SAXONGATE

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JOHNSONS AGGREGATES PLANNING APPLICATION

The above Company have had their planning application approved by Cambridgeshire County Council. This was despite three speakers opposing the application with Whittlesey Town Council's support. We have real concerns about the product they are making and the extra amount of lorries that will be travelling on the already overburdened road, the A605. Overleaf is a letter we have sent and signed on behalf of SAXONGATE. We suggest that you keep this newsletter in case it is needed in the future, we sincerely hope you do not have to use it.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

Please if you are affected by noise or smells report them to the Environment agency on 0800 80 70 60. Do this only when you are affected by the noise or smells. Also, please keep in touch with us using the QR code below or via social media at Facebook.com/SaxongatePE7. We will hold some public meetings in the future and you are very welcome to attend, these of course will be advertised.

MOVING FORWARD

We believe we now need to monitor what the businesses at Saxon Pit do and make sure they work within their remit. We also need to monitor new companies that in the future intend to set up at the site. To this end we will action the following.

1 NOISE MONITORING

We have acquired a noise meter so that we can check from several areas on the Snoots Estate, Peterborough Road and all surrounding areas. Remember we have already been subjected to excess noise that affects not only our leisure time but in many cases our mental health. Companies have a duty to minimise noise and to take action to reduce noise levels where possible. We intend to make sure our pressure produces results.



More overleaf



2 SMELLS

This has also been a constant complaint and other than the smell being acrid and unpleasant we are unaware of what we are breathing in. With a school less than a kilometre away, monitoring is essential.



3 TRAFFIC

The A605 is already an extremely busy road, adding to this clearly will not assist either with our time of travel or our CARBON FOOTPRINT locally. We also know that the road surface is in poor condition, which will only deteriorate further. We are in the process of taking lorry surveys and will continue to do this in the future.



4 AIR QUALITY

There are national air quality targets and limits for pollutants designed to protect human health and the environment. Of the 13 listed pollutants, the first two relate to particulates (respirable dust). Exposure to these contaminants can contribute to the onset of heart disease, cancer and respiratory conditions leading to premature death. In Whittlesey we have a growing number of industrial pollution sources and traffic levels are increasing.



Currently Fenland District Council does not report particulate levels and has no continuous automatic air quality monitoring in Whittlesey. You can only manage what you measure, so we will push for better local air quality monitoring and reporting to protect people's health.

LETTER TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (14/05/2022)

Summary of our comments on the County Council decision at Saxon pit, Planning Reference CCC/21/024/FUL

We are writing on behalf of Whittlesey and Kings Delph residents who are seriously unhappy with the decision to grant Johnsons Planning Permission to recycle 250,000 tonnes of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) and 50,000 tonnes of Construction and Demolition waste (C&D) at Saxon Pit, Whittlesey.

Our reasons for these concerns are that Cambridgeshire County Council has seriously underestimated the potential impact on the residents. These impacts include the increase in Carbon foot print, excessive noise levels, additional heavy goods traffic, associated pollution, as well as, most importantly, the potential health hazards associated with IBA and CD. We would remind you all of the close proximity of the site to residential areas as well as a Primary School and Junior Football Field, all of which are within 1 kilometre away. We also note that Johnsons had spent a significant amount of money at the site prior to the date of the planning meeting, so they were very confident that the application would be passed.

We wish this communication to be placed on record so if in the future our fears become a reality, it has been noted that we objected in the strongest possible way.

Signed,

Saxongate, a Whittlesey Residents Group Committee



