

Planning application comment was submitted on the **24 September 2023 01:01 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P222728/N** by **Steve Davies**

**Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application**

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**Comment:** I object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The proposal appears to rely on 'in-house' monitoring. This is not acceptable. There should be continuous monitoring at the final outfall with an alarm system and oversight and maintenance by an independent body. A fund should be made available by the developer for the supply, future maintenance and monitoring of suitable equipment by an independent body for the life of the development. This could be provided for as part of the Section 106 agreement.
2. The site is in the wrong location being, as it is in the most sensitive part of the Wye catchment and has a large proportion of the catchment downstream.
3. In the event of mismanagement, exceptional weather conditions or technical breakdown, I do not consider that adequate safety precautions are proposed, not only in terms of monitoring but also spare overflow storage capacity and buffering. In view of the huge quantity of biological matter being imported to the site, potentially without official oversight, the impacts of a major pollution incident on the SAC could be devastating. Whilst (indeed BECAUSE) it may not be legally possible to require a developer to provide entirely adequate safety margins, the determination of this application must place exceptional emphasis on the consideration of the magnitude of the possible negative outcomes.

**Attachment:**

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** Monitoring equipment and oversight as described in my objection

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