

Friends of Ringwood Forest

Response to Application for Environment Permits –Blue Haze

We have the following concerns:

1. IBA Blue Haze

To monitor the IBA being dampened down in dry weather, we would like to see a PM10 monitor in place to reassure residents of the air quality and evidence that the stockpiles are being dampened down. Residents near the site are complaining of grey dust on their conservatories, windows and cars.

It is clear from Raymond Browns own video that dust is also generated from the processing and movement of the IBA - see <http://raymondbrownmineralsandrecycling.co.uk/raymond-brown-tv.asp> .

A number of people have also witnessed IBA dust blowing off the stockpiles from inside the site and outside the boundary and beyond. Veolia have to import water when the pond runs dry, there should be a constant supply of water at Blue Haze. This is another reason why we would like to see a PM10 monitor in place to reassure residents of the air quality and methods deployed to reduce dust from the processing of IBA.

Additionally, when the site is closed there is no monitoring in place that we know of which triggers an alert to dampen down the stockpiles. Such monitoring should also be a permit requirement.

We are unclear what methods are in place to test the IBA when it comes into the site. All IBA that enters Blue Haze should be tested and recorded – if it's found to be hazardous it should not be allowed into the site under any circumstances.

If the site were suitable, full planning permission would have been sought and granted 5 years ago. Temporary planning avoids meeting proper site requirements & cost. They have had 5 years at least to find a proper site with all requirements met. No extension of use should now be granted and therefore the proposed changes are not required.

We understand that for an IBA processing facility working over 5 years, it should be on a concrete base.

The Wheel washing plant is not currently used every time a vehicle departs from the site – unlike at Trigon. Enforcement and monitoring of the use of the plant for all vehicles leaving the Blue Haze site should be a permit requirement.

No proposed leachate wells are shown in the IBAA awaiting processing and Stockpiling areas so no monitoring of leachate leakage would be possible.

The height of the stockpiles should be taken into consideration and should always be kept below the tree line to protect residents from dust.

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2. Leachate Treatment Plant

We support the fact that this will reduce HGV movements on a very busy stretch of road B3081, however, we would want to see in the permit no allowance of imported leachate to be treated.

We have some concern, however, about the volume of treated water likely to be released into sewerage system, and would like confirmation that the Water Authorities have no issues with the permit.

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Enquiries:

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