



KENT MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

SITE 8 CHELSFIELD AMMUNITION DEPOT, BADGERS MOUNT.

THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

The Shoreham Society is a local amenity society that was established for the benefit of residents living in Shoreham and locally along the Darent Valley. It is a registered charity and is affiliated to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. It was founded in 1961 - *“to enhance the amenities of Shoreham village and to maintain the agreeable rural character of its surroundings”*. Since then it has campaigned effectively against various proposals, which have threatened to do harm to our parish, including gravel extraction, the M25 motorway and a reduction in village train services.

PROPOSALS

It is noted that the site is referred to in both the Mineral Sites Development Plan Document and The Waste Sites Development Plan Document. Full details of the proposed use of the site have not been provided on behalf of the operator. The summary refers to use of site for high PSV stone road planings for recycling.

SUBMISSIONS

- The site is not required in order for the KCC to meet targets for waste treatment and recycling over the period of the plan

- There is insufficient information for the KCC to make a proper assessment
- There is no planning consent for the proposed use. It cannot therefore be assumed that it will ever contribute to the necessary requirements for waste treatment and disposal
- The site therefore does not satisfy the necessary criteria
- All of the site is within the Kent Downs AONB . There is therefore a presumption against development other than in exceptional circumstances. No such circumstances have been demonstrated.
- The site abuts residential properties and any intensification in the use of the site will have a direct negative impact on the residents.
- There is likely to be significant harm to the important ancient woodland adjacent to and forming part of the site and a negative impact on biodiversity
- Increased HGV movements will not just impact on the main roads as experience shows that HGV's will try and use country lanes to shorten journeys. These lanes are unsuitable for such traffic.

CONCLUSIONS

The Shoreham Society fully supports the Badgers Mount Residents Association and Shoreham Parish Council in their objections to this site being included in the Waste Sited Development Plan

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