

Site: Homers Farm, London Road (A30), Staines

MINERALS AND WASTE APPLICATION SP/13/00141/SCC: Proposed extraction of sand and gravel from land at Homers Farm together with associated wheelwash, site office, cabin for generator and car parking, the provision of a new access from Short Lane, restoration involving the importation of inert restoration materials to agriculture, on a site of 10.5 hectares.

Written submission to committee from Robert Evans (Local Member for Stanwell and Stanwell Moor)

Dear Cheryl

Re Homers Farm Application

Please pass on to the committee my apologies for absence at the meeting this morning. I am sorry that work commitments (student exams) prevent me attending.

As the local member for the division concerned by this application, I ask that it is rejected for a number of reasons including;

I have not been convinced of the safety of access to the site at what can be a particularly busy junction.

The estimated number of vehicle movements over the period proposed for gravel extraction, is unacceptably high. As it is only an estimate, the actual figure could of course be higher.

Whilst the plan is that lorries would turn left and continue to the roundabout should they wish to effectively turn right, there can be no guarantee that individual drivers would comply with this. The traffic on the A30 can be fast and this presents a potential danger.

Additionally I am concerned as to the state of the road surface after the number of muddy lorries passing along it.

The site is sandwiched between two sports clubs, Ashford Town Football Club and Ashford Sports Club (Cricket and Hockey) where, declaring an interest, I am a long standing member. These are two active and very busy sports grounds with hundreds of players, some very young. There could be a negative effect not just on the surface of the playing fields but on the atmosphere with dust and other emissions from the gravel raising site.

Furthermore I have concerns that children and others on bicycles might be at danger from lorries entering and exiting the gravel raising site.

I hope members will take these strong reservations into account when making their decision.
many thanks

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