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Reference: LW/799/CM(EIA)

Description: The construction and use of plant, namely aggregate processing plant, aggregate bagging plant, concrete batching plant, concrete block-making plant and buildings, ancillary offices and stores for processing and utilising aggregates landed at Newhaven Port and distribution of the products by road and rail together with access to the public highway and the extension of an existing rail siding.

Comments: I would like, as a resident of the area, to lodge the strongest possible objection to the Planning Application by Brett Aggregates for a concrete block and aggregates plant to be sited at the western end of Tidemills and Seaford Bay. My objection is based on: (1) Environmental and visual impact. The proposed plant will be visible from the far end of Seaford Bay, from Seaford Head, and will destroy what is currently an attractive coastal and seaside view, with an industrial plant of this type being utterly unsuited to the proposed site. The impact on the nearby beach, which is important to locals and visitors to the area alike, not only in the summer, but year round, as many residents enjoy walking along that stretch, will be enormous and irreversible. The plant will overshadow the nature reserve, and pose a risk to the wildlife and flora. The aggregates industry has been described by experts as "amongst the dirtiest of industries" - suggesting that this plant should be placed next to a nature reserve and close to housing is utterly wrong. The plant will also be highly visible from many footpaths above Denton and South Heighton in the South Downs National Park. There is also a high risk of pollution, not only from the plant itself, but from all the associated vehicle movements, leading to the next point - (2) Significantly increased heavy traffic : the number of daily heavy lorry movements to and from the plant will have an extremely deleterious effect on an already highly congested road system in the area, with the Seaford to Newhaven coastal road and the A26 frequently at a standstill for long periods during rush hours. This will in turn raise levels of pollution in the area and impact directly on residents health. 3) Impact on house

values. The proposed plant, given its size, visibility and the nature of the "dirty" industry, will not only lower the value of houses close by, but is highly likely to effect the value of properties at the western end of Seaford, in Bishopstone, and the surrounding area. I hope that on the basis of the above points and taking into consideration the very strong local feeling against the building of this plant - witnessed by a petition signed by well over 3,000 local residents - you will decide to reject the planning application.

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