



17 June 2022

Dear Sirs

**Reference: Planning application 20/01483/HCS, Five Oaks Farm, Shedfield**

I write on behalf of the Wickham Society to register our concern and objection to the above planning application. I realise that my previous letter sent in August 2020, failed to be registered as I omitted to include an address. Consequently, the comments below include previous statements with further response to the additional reports submitted in May 2022.

Within the application although there is an acknowledgement of the volume of lorry movement that will be generated on a daily basis by this development, there is no evidence of any strategy to mitigate the inevitable impact these heavy lorry journeys (carrying a load creating additional dust) will have on the surrounding residential areas, before they gain access to major artery roads.

Based on their assessments, Wickham can anticipate an average of four or five HGV lorry loads per hour travelling along the A334 to access the south via the M27. Within the village we have a number of pinch points on the A334 that put pedestrians at risk of injury from the wing mirrors of lorries, and where it is impossible for two wide vehicles to pass at the same time. The roundabout junction at the meeting of the A334 and A32 will also be at risk of further congestion and reduced safety by this additional heavy traffic particularly in the morning between 8am and 9am and in the evening from 3.15pm to 5pm. This is unacceptable. The additional information supplied in May 2022, including a further transport assessment, has only focused on the concerns and issues relating to the immediate area of Five Oaks Farm and has taken no account of the above.

Since this application was submitted to HCC, there has been a further planning application proposing the transportation of inert waste to a site in Titchfield Lane on the outskirts of Wickham (HCC/2021/0710) which is also intending to use the A334 as an access road to the site. If these two proposals were allowed to happen at the same time, this will further compromise the safety of pedestrians and other road users on our already congested streets in Wickham.

Wickham is braced for further uncertainty with the advent of the Welborne development of 6000 houses, 2 miles south of the village. It has been agreed that all lorries accessing this site will have to travel via the M27 to reach it, in recognition that Wickham is a conservation area and not designed to cope with more lorries travelling through it. However, it is inevitable that a proportion of vehicles will fail to adhere to this restriction, given the limited resources available to enforce it.

We therefore request that the Five Oaks Farm planning application be considered within the context of the likely impact upon Wickham of both the Titchfield Lane inert waste application and the Welborne development.

Yours faithfully

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