

FAO: Sam Dumbrell, Planning Department, Hampshire County Council

**Planning application no: 21/03089/HCS**

**Ref: The Funtley Refuse Tip (Former), Titchfield Lane, Wickham, Fareham, Hampshire PO15 6DY**

**Proposed revised landform modifications to enable the construction of a 10.5 mw solar photovoltaic (PV) farm and gas management system with associated works**

November 2022

I am writing on behalf of the Wickham Society to register further objection to the above planning application. This is despite the reassurances and mitigation proposals recently submitted to your department by SLR Consultants on behalf of the applicant. The reasons for our objection are:

1. Within the new document entitled *Further Additional Information Consolidated* (submitted on 17/11/22) statements are listed on page 14 giving the reasons (in the agent's opinion) for this application to be accepted. The first reason given is that it will receive the inert waste from the new Garden Village (i.e. Welborne). For many years, Wickham Society has had representation on the Welborne Community Stakeholder group, meeting regularly with Welborne project managers. They have clearly stated to us that it is their intention that the majority of waste created during the building programme will be recycled within the Welborne site. They have had no discussions with the applicant or their representatives on this matter. As a consequence, knowing that this suggested benefit is misleading, we have no confidence in the other reasons/benefits listed by the applicant's agent, as they may also be based on surmise rather than solid facts or agreements. Furthermore, as part of the planning conditions associated with Welborne, all heavy vehicles servicing the site must use the M27 for all journeys thus keeping away from Wickham to protect its conservation area and the historic houses in this vicinity and to reduce the risk to road and pedestrian safety.
2. On 17 November, I attended a Wickham Parish Council meeting where this planning application was included on the agenda. The meeting was attended by Mr Alistair Pike, an independent Road Safety Consultant hired by SLR, and Mr John Gosling, Managing Director TJ Transport, the bulk haulage firm contracted by SLR to move landfill to the site. In the course of discussion, they revealed that Mr Pike had been commissioned by SLR to carry out a survey of Titchfield Lane to assess its suitability to accommodate 30-ton HGV vehicles. However, we were also told that when the report is produced it will be shared with SLR but will not be placed into the public domain. Before a final decision is made regarding this application, we believe that this information should at least be made available to your planning department and committee members.

At this meeting, a resident in Titchfield Lane produced two dustbin liners full of vehicle detritus that he had picked up from immediately outside his house over the last two months, including wing mirrors, bits of hub caps and yellow wheel nut indicators for HGV's. It was a graphic example of the existing dangers and challenges faced by motorists along this road. He explained that there were other areas along the road with similar amounts of vehicle parts scattered on the verges. This is occurring now, without the proposed extra HGV movements along this lane.

We continue to believe that this application will have an unacceptable negative impact on highway safety and the environment and have no confidence in its future justification.

With regards

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