

Smeaton Grange Recovery Facility. SSD 7424

I wish to lodge my objection to the above proposal on the following grounds.

NOISE:

There is no quiet way of loading or unloading B doubles, Trucks or Skip Bins containing rubble, rail ballast, timber, scrap metal or glass.

The number of vehicles using this facility could exceed the Camden Council Environmental Noise Policy.

Insufficient detail has been provided on how noise and dust will be managed during the processing and stockpiling of waste outside the shed.

Deliveries and Pick ups on Sunday would substantially increase the noise levels in the area as there is very little Industrial noise in this area on a Sunday.

Location of Storage Bins.

The storage Bins are shown as being located next to the rear fence area. This is the closest part of the site to nearby residents and could mean that residents would be subjected to the constant noise of loading trucks with rubble, glass and other noisy materials in the morning shoulder and after processing ceases at 4pm until 10pm.

ODOURS:

The odour assessment was not able to be viewed by residents and I have concerns that we will be able to smell odours similar to that of the Spring Farm recovery Center

Garden Waste from Householders and building sites could easily be starting to break down when they are received on site then stored for a for a period of time in an area that can reach a temperature of 40degrees.

The Green Waste stored here increases the potential of odors reaching residents as this is in a strong wind area.

Stored Timber.

Timber that has been delivered for processing from building sites could have termites etc. and has potential to attract rodents and other vermin and increase the Ibis activity in the area

HEALTH RISKS:**Sleep Disturbance.**

Noise generated in the morning shoulder (between 6am and 7am) indicated in the acoustic report may reach up to 58db which exceeds the maximum noise criteria of the Camden Council Environmental Noise Policy.

Lighting.

External lighting used in the evenings up to 10pm or in 24hour operation has a potential to add to the sleep disturbance factors. On the proposal there was no Lighting Impact Study.

Air Pollution

The proposal may generate Dust and toxic air pollution which will blow east over a vast area of Currans Hill and detrimental to the Employees and Products at the Coles Food Distribution Center that is located next door.

Asbestos.

Brake Linings from vehicle workshops and garages to be processed for scrap metal contain a level of asbestos, Skip bins have the potential to have some asbestos particularly those from home and garden renovations that contain soil which can keep it hidden.

Benedict have no stated action plan with regard to handling and encapsulating asbestos when discovered.

M.D.F Fibers.

There are a large number of Kitchen Manufacturers in Smeaton Grange and Narellan, The MDF dust included with timber off cuts in the bins as well as Fibers in bins from building and demolition sites could easily be picked up

by strong winds in this area and become airborne irrespective of the water sprinkling system to be installed.

MDF Fibers are known to cause Pulmonary Thrombosis and aggravate Asthma.

FIRE RISKS:

Packaging.

Bales of Cardboard, Paper and Packaging stored on site have a high potential to self-combust (as has been noted in a number of recycling plants).

The Coles Warehouse next door regularly has Fire Brigade call outs and I feel that the 2 facilities side by side pose a significant Fire risk to local residents.

Bush Fire Risk.

This Site is identified as bush fire prone land. The additional build up of airborne rubbish from unloading and processing could dramatically increase the Fire Risk in this area.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

The proposal will have a negative impact on the immediate environment including Kenny Creek which is a vegetated riparian corridor, local Wildlife and remnants of Cumberland Plains Forest.

There is no evidence that a study of the existing wildlife in this area and the effect this proposal would have on this corridor has been undertaken.

DUMPING AREA.

The proposed facility is to be located in a cul-de-sac and already experiencing dumping of waste. There is a high potential of illegal Dumping of Asbestos and other materials as was the recent experience at the Bargo Recovery site.

What are the out-of hours bin storage operating arrangements?, If they are outside the Gates then this will encourage Dumping.

OPERATING HOURS.

The operating hours at the Benedict Recycling Facility in Belrose are 7am to 4pm. The Residents of Currans Hill were advised at a site meeting in Smeaton Grange that the operation in Belrose is the closest operating facility to a residential area being 250 metres away, and is located in an **old Quarry**. The operating hours are **7am to 4pm**.

The Chipping Norton Facility is Further away from residential areas, and is located in an old Brick Pitt. We understand from recent press releases that this plant is similar to the one proposed for Smeaton Grange. The operating hours are **6am to 6pm**

The effects of the Smeaton Grange proposal on residents in Currans Hill cannot be compared to the above facilities as the nearest residents are only 120 metres away. The proposed operating Hours are 6am to 10pm with a proposed 24hr operation where required is **not acceptable**.

I respectfully request that inquiries are made of Environmental Protection Authority to ascertain if there has been any breaches of existing Benedict Facilities operating conditions.

Liverpool Council should also be contacted, so as to ascertain if there has been complaints from local residents and businesses. Past Council Minutes indicate that a request was sent to the E.P.A. for **a second odour monitor to be installed**.

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