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18th January 2016

Dear Sir

Re Application No 153172 Grundon Landfill Knowl Hill

I wish to object to condition 7 of planning consent 340429 to extend the time for the deposit of non inert waste from 17 years to 20 years, to extend the time for the deposit of engineering/restoration materials (inert waste) from 17 years to 21 years and to exend the time for the completion of the sites restoration form 19 years to 22 years

This means deposit of non inert waste from Jan 2016 to Jan 2019, restoration materials from 2016 to 2020 and restoration completion from 2018 to 2021.

I have several points of objection and please note that I did not receive notification from yourselves regarding this planning application:

I have lived in Star Lane for 30 years. Since the time that Grundon's first got permission to landfill waste adjacent to our lane, (despite our best efforts to prevent this), we as neighbours have had one date fixed in our minds when the nightmare would be over; 'January 2016', following which the site area was to be restored and landscaped. It is totally unfair at this very late stage for us as local residents to have this end date moved. We have been subjected to high levels of stress through not being able to enjoy our homes, gardens and local walks, as we should be able to.

I have not been able to enjoy my property due to :

- Noise :
 - This has continued since Grundon's took over the site. Particularly, in the last few weeks I have become more aware of increasing noise from the site including reversing vehicles and vehicle movements generally. On Saturday mornings I have noticed noise starting as early as 7.30 am.
 - Constant low level humming noise which continues throughout the night.

- Odour :
 - we have lost our right to breathe fresh clean air.
 - Recent significant increase in redolent, reeking objectionable odour to the point where on these winter's nights I am unable to sleep with a window open at the front of the house.
 - We are now avoiding walks that encroach the landfill site as the smell and visible rubbish is too objectionable
- Rubbish :
 - visible rubbish in the trees and shrubs surrounding the site alongside the footpath that extends upwards from Star Lane

Grundon's have not been honest in complying with the licence conditions. Specifically they do not regularly cap the site, this is clearly evident to all the residents and walkers in the area, by the stinking odour and visible rubbish in the trees surrounding the site.

The fact that Grundon's have not been able to complete filling the site at this late stage, should not be to our detriment, this is grossly unfair. It is also clear that no one can foresee how long it will realistically take to fill.

I am asking that the site be closed off now and landscaped as promised, that we do not continue to be subjected beyond the dates originally stated.

Thanking you

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