

Planning North

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Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 3:00 PM on 13 Sep 2016 from Mrs Jenni Toomey.

Application Summary

Address: Land South Of Chiltington House Chiltington Lane East Chiltington East
Sussex

Proposal: The creation of ponds (part retrospective) and the provision of associated buildings with a supervisory dwelling to service a fish farm producing caviar. Planning permission for the dwelling (only) sought initially for three years in order to demonstrate enterprise viability
Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jenni Toomey

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Bowling Green East Chiltington

Comments Details

Commenter Member of the Public

Type:

Stance:

Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Building in Countryside
- Contrary to Policy
- Not Sustainable
- Out of Character
- Outside Planning Boundary

Comments:

I object to this application:
1) Transport and highways issues.
The transport statement makes no mention of movement by licenced waste carriers, who will, according to the documents, be used to deal with waste from the site. There is also no mention of visitors to the site although the proposal is for this to be a 'show' site, which presumably has to be shown to prospective product buyers in order to be relevant.

2) Environment
water - 20m3 per day is to be extracted

from the stream. For many months of the year, this stream will not be able to cope with that level of abstraction.

Pollution - The documents state that there will be times where additional storage of water is required, particularly in the winter months when potential evapotranspiration is at its lowest and rainfall can peak. In the event that there is inadequate storage on site a permit to discharge under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2014 could be considered to alleviate the potential pressures on the system at peak times throughout the year. The Romans Winterborne stream feeds into the Bevern and on into the Ouse and there is a potential for pollution to these water courses if discharge is allowed back into the stream.

A claim is made that - Our current food supply chain is unsustainable with the demand on our wild fish stocks now perilously close to complete collapse although there are very positive indications they would recover to maximum sustainable yields within just a few years if we practiced a few sensible sustainable alternatives to our current food model. Aquaponics is one of the many ways we can help alleviate some of the burden we now place on wild fish stocks sustainable technologies. Chilmington Caviar is looking to build a flagship farm where product is going to have a positive effect on the local environment with no negative impacts at all. With the meat industry being the world's most polluting industry and the increased global demands on protein as well as other nutrients, Aquaponic technologies offer a real solution to some of our agricultural challenges.

Suggesting that the production of caviar will, in some way assist the worlds need for affordable protein is nonsense and the damage this site will do to the environment is in no way negative. The current LDC Core Strategy states (core policy 10) - The natural environment will be conserved and enhanced by maintaining and where possible enhancing the natural, locally distinctive and heritage landscape qualities of the district. The area in which this application is sited has always been agricultural. Excavating many tons of soil in order to rearrange this sloping site to accommodate a caviar producing facility, packing plant and dwelling, will irrevocably damage the environment and will do nothing to enhance what presently fits perfectly into its historic setting, adjoining, as it does, a grade 2 listed property.

Should the council be minded to approve the application then strong consideration must be given to a guarantee that should the venture fail for any reason, provision must be made to attempt to reinstate the land to its original form, in order that the area is not left derelict and defaced for the future.

The document states that the inclusion of some green technologies on this site means there's little if any power required from the grid. The inclusion of a wind turbine may provide some renewable power but details of this turbine seem to be missing from the application. What power will it generate, how tall will it be and how much noise is it likely to generate.? Power will be needed 24 hours per day every day of the year as the system relies totally on water being pumped continually around the site, through filters and back through the ponds. The application also includes permission for a substantial property on the site which will require further power. With modern technology surely this site could be remotely monitored. There are properties available to purchase or rent locally, indeed one is available at present, within walking distance. Since the harvesting of caviar takes place over just a few months of the year there is likely to be little requirement for a worker to be on site 24 hours per day, every day.