



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Leicestershire County Council

Development Control

Regulatory Board

Via email

8th June 2020

Dear Councillors,

2018/2588/02 (2018/VOCM/0251/LCC) - British Gypsum - Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 87/1467/2 to change product delivery times - Barrow Works, Paudy Lane, Seagrave.

2018/2589/02 (2018/VOCM/0252/LCC) - British Gypsum - Variation of conditions 8 & 10 of planning permission 2001/2001/2 to increase imports of high-grade gypsum and reduce the permitted hours of importation - British Gypsum, Barrow Works, Paudy Lane, Seagrave.

Further to my letter of 23rd March 2020 on behalf of my constituent, Mrs Hollingshead of Walton Thorns Farm, Paudy Lane, Thrussington, please may I draw attention to the following additional points: -

While it is welcome that the applicant has reduced the number of hours and nighttime vehicle movements in the revised application before you today, I would suggest that the nature of those movements and the time of night that they will take place is of material concern. I understand that the nearest property is 8m distance from the site access point and that there are other properties along the route that will be affected.

The report suggests that the impact on surrounding properties would be "moderate". The report also indicates that the maximum noise limit is already being exceeded in the bedroom and states that it would therefore not have a significant impact. I would disagree. An HGV vehicle movement at 5.30am on a weekday morning is I would suggest very different to one at 3am. To have sleep disturbed even moderately up to 8 times between 3am and 4am and then again up to 8 times between 4am and 5am every weekday morning would seem to be of great significance.

The impact of the vehicle movements will also be of significance at this time. A heavily laden HGV will naturally rev the engine at the entrance following the reduction in speed to turn the corner. An empty vehicle leaving site may easily rattle and reverberate noise as it travels



along the site access road and on to the main highway. These would all be single sound events which I understand are more disturbing to sleep than a constant drone.

I would suggest that the time restrictions were put in place for a good reason many years ago and that the situation has not changed. I would ask that the Regulatory Board consider these points along with those made by Mrs Hollingworth and other objectors before making their decision.

Many thanks for your kind consideration of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Hunt'.

Jane Hunt MP