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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/Z3825/W/25/3364755

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/Z3825/W/25/3364755
Appeal By	PRESTIGE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS LTD
Site Address	Bridge Farm Coolham Road Coolham HORSHAM RH13 8GP

SENDER DETAILS

Name	[redacted]
Address	Cowfold Road Coolham RH13 8QJ

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☑ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Re: Appeal Reference APP/Z3825/W/25/3364755
Site: Bridge Farm, Coolham Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8GP
Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing as a local resident to strongly object to the above planning appeal. I have previously submitted an objection to the original planning application and wish to reiterate and expand upon my concerns, particularly in relation to the impact on local infrastructure, traffic, noise, and the wellbeing of the community.
The proposal will have a profoundly negative effect on our village and its residents in the following ways:
1. Infringement on Quality of Life and Early-Morning Disturbance
It is deeply concerning that the applicant seeks to allow trucks to arrive on site from 6:00am, with three trucks permitted to return to the site at Bridge Farm as early as 5:00am. In reality, this is already happening. We are regularly woken from 4:30am onwards by the noise of heavy vehicles entering the village, often accompanied by screeching brakes and engine noise.
This is not only intrusive but also a direct infringement on our quality of living. It disrupts sleep, [redacted]. It is unacceptable to allow this kind of industrial activity to operate within and around a rural village setting during such antisocial hours.
2. Traffic and Road Safety
The proposal will exacerbate already unsafe road conditions. Our village lanes are narrow and were never designed to accommodate heavy goods vehicles. The risk to pedestrians, including schoolchildren and the elderly, will only increase.
3. Overstretched Infrastructure
Local infrastructure – including roads, healthcare, and schools – is already under pressure. This proposal would increase that strain with no apparent benefit or mitigation for the community.
4. Harm to Village Character and Environment
This development is completely out of step with the character of the village and the surrounding countryside. It would cause irreversible harm to the peaceful, rural setting that defines the area.
5. Drainage and Flood Risk
The proposal raises serious concerns about drainage and the increased risk of flooding. Given existing challenges with water run-off and surface water management, this development could significantly worsen conditions.
In summary, I urge the Planning Inspectorate to dismiss this appeal. The current operations are already having a negative impact on local residents, and approving this proposal would formalise and worsen an already unacceptable situation. Our village deserves protection from this kind of intrusive and inappropriate development.
Thank you for considering my objection.
Yours faithfully,
[redacted]