

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation

Petition:

Waste Transfer Station Plan on the Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall

Councillor Christopher Williams, division member for Ludgershall and Perham Down will on behalf of students of Wellington Academy and the NO2WASTE group, present a petition with 1036 signatories.

The petition states that:

..they vehemently oppose the above plan by Hills Waste Solutions Limited for the reasons listed below:

- Numerous road hazard and congestion issues in the area
- Odour, noise and air pollution
- Detrimental to the Wellington Academy and our health and safety
- Too close to existing and planned new residential areas
- Out of character with the original plan to attract innovative businesses to the Park
- Detrimental to existing businesses and a deterrent to future innovative businesses
- Set undesirable precedent for more 'dirty' industries to move onto the Business Park, further impacting on our health and safety
- HWS may decide to co-locate other waste operations alongside further impacting on our health and safety
- Concerns related to the major aquifer beneath the site (ie drainage, contamination etc)
- Ancient woodland to the north-east may be sensitive to air pollution despite any increase to the volume of headgrow/tree line to the north of the site
- Totally out of character and appearance with the surrounding area impacting on amenities, safety and quality of life
- Contradicts guidelines set out in the Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Selection and Site Appraisal Methodology Report dated August 2009 (in particular: 'Exclusionary: Avoid development that would lead to impacts on human health (eg proximity to residential areas, schools, existing urban businesses)')

We consider the views of the Wellington Academy students and local people (supported by the SCI (Statement of Community Involvement) and the forthcoming Localism Bill should carry proper weight before a decision is made to proceed any further with this proposal.