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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/Z3825/W/25/3364754

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/Z3825/W/25/3364754
Appeal By	PRESTIGE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS LTD
Site Address	Bridge Farm Coolham Road Coolham HORSHAM RH13 8GP

SENDER DETAILS

Name	[redacted]
Address	Baileys, Brooks Green Road Coolham West Sussex RH13 8GR

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

Although I have already expressed my objections to this application which you will have undoubtably read, the extension of Prestige's operating hours to 5 a.m. (applications DC/24/1645 & DC/22/1986) remains a serious concern for me and local residents. My original objection outlined several key issues, summarised below for your consideration:

Noise and Residential Amenity
The early-morning movement of HGVs through Coolham will cause significant noise disturbance, including engine noise, braking, body rattle, and vibrations. This will particularly affect families with young children (such as my own) and homes close to the road, disrupting sleep and which directly effects wellbeing.

Misleading Acoustic Report
Prestige's acoustic assessment underestimates noise impacts and fails to consider key factors such as road condition, vehicle acceleration patterns, and cumulative effects of multiple HGVs. The road used is a rural lane (Brooks Green Road), unsuited to heavy traffic, and already deteriorating due to HGV use. I think it is safe to say that if the original application had been looked at carefully by the highways agency, it would never have been granted in the first place.

Safety Risks
Introducing HGV traffic at 5 a.m. on narrow, unlit, pavement-free roads poses an unacceptable risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users—especially in poor visibility.

Track Record of Non-Compliance
Prestige has a history of operating outside agreed hours and only responding to enforcement when required. This raises serious concerns about the likelihood of future adherence to conditions. Despite all the objections and input from the council, I think it is important to note that they are continuing to operate well outside outside their permitted hours and I'm aware of many complaints made Horsham Council about this recently.

Lack of Community Consideration
The proposal disregards consistent opposition from local residents, whose experiences of current operations are already highly negative.

Existing Harm Already Evident
Current operations are already disruptive. Extending hours would significantly worsen an already deteriorating quality of life for the local community.

Conclusion
Given the demonstrated harm, existing non-compliance, and widespread local objection, I urge you to uphold the original refusal and maintain the current operating restrictions to protect residential amenity and rural character.