Critical update from Saxongate, time sensitive - new planning application

There is a new planning application for Saxon Pit with a response deadline of 07/08/24 (Wednesday next week).

CCC-24-048-FUL is a new planning application raised with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) by East Midlands Waste Management (EMWM). EMWM already run a number of operations in Saxon Pit and are responsible for the ongoing Eastern Buttress remedial works. In essence, the new application is for a metal recycling facility, with the material coming from Johnsons Aggregates Recycling Ltd (JARL) as a by-product from their incinerator bottom ash / incinerator bottom ash aggregate processing plant (an adjacent site in Saxon Pit).

Below is the notification letter (GCOR 2024 07 17 Letter to consultees). The link to the application is: -Simple Search (cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and search CCC-24-048-FUL

Indications are that Cambridgeshire County Council officers are likely to recommend approval of the application. Thanks to lobbying from Saxongate it looks like this will now go to a planning committee, so the public have a chance to speak.

Saxongate have raised a number of questions and suggested planning conditions / objections. No HGV traffic via Whittlesey and no dust or nuisance noise are key points we have raised, as well as an 8am start time.

The EMWM agent for this planning application is Mr Stephen Rice of SB Rice Ltd, Penzance. He is also the director of the company that proposed to build a science park in Victory Pit (for those of you who recall last year's presentation and the Whittlesey Town Council adopted WOW plan). Saxongate have contacted him for comment about both issues but have yet to receive any reply.

In other news, at a recent liaison meeting with Johnsons Aggregates Recycling Ltd (JARL), they indicated that they were looking to significantly increase their capacity to process IBA/IBAA in Saxon Pit and that they were in preliminary discussions with CCC in that regard. Saxongate is reserving its position on that matter until more information is available. The potential of significantly enhanced mitigation measures was put forward. Any increase would require a planning and permit process along with public consultation. More details will follow in due course.

For more detailed information and updates please join our mailing list and pass on our details. You can contact us on FB (<u>1) Facebook</u> or email <u>Saxongate2022@gmail.com</u>

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