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SB121023 – Case Reference

CCC/24/091/VAR – Saxon Pit Variation Application

Dear Ms Wass,

I am writing to object to application CCC/24/091/VAR. Since consultation began, the evidence base has shifted materially, and the cumulative impacts on residents now weigh decisively against this proposal.

Public Health and Resident Wellbeing

The Director of Public Health has taken the unusual step of recommending refusal. That alone demands considerable weight. Her position highlights unresolved risks to residents from the current operation, alongside clear concern about the consequences of intensifying activity. The recent multi-agency report, produced with national expertise, underscores that present operations cannot yet be shown to be safe and identifies adverse mental health impacts already being experienced by some residents.

It is not acceptable to add to that burden. The cumulative effect on public health and quality of life—physical and mental—must be central to planning judgement. Until the further health work recommended by the report is completed, approving increased throughput would be premature and unsafe.

Highways: Compounded Risk on the A605

On highways, the position has also shifted substantially. Peterborough City Council Highways raised capacity and safety concerns on the A605 prior to the approval of the Science & Technology Park, whose access lies only a short distance from Saxon Pit. That permission now materially elevates background traffic and compounds junction stress. The risk to residents is not theoretical—it is cumulative, daily, and concentrated on the same network.

The reliance on CCTV as an enforcement mechanism is not credible. Local experience shows it is ineffective at this site, including for the basic “no right turn” condition. With multiple operators, sub-contractors and HGV movements, CCTV does not deliver enforceable control. In short, it cannot mitigate the intensification now proposed.

Planning Balance and Precaution

The planning balance has moved decisively:

- A rare recommendation to refuse from the Director of Public Health;
- Evidence of ongoing health and mental health impacts under current operations;
- Increased highways loading following the Science & Technology Park approval;
- No practical enforcement solution for HGV movements or routing.

The cumulative impact on residents—health, amenity, safety, and daily living—has become unacceptable. The precautionary approach is to defer this application pending completion of the further public health work. If deferral is not possible, the only responsible outcome is refusal.

Please upload this representation to the planning portal as a formal objection.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Barclay", is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

Stephen Barclay MP