

Email between the CIC's agent and the planners discussing "the second application" show intent for 5X expansion, inclusion of trade waste and increase in HGVs.

The applicant has applied for and the planning officer has recommended that the waste accepted at the site is capped at 5,500 tonnes per annum and limited to domestic household waste. This is the last recorded volume taken by the former site.

Our concern is that once the permission is granted, the applicant will make further applications to increase the amount of waste taken and to allow it to accept "trade waste". This is a common planning tactic – get permission on something that is easy to get and then, over time, apply to improve the scope of the permission by increments. It is known as "salami slicing".

Good reasons to fear this expansion, by a private profit seeking operator, are found in behind the scene exchanges between the CIC's agent and the planners, and other documents.

"The second application" email below shows intent to expand tonnage by a factor of 5, (from 5000 to 25 000 tonnes a year), add trade waste, increase the number of HGV entering and exiting the site, "to future proof" the site. See email below, for more evidence contact us. When the CIC is questioned about this, no answer is forthcoming;

1/2/2020, redacted (FOI)

FROM THE CIC'S AGENT TO THE PLANNERS, emphasis added:

RE: Bledlow HRC application no. CM /0002/20

Hi 3rd Party...

I hope you are well.

Just a quick e-mail to see if there is any update yet on a date for the committee meeting?

*Whilst writing, it was noted in the application form that the applicant was anticipating a max of 5,500 tonnes per annum (based on the last couple of year's figures) but our client has now had some advice from an environmental expert, who has advised that the EA indicate that the site is allowed to operate **household, industrial and commercial waste up to 25,000 tonnes per annum**. They also mention that BC are looking at excluding trade waste; we understand that the problem is that traders would often seek to remain incognito, thus avoiding the charges levied on such Commercial or Industrial category inputs, however, as the new operator intends to make a charge for all inputs, then this should no longer be an issue.*

*Is this all something that can easily be changed on this application, or **would this need to be included on the second application?***

Kind regards

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Note also, David Periam's answer (1st Planning officer appointed by the Council) to a local resident's question.

Answer (03/02/2020), emphasis added:

1. *If planning permission is granted then **it would be possible for either the applicant or a third party to subsequently seek to vary the planning permission through a further planning application.** Provided relevant notice is served on landowners or tenants, anybody may make a planning application at any time for any development on any land.*

From the minutes of a meeting of the south West Chilterns Local Area Forum, 12/2/2019, emphasis added: *Cllr C. Etholen stated the Bledlow site would " handle **commercial waste** as well as household waste, but there may be some opposition to the heavy goods traffic vehicle".*