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Planning Objections to Wallerscote Limebeds Infill Proposal 23/02766/FUL

The proposal to transfer 1.4 million tons of builders rubble by road from across the UK through the villages of Cheshire is: environmentally damaging, and unnecessary.

1. Environmental Damage

1.1. Infrastructure

Damage to the road system, particularly the A533 already from suffering from pot holes, will get worse.

The single lane Winnington Swing Bridge built in 1901 (grade 2 listed) is vulnerable. The bridge is a moving structure driven by motors, switchgear and components originally designed over 100 years ago. It requires specialist maintenance, unexpected failure will create major road diversions and congestion.

Planning permission passed for about 170 dwellings on Wallerscote Island will increase traffic queuing at this choke point.

1.2.Environment Damage

There will be increased noise, vibration and dust pollution for the residents of: Barnton, Weaverham, Winnington and Wallerscote., as well as higher carbon / particulate emissions from the diesel HGV's.

There is no clear procedure to analyze and monitor wagon contents to check that additional hazardous waste is not being added (asbestos ? ..). Any proposal must include stringent checks, monitoring and records. Lack of control of waste material led to previous scandals in Ireland and Wales.

2. Unnecessary

Solar Panels could be constructed without major additional material (re-contouring the existing site). The small amount of electricity generated benefits TATA and not the local community.

There are large quantities of dredgings (sand) on the banks of the river Weaver and in the Weaver which could be used and require no heavy loading on the road system. The Lime bed site lies only 60mtrs from the river. The river and its locks are designed for

movement of 300ton barges. Increased dredging of the river which has been allowed to silt up over the years would have the added benefit of **reducing flood risk** in Northwich. There are plentiful local supplies.

It has been claimed that the lime beds are leaking to the river . There is no evidence of this . Indeed the massive high structure which dominates Wallerscote Village and the local waste treatment plant could be at risk from land instability with the new heavy loading.. Has proper investigation been done on site stability with this massive extra loading?

Conclusion

This proposal is not about creating green energy but a lucrative waste land fill site for the owners. It will be a waste dumping ground for Northwich . The lively-hoods of : local residents , businesses and property values and the environment will be damaged. Planning permission must be refused.

Yours sincerely

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'The River Weaver Navigation Society is an independent association with a vision to help create an attractive, vibrant environment for Weaver residents and visitors.'