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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	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/25/3364754
Site: Bridge Farm, Coolham Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8GP
Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing to object to the appeal regarding the proposed redevelopment, resurfacing, and expansion of the haulage yard at Bridge Farm, Coolham.
As a resident of the village and a father of young children, I have already objected to the original application, and I find it deeply frustrating to be facing yet another attempt to push through an expansion that is entirely inappropriate for this area.

Breaches and Disregard for Conditions
The operators are already ignoring the operational limits placed on them. Trucks frequently pass through the village well before 5am, causing serious disruption to our family's rest and wellbeing. I work US hours and take care of the school run in the mornings, and being woken by screeching brakes and HGVs before dawn is exhausting and unsustainable.
If they are failing to comply with current restrictions, how can we possibly trust that they will adhere to more permissive conditions? This appeal simply reinforces the pattern of overstepping boundaries and then seeking retrospective approval.

Dangerous Driving Incident
This is not just about noise. There are serious safety concerns. One of the mothers at our school had a verbal altercation with one of the haulage drivers after he drove through the village in a way that was dangerous and aggressive. The situation was deeply unsettling for her, and for those of us who walk our children to school or cycle through the area.
To be fair, once the owner was made aware, he responded appropriately and expressed concern. However, it's telling that the incident only prompted action because residents escalated it. These issues should not require confrontation to be addressed.

Wrong Business, Wrong Place
A distribution yard of this scale is not compatible with a small rural village. The roads are narrow, the surroundings are residential and agricultural, and the current operations already feel more like a large-scale industrial estate than a local business.
The operators should be looking to relocate to a more appropriate commercial or industrial setting — somewhere designed to handle this scale of vehicle movement without jeopardising the safety and wellbeing of families.

Conclusion
This appeal should be firmly rejected. The community is already dealing with too much — disrupted sleep, unsafe roads, and a business that operates first and seeks permission later. We need action to scale back their impact on the village, not to entrench or expand it.
Please dismiss this appeal and help protect the character and safety of Coolham for all of us who live and raise our families here.
Yours faithfully,
[redacted]