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Submission: Objection

Comments: Firstly I note that DWT has commented highlighting significant discrepancies and contradictions between the 2 environmental plans. These clearly need resolving.

There is reference to effects on bats, but this is considered 'not an issue' as there are no roosting features. Whilst I'm no expert on bats, but as far as I know they feed mainly at night, by 'hoovering up' insects over grasslands. Surely there is therefore a significant effect through loss of grassland, and even worse, the unregulated high intensity lighting left on all night at developments like this.

Whilst you may consider me now being picky - I rather think Dave Haslam considers himself a 'principal' ecologist, rather than 'principle'. He might want to correct this in his document, and for future copy / pasting.

More seriously, with specific regards to the CEMP, overall this report is very superficial - from the table of risks and mitigation, for example:

NOISE ABATEMENT - this risk is to be addressed by "noise reduction controlled through working hours".

DUST - "Allow bund on northern boundary.....use water sprays"

What do these mean? For many months the site will essentially become a limestone quarry. The cut and fill design (see separate app) indicates at least 22,000 cubic metres of mainly rock is to be broken and hammered out to create the 120m long x 50m wide footprint. I've worked in a quarry. The noise and dust can be overwhelming.

WASTE - again referring to the separate cut and fill design, there is a net approx 11,000 cubic metres of soil and rock to be removed from site. Am sure most of this will be rock - say 10,000 (the topsoil and clay will be reused to 'hide' the mountainous bund) cubic meters, so about 24,000Tonnes . A typical tipper can carry 20Te, so overall there will be at least 1200 fully laden quarry trucks taking just rock 'waste' offsite.

In the report, THIS IS ADDRESSED solely as "...other waste material to be disposed of in line with current legislation..."

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