

Application – 20/01226/FUL

Meeting date – 4/11/2020

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Dear Planning Committee,

I recognise that with Carbosynth continuing to thrive and grow their business in our local science sector, it is good for the village and the region that they continue to provide jobs for the community. Additionally, their on-going work to help with our collective push to tackle Covid-19 is commendable.

That said, regardless of the number of people they continue to employ, be that 10, 100 or 1000 employees, they have a duty of care and responsibility to respect and maintain both the environmental and social well-being of the location in which they work. As any company grows and expands with new buildings and equipment, they cannot overlook this responsibility.

This applies especially in this case, given the site is found at what once was a very quiet location on the edge of Compton, within an area of outstanding natural beauty. We should not lose sight of why this area is designated as an AONB and do all we can to protect that status. Collectively I hope the council can agree upon a plan to safeguard this special environment for now and far into the future, while still allowing Carbosynth to work in a fair and responsible manner.

To that end, I am not objecting to this planning application as a whole, but specifically to those aspects regarding plant and machinery that create nuisance noise that extends beyond the site boundary. I would request that effective and robust mitigation is made a condition of approval to successfully and measurably stop this nuisance noise, to protect the public right of way adjacent to the site and the amenity of our neighbouring properties. Noise from the HVAC system should not be heard consistently at properties through the day and timers should switch off that equipment at night, at weekends and over public holidays.

Finally, I would publicly like to thank and acknowledge Jannis Kuepper, the General Manager of the Carbosynth site, for engaging with me in frequent correspondence while looking at ways to help reduce the overall noise at night. My request for mitigation to be made a condition of planning is to ensure that the nuisance impact from the site is blocked successfully and measurably so as not to be heard from neighbouring properties, during the daytime as well as the night time, and forever into the future in the event that changes in personnel or business practices occur at the company.

Thank you for your time, Dr Peter Jones.