponding health issues that could be derived.

This application makes no sense to me and the resulting implications on the commercial operation. Children, babies and the infirm will all reside on the site over time. its our community responsibility and that of the council to protect people who are less than capable to defend and protect themselves. Does the council want to bare this cost?

Not on my council tax bill thank you.

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