

Planning application comment was submitted on the **08 April 2024 10:21 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P220769/M** by **Wellington Parish Council Mrs Chris Bucknell - Parish Clerk**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: The Parish Council notes the applicant's additional documentation submitted in response to the queries raised by HFC but does not consider that the applicant's responses resolve the Council's objections.

The PC notes that there continue to be discrepancies between the applicant's drawings and text, in particular the details regarding the depth of excavations and lagoons, and that the recent documentation contains further discrepancies, eg the margin with the Wellington Brook is now stated variously as 17.5 metres and 10 metres.

The PC notes that the applicant's visual impact statement and documentation appear to take no account of nor make any mention of the adverse visual impact on and from Wellington village, the conservation area generally and the Bridge House properties in particular. Whilst the screening bunds proposed along the A49 would be high enough to adversely change the visual character along the length of the road, they would not be high enough to screen the subsoil bunds, the stockpiles or the plant from the village. The vegetation proposed for screening would not have grown sufficiently to be effective during the life of the excavations.

The PC notes National Highways comments regarding safety concerns and vehicle routings arising from the Haywood Lane junction. The PC has noted the draft HGV routing scheme on the HFC website but is concerned that:

- Monitoring and enforcement of the routing scheme requires resources that HFC would find difficult to apply consistently
- The routing scheme could generate an unintended consequence whereby HGV's turning south on exit from Haywood's Lane but with a northerly destination would then take a route through Wellington village to avoid the additional distance to the Starting Gate roundabout.

The PC notes National Highways comments regarding dust management relate to a topsoil screening bund height of 5 metres rather than the 3 metres suggested elsewhere. If 5 metres were to be required for adequate dust management, the adverse impacts of the screening bund would be significantly greater.

The PC notes National Highways concerns regarding the applicant's need to demonstrate the stability of the proposed screening bund along the A49 but the PC also notes that those concerns relate to a proposed lagoon and excavation depth of 5 metres whereas the applicant's drawings still show lagoons and excavations at significantly greater depths.

Wellington Parish Council therefore reiterates its objection to the application.

Attachment:

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