



## **DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE AONB & GREENBELT LABELS**

A few days ago, Cllr Lord (a director of the CIC) wrote on Facebook that the defunct HRC site:

**“will never pass as a recreational facility”**

**“asbestos was not regulated when the landfill was open...”**

**What about visitors and employees of the HRC ?**

### **Questions regarding ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION**

- 1) Why was the former HRC allowed to operate with this risk ?
- 2) This is a good argument for a proper environmental survey to be undertaken.
- 3) Why has a contaminated land assessment not been done?
- 4) If asbestos is a risk, the site should be cleaned forthwith .
- 5) Are BC, the CIC, and perhaps the Parish council open to claims re asbestos ?

The published DEFRA map indicates a *‘historic landfill’ site of around 4 acres surrounding the closed HRC in our Chilterns AONB. Planting trees on containment landfills is generally forbidden in developed countries as tree roots can penetrate through the capping material and allow the escape of unhealthy landfill gases into surrounding neighbourhoods.* With regard to the closed HRC (*which I understand has no Pollution Prevention and Control*) it would appear that a contaminated land assessment has not been undertaken after 16+ years of root growth on the landfill.

## From the Environmental Agency:

**“Any changes to the site have the potential to mobilise pollution”**

27/2/2020 The Environment Agency to David Periam, (PLANNING) ref WA/2020/127648/01-L01

**It is time for environmental & traffic surveys  
and a contaminated land assessment to be  
done and published.**

**A new Chilterns AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 was adopted in February 2019**

- DO1 Ensure planning decisions put the **conservation and enhancement of the AONB first**.
- DO2 Ensure that where development happens, it leaves the AONB better than it was before - richer in wildlife, quieter, darker at night, designed to have a low impact on the environment, and beautiful to look at and enjoy.
- DO3 Embrace opportunities to restore natural beauty on sites currently degraded by unsympathetic development, infrastructure or dereliction.

MANY CHILTERN AONB MANAGEMENT POLICIES APPLY TO THIS APPLICATION: DP1, DP2, DP3, DP10 &

**DP13 Support opportunities for enhancing the AONB by removing derelict or detracting developments and infrastructure.**

Waste and Minerals Local Plan Policy 22. **This requires a review of traffic/transport, ecological and landscape matters to seek site improvements.** Further, Policy 14 of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan **also indicates a much more sophisticated policy approach** than would have applied when this use was first approved in **1983.**

**TIME TO REMEMBER THE DEFUNCT HRC IS IN AONB AND GREENBELT**

**We do NOT want an ecological disaster in our AONB**

**The Strategic Sites Planning Committee will decide. Ensure your voice is heard.**

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