

Northaw Action Group (NAG)



No More'a Chas Storer

Sometimes not all recycling is good news !

A group of Northaw residents have formed NAG to oppose the expansion of a cardboard and green waste recycling plant operating in our Green Belt.

Chas Storer recycling have recently had a planning application turned down to expand the existing site on Coopers Lane. The plans were to install industrial shredding machines, buildings to house the machinery, office accommodation, an additional weigh bridge and extensive waiting areas for lorries. This involved Chas Storer taking over half of the existing wood yard plot to accommodate the expansion of this industrial processing plant.

We appreciate that in this day and age of recycling it's an important process and one that protects the environment, however when the recycling plant is operating in the Green Belt, it in turn brings damage to the environment via noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution (from odour and exhaust fumes), littering the countryside, as well as increased HGV traffic through an unsuitable road network and down narrow country roads causing damage to properties through vibration. **We, as residents living in the area see this as unacceptable and a totally unsuitable use of our valued Green Belt.**

NAG have already raised public awareness of the issue and this resulted in over 300 objection letters sent to the Planning Officer at Hertfordshire County Council to stop this planning application being approved.

Drivers, Cyclists, Pedestrians - If you use Coopers Lane and The Causeway you will probably have seen the road and pavements being blocked and damaged by

articulated HGV lorries queuing to collect from the site, blocking the road day in and day out. Navigating around these vehicles for drivers and pedestrians is extremely dangerous, especially near the single carriageway in Coopers Lane adjacent to The Chequers Pub and by the sharp bend near The Old Police Station. Many drivers are forced into the path of oncoming traffic and pedestrians are often forced to walk on the road. Even more worrying, school children walking to and from school, are forced into the road to avoid the articulated lorries turning into the site or when lorries park on the pavement.

NAG is here to stop this expansion and curtail the nuisance caused by this site that's operating with no planning restrictions. This site operates 24hrs a day 7 days a week with noise and light that bombards local residents day and night.

So, if you feel you are suffering a nuisance from this site, we would like to hear from you. Email us your contact details and observations of how this is effecting you. We will then contact you in due course. If we receive a significant number of complaints, then we can take civil action under common law by seeking an injunction to stop the noise nuisance with a potential damages claims for each house affected.

This does not need to be a long winded or expensive process, rather with evidence to support your complaint (pictures, recordings etc.) NAG can take action quickly to stop local residents having to live with this blight on their daily lives.

Join Together - We Can Make This Happen!
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NAG working in partnership with SCANGB, Northaw & Cuffley Residents Association and Northaw / Cuffley Parish Council.