Woodbury Salterton Residents Association

Rosewood Village Rd Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PR 24/01/2013

To the chair of Woodbury Parish Council

Dear Sir.

In reference to planning application DCC/3480/2013

I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the WSRA committee to object to the proposal of the Working hours at Greendale Barton Business Park.

It was due to the close proximity of the village the working hours where restricted. Waste processing between 0700 to 1800 Monday to Friday and open to vehicles entering or leaving the site between 0500-1800 Monday to Friday.

They now want to have deliveries and baling between 0700 to 1300 and then deliveries only from 1300 to 1800 on Saturdays. They also want to have Deliveries on Sunday from 0700 to 1800.

The permission was originally given only last year but the building had already been built and operating without formal planning permission (only outline). This outline permission to expand the Industrial area was given in 2009 on appeal after Devon County council refused permission twice because the proximity to the village.

Therefore Greendale Developments and their client SITA knew full well that the site would be contentious and would require restrictions on their hours and practices.

Forewarned with this knowledge they however proceeded in building the unit knowing full well that the operational hours would be restricted. The original operation was to bale the "door step" waste from East Devon`s household collection. However in 2012 SITA won the contract for 5 years to operate 17 of Devon`s Household Waste Recycling.

So the original plan were trucks going out and collect waste from households and then the waste moved into the unit to sort and bale and then ship the bales out. These collections are through the week but not weekends. But then the 17 HWR come on stream which is heavily used at weekends, therefore requiring, processing and transporting at weekends.

By amalgamating these 2 contracts it is blatantly obvious that it would increase the throughput and require longer hours and extending the working week.

SITA are stating that the changes are needed for operational reasons due to a number of HWRs not having the capacity of storing full containers on site.

It would therefore seem that SITA quoted for a contract without a complete business plan on how the operation would dovetail into their existing business. Now they expect us the residents of Woodbury Salterton to put up with the noise of their operation throughout the weekend.

SITA are quoting "operational reasons" however it should read as "budgetary reasons" They want to operate 2 contracts though one operational hub to make more money!

Yours faithfully

Geoff Jung (association secretary)