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Dear Mr. Henning,

Application No. CW1/0123/36

Installation of 5 No. kiosks required in connection with **wider permitted development works**
Whaley Bridge Wastewater Treatment Works, Bridgemont, High Peak, Furness Vale, SK23 7PG

I would like to submit my concerns regarding the above planning application. Accompany this document is PDF Document "Planning Application Images for CW1-0123-36"

Firstly, is this Planning Application a fait accompli? As the work has already started and 14 Site Cabins put on site.

If it is a fait accompli Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) need to address the following.

Full Clarification and Disclosure is required to the wording in the application "**wider permitted development works**" what is this allowing once the Application is granted?

Noise

We live in a Grade 2 Listed Property which neighbours the Water Works separated only by the River Goyt. Waterside is a hamlet within a conservation area of 5 residence all within 150m of the Water Works entrance and only 40m from one of the proposed locations of kiosk! There are also two further listed properties which overlook and boarder the Water Works. There are also permanent Boat Moorings (6+) on the Canal directly next to the Water Works where people are also living.

Reading through the documents there are **NO** provisions put in place for disruption to local residence regarding the Noise Pollution which will be generated by the development works (Heavy Machinery, Diggers, Lorries, etc).

We are on the understanding that the Ground Works will take 12-months whilst the remaining work will take a further 12-months! 2 Years of noise disruption.

The Water Works is located in the base of a valley which means the noise will travel both up and along the valley.

DCC and HPBC need to take the NOISE Pollution in to account when making their final decision as this will seriously affect our Hamlet and the surrounding neighbours.

I do note the HPBC have submitted a recommendation as follows:
8am to 6pm Weekdays (10-hour Day!) and 8am to 2pm on Saturdays (6-hour Day!)

Frankly these times are totally unacceptable and to also allowing Saturdays is a joke.

Local residents should not have to endure 50-hours of noise disruption all week and then endure it for a further 6-hours of the weekend. 56-hours of disruption per week for up to 2-years of works.

DCC and HPBC need to address these hours and ensure the Contractors abide by a strict day-time work time schedule with financial penalties in place and compensation for our Hamlet. Weekend working and Evening working should NOT be allowed and strictly enforced due to over running works and contractors not hitting deadlines or targets.

Access via Public Footpaths

As stated above Waterside is located in the base of a valley. During times of bad weather, the only access out of Waterside for us and that of local residents to local amenities is by foot using the footpath 87 which runs alongside the Water Works and crosses their main entrance.

This historic footpath which is owned by DCC runs directly next to an area of development which is not mentioned explicitly within this Planning Application, but where work has already commenced. This work has had NO local consultation.

This footpath is used by many local residences daily, this is our only means of access to both Bus and Rail transportation to our places of employment.

The road leading down to the Waterworks has been used by walkers since the Water Works first opened and is now an established footpath. This open public access is now going to be closed reducing access by walkers with push chairs and those with disabilities.

Again, there is nothing in this Application to address the Safe Use of the Public Footpath or road ensuring it remains OPEN and accessible at all times not only for the residents of Waterside but also the surrounding properties off Dolly Lane.

No measures have been taken in this application to the affect the development will have on the flooding and disruption of the footpath by disturbing the ground.

Has DCC Highways & Footpaths division been consulted on this and what measures are they proposing the developers should put in place to ensure the safety of users and that the footpath remains open, clear, and useable?

I note the submission by Derbyshire Conservation, Heritage & Design Service

"I haven't visited the site as part of this response so these comments are without prejudice based on the information provided and the use of Google maps and streetview." "Overall I do not anticipate any significant landscape or visual amenity effects associated with this proposal." "Some additional trees are proposed as compensation to those that will be removed, to be planted in the south west corner of the site and I am supportive of that approach"

As DCC and HPBC are not fully aware and taking in to account the 5 Tanks which are being installed by the entrance of the Water Works and the visual impact this will have on the area and which will be fully visible from locations around the site I would hope DCC will take a more **ACTIVE approach** in looking at this proposal as Streetview does not go NEAR the site and put adequate provisions in place to screen this part of the development.

I would also hope DCC actually state the Type and Size of replacement trees and not give the development freedom in planting 50cm saplings taking years to grow instead of investing in planting established 6m+ trees.

Odour from Site

What provisions are being put in place to avoid the release of odours during the development especially from the part of the development which is not been declared fully as part of this Application (so called wider permitted development works!).

Pilling

IF Pilling is required, we would demand that a full and detailed Survey of the properties of Waterside are undertaken by United Utilities and Vibration Sensors are placed around Waterside to monitor activity and that United Utilities take responsible action and repair without quibble any damage caused to properties or surrounding features (Stone Walling etc).

Access to Water Works.

United Utilities are actively trying to Land Grab an area by the Highway Entrance to the Water Works so they can cut the trees down to make access easier for Equipment! They have managed to get 14 Site Cabins on site already so why do they need this land.

The area in question should be visited by DCC Tree Officer and TPO put on these trees before they are cut down and the area decimated.

Increased Traffic

Installing 14 Site Cabins means the site will have at least **50+ extra Contractors** on site. This will increase the traffic in the area and how is this traffic going to be managed on the Single Track access road and Pedestrians protected using the Footpaths?

Green Area Protection

Both the fields on either side of the track leading to the Water Works are owned by United Utilities.

These fields should have a **Protection Order** placed on them so United Utilities cannot extend the site and decimate the area and the view under the so-called application "**wider permitted development works**"

Can you please let me know when the Planning Meeting will be held so I can address the meeting directly?

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nigel Fletcher