

Community Action Newhaven -

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Attn : Jeremy Patterson
East Sussex County council Planning
By email

3 June 2018

Dear Mr Patterson

Brett Aggregates Proposal - REF LW/799/CM(EIA) - CAN objection (second)

I am writing on behalf of Community Action Newhaven. We submit the following in addition to our objection of December 2017

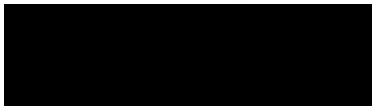
- 1) The application makes inadequate use of the **railway line/railhead**. Although use of the railway features prominently in the 'headlines' about the project i.e. the title paragraph, in fact the usage is only tokenistic and the use of the rail line is notable by its absence throughout the application, other than the information in the planning statement that just three train per week are planned, a paltry amount compared to the HGV traffic planned.
- 2) Should Brett Aggregates be given permission to import dredged aggregates that would then open the floodgates to importing of aggregates from other countries, which the **2012 Competitions Commissions investigation** into Brett found provides substantial profit for the company and is likely, it would seem, to be an undeclared reason for wishing to establish an additional port presence (see https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5329dfc0e5274a226b0002c7/121112_brett_hearing_summary_excised.pdf) .
It seems Brett can underprice other competitors because they have harbour facilities at Dover and they buy large amounts of aggregate stones and gravel from France at cheaper rates than those from UK quarries. The aggregates

are shipped in and sold at profit to other concrete companies and also used internally for their own mixes and road surfacing business.

This would generate substantial HGV traffic beyond that outlined in the application. We understand that one ship carrying 15,000 tons is equal to over 400 trucks carrying 33 tons payload each.

At one ship a fortnight that is 10,000 loaded trucks and 10,000 empty trucks per year

Yours Sincerely



Emily O'Brien
On behalf of Community Action Newhaven