

Application no. 37/24/00099

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Dear Ms Fletcher,

I am objecting to this planning application and would like to raise my concerns for the following reasons;

- Detrimental impact to the appearance and character of the area, in particular loss of access to Huntworth village via Huntworth lane which is being blocked off and re-routed via the proposed services access road.
- Environmental issues:
  - Noise – the proposed service area will significantly increase the number of vehicles using the Huntworth JCN 24 exit. Presently only very few HGVs use this exit however the new application includes HGV fuel plus parking for 40 HGVs not including coaches.
  - Air quality – the significant increase in vehicles will have a detrimental impact on the air quality of the area. Air pollution is the biggest environmental risk to public health in the country causing between 29,000 and 40,000 deaths each year. Has an impact study been carried to assess the effect on public health that this development will have?
  - Light pollution – currently the area is unlit, the proposed development will introduce 24x7x365 night time lighting and affect both wildlife; disrupting nocturnal animal behaviour, impacting their feeding and breeding patterns plus local residents especially those whom have properties that have clear line of sight to the proposed development.
  - Bio-diversity – there will be a negative impact on bio-diversity of the proposed development by causing habitat destruction through land development, polluting of near water sources with fuel spills and vehicle run off, generating waste that attracts pests, all of which can disrupt local ecosystems and negatively affect wildlife populations.
- Traffic generation and road safety. As previously noted current traffic volumes using Huntworth exit is minimal, the proposed development will significantly increase daily traffic volume and increase to very large volumes of vehicles using the exit during peak periods which could potentially compromise road safety impacting local residents, cyclists and pedestrians in the area.
- Impact of the building on its neighbours, the residents of Huntworth, will include noise pollution from the construction works, significantly disrupting the peace and quiet of neighbouring properties. Vibration impact from large construction projects potentially can cause damage to older structures of which there is grade II listed building adjacent to the construction site plus re-routing of the village access road which is planned to pass in front of the proposed services main exit

routes and additional entry route for both car and HGV. This can only have a negative impact on Huntworth residents and other people that currently use Huntworth Lane and most likely increase the risk of accidents.

- Effects on landscape and need to protect the open countryside – protecting the countryside is vital to safeguard biodiversity. The proposed development is planned for what is currently agricultural land, there is already a service station on the opposite side of the motorway which offers HGV fuel, parking with EV charging available along with other HGV fuel facilities with parking areas close by on the A38.