

## **Saxon Pit IBA Expansion Expected to Be Recommended for Approval**

### **URGENT UPDATE: Saxon Pit IBA Expansion Expected to Be Recommended for Approval Despite No Drainage Consent for Discharge into King's Dyke.**

It appears that approval may be recommended for the expansion of incinerator bottom ash processing at Saxon Pit by Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

The Planning Committee will vote on this application on 4<sup>th</sup> March. *See end of message for details on free -transport we are providing.*

This is happening even though the site does not currently have drainage consent from the Middle Level Commissioners to discharge into King's Dyke.

In a formal letter dated 19 February (attached), the Middle Level Commissioners state:

- Historic discharge consent is no longer valid
- The site does not currently have consent to discharge
- Determination of planning permission should be withheld until drainage matters are resolved
- Consent should not be assumed

Discharge into King's Dyke has been taking place for years.

Residents are entitled to ask on what legal basis discharge is continuing in the absence of Middle Level consent, and how further expansion can properly proceed while that position remains unresolved. Without pumping water into King's Dyke, the site would flood.

IBA contains materials capable of long-term chemical accumulation in the environment. The UKHSA public health report acknowledged limitations in testing and data gaps. Brick manufacture was a stable and predictable operation. Waste processing involves variable materials, including IBA, with a wider and less predictable chemical profile. The waste and metal recycling operations being permitted at Saxon Pit, combined with documented breaches relating to waste handling, including IBA stored outside permitted areas and previous enforcement action, create a broader and more variable long-term environmental risk. In addition there is the ongoing investigation into non-conforming waste.

At the same time for this application:

- Public Health has submitted a detailed 11-page objection
- Residents have raised repeated complaints about dust, noise, odour and water impacts
- Additional operator information was uploaded only days before the meeting
- Throughput of IBA would significantly increase and outdoor crushing of IBA has been applied for.

Residents were recently told improved monitoring was needed in a community meeting, Yet this decision is now being brought forward in our view with undue haste.

Residents are entitled to ask why expansion is progressing before drainage consent is secured and before acknowledged monitoring gaps are addressed.

Saxongate is taking every possible action to ensure that the planning committee reaches the right conclusion based on all the known evidence.

## **Free Transport – Make Your Voice Heard**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Planning Committee at New Shire Hall Alconbury will decide on the Saxon Pit JARL expansion ref **CCC/24/091/VAR**.

### **This is our chance to make our voice heard.**

A strong turnout will show the strength of local feeling.

**Thanks to a donation from Town and District Councillor Roy Gerstner, a free 52-seat minibus has been secured so residents can attend in person.**

Transport is free. Donations towards costs are welcome but not expected.

To reserve a seat, message us on Facebook or email [saxongate2022@gmail.com](mailto:saxongate2022@gmail.com).

The meeting will be livestreamed, but being in the room matters on the day the decision is taken.

