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Planning Appeals APP/G1630/W/17/3174163 & 3177872

Date: 12th October 2017

SaveOurLanes (SOL) are an informally constituted community group for people living in the hamlet of Fiddington and those who use the surrounding area, who share a pride in the character of the rural amenities and seek to protect them.

Due to the number of residents' concerns for the original application of the proposed Anaerobic Digester a community group was set up under the name of SaveOurLanes. We have not only had support from residents but the wider community and from local Parish Councils, Borough Councillors, County Councillors, Local MP, and the Local Green Party.

When the Appellant appealed to the Secretary of State, we as a community decided the best way to assist the inspectorate and ensure they are fully aware of the issues involved we would collate our many concerns into one statement. This is in lieu of repeating the many objections submitted for the original application(s). Although within this statement we have identified the concerns of the community, they are not limited to these, and should be read in conjunction with the comments received and published on TBC planning portal for each application.

Consequently the decision was made to engage the professional services of Dr Andrea Pellegram MRTPI MCIWM. The remit being to review both applications and subsequent appeal documentation, understand our concerns and interpret the relevant planning policies, then to prepare a detailed Statement of Case for submission. All costs for this work and for attendance at the Hearing have been and will be funded by donations from the community that we represent.

We have read the Appellants reports and appeal case with disbelief at their total lack of understanding of the existing character of the area.

As it is a rural location they have used statements such as:

They will be familiar to such things as large scale agricultural buildings

Tractors and trailers are common place.

Frequent Articulated tankers.

Noise, odours and dust are associated with agricultural activities.

.....to try and justify these applications, which is clearly understating the issues involved.

Overall we do accept that the above occasionally occurs, but nowhere near on the scale and volume of the industrial plant that is being proposed. These reports in our opinion have been shallow, inadequate, subjective, inconsistent and misleading to suit the appellant's proposals.

We are firmly convinced that:

- Significant landscape harm will be caused by the intrusive industrial character and operation of the proposed plant.
- There is no understanding of the peace and tranquillity of the area, and the resulting loss of amenity, enjoyment and perception of safety that these proposals present.

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- There has been misleading interpretation of traffic data and inadequate consideration of all users of the lanes and PROW's.
- There is no benefit to the local community generated by these proposals.

We believe that TBC reasons for refusal on both applications are sound.

Therefore due to the significant harm these proposals would cause to our community, we would respectfully request that both appeals be dismissed.

Signed on behalf of SaveOurLanes

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Statement of Case on behalf of SaveOurLanes attached