

2021/121, Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent

Dear Georgina Betts,

In response to Kent County Council's consultation on the ESA (13/01/21), Warlingham Parish Council wishes to repeat its strong objection to the continued use of the Transport Statement (Feb 2020) and HGV routeing agreement (Email from Agent Feb 2020) that would support the main recommendation of the ESA.

Warlingham Parish Council now has grave concerns regarding the likelihood that the ESA recommendation, if accepted, would generate a further 25% more HGV trips and the number of HGVs using the Warlingham/Clarks Lane route from Source Zone E would increase by the same proportion.

Warlingham Parish Council has previously strongly objected to the routeing plan and choice of Warlingham and the B2024 (Clarks Lane), in particular, as a route for HGVs to move reclaimed materials from Zone E to the quarry site. This route is totally unsuitable for the type and level of HGV traffic and would present a clear danger to both other motorists and cyclists, as the HGVs negotiate the steep and narrow sections of Clarks Lane as it descends to meet Croydon Road.

The village centres of Brasted and Sundridge on the A25 east of the quarry site have been protected by limits on the number of HGVs that can pass through on a daily basis. Furthermore, no HGVs will be permitted to route, to or from the quarry, through Westerham town centre, thereby preventing access from the A25 west and Westerham itself. The residents of Warlingham demand the same level of protection as afforded to the residents of Westerham.

We request that Kent County Council amend the proposed route from reclamation Zone E to take all HGV quarry traffic away from the village centre of Warlingham and the B2024 (Clarks Lane).

SCC Highways

An objection from SCC Highways has already been submitted with detailed points as follows:

- There are a number of narrow points on the road where road widths will not permit the passing of 2 HGVs or an HGV and a car
- There are no passing points so dangerous reversing manoeuvres will be required
- Clarks Lane has a 60 mph speed limit, is narrow, steep and winding
- It's a very popular cycling route
- The road is exposed to hazardous icy conditions in winter.

Should the application be approved, SCC had additionally requested to be involved in monitoring the enforcement of HGVs as it was concerned that HGVs designated route D may also use route E as a more direct route to the quarry.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Simon Bold
Clerk, for and on behalf of, Warlingham Parish Council.
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